

September 25, 1957

Mr. Abe Cassel  
The Bell Telephone Company  
1835 Arch Street  
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Cassel:

It was very nice meeting you and your associates last week, in connection with the Telephone Pioneers of America meeting in the Sheraton Hotel. According to Mr. Williams, everything seemed to go exceedingly well and the staff here appreciated very much your cooperation.

We are enclosing a glossy print of the Grand Ballroom Stairway which you requested.

The stairway was designed by John W. Rhoden of 285-8th Avenue, New York 1, N. Y. He is a well known sculptor, who has had many of his works exhibited, as well as receiving some outstanding awards. He received the Fulbright fellowship for 1951-52, and the Prix-de-Rome fellowship 1953-54. In addition, he has traveled throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, etc. In 1955-56 he made an exhibition tour for the State Department.

Mr. Rhoden used a blow torch to fuse copper, bronze, nickel-silver, brass, and jewel-colored glass in panels of contemporary design. The stunning background not only adds beauty to the Sheraton Hotel's Grand Ballroom, but is a support for the stairway, as the north end of the stairway is attached to the ceiling through Mr. Rhoden's masterpiece.

Please do not hesitate to call on us for any further information, and we hope you will drop in some day for some refreshments with us.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Ridgway  
Public Relations Director

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CC: Mr. Rhoden