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Louis F. Kleinman, President  
Falk Supply Company  
23 Third St.  
Hot Springs, AR 71913

Dear Mr. Kleinman:

It was a pleasure to meet you and Betty at the Fordyce Bathhouse dedication, and to spend some time talking with you. You folks at Hot Springs sure are doing some exciting things with your town. It is a pleasure for us to be involved with you.

You asked me if some famous landscape architect was involved with the design of Bathhouse Row. I have done a little investigation, and the answer seems to be both yes and no.

Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., is recognized as the "father of landscape architecture" in the United States. His intellect and designs have had great effects on the nation. They range from being deeply involved in and shaping the concepts for the establishment of the National Park Service, to the design of a prodigious number of our great urban park areas such as Central Park in New York and Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Mr. Olmsted did have some involvement at Hot Springs. He did at one time submit a plan for Bathhouse Row. However, it was rejected and not implemented. The National Park Service has searched for a copy of the plan, but a copy has not been found.

If you would like further information about Mr. Olmsted, I suggest that you write to Mr. Rolf Diamont, Superintendent, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, 99 Warren Street, Brookline, MA 02146.

Sincerely,

(sgd) John J. Reynolds

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