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ATTN: Blueprints and Design Dept.

Dear Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation:

I have always wanted to do something special for my cat Abigail because she always does special things for me. One time she woke me up when there was a raging fire across town. I still shudder to think of what might have happened that night if the wind had picked up and started blowing in my direction. Why, that house fire could have caught the next house on fire, which could have caught the next house on fire and could have caught the trees in the park on fire, which could have caught a sleeping bird on fire and he could have flown over to the building next door, which is actually ATTACHED to my home, even though they are independent residence buildings with separate entrances. That would have been devastating! So Abigail saved me that night and I was prepared to ward off any flames that came our way because of her.

I hope my talking about house fires does not disturb you as the purveyors of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. I just thought of that as I was writing... House fires probably aren't the best subject of conversation with you people. (Not that we are having a conversation or anything right now -- that is hard to accomplish by simple letter writing). But anyway, I just think that I should pay back Abigail for her trustworthiness and loyalty to me and the fire was the best example I could think of to share with you.

So what I want to do is to construct a scale model of the Frank Lloyd Wright Fallingwater house in my back yard for Abigail. But before I can do that, I will need the house plans and specifications. I have a friend in Boston who is an architect, so I can probably ask him to read the plans for me for a nominal fee. Maybe I can just buy him a pizza and clean out his fireplace and chimney. Those are my specialty areas.

But the thing is that I want the Fallingwater house to only be large enough for Abigail to enjoy. I don't want it to be a people sized house, because my back yard is not large enough to build a full size house. And on top of that I do not want all the riff-raff that a full sized Frank Lloyd Wright house would draw. I don't suppose you have a scaled down drawing of the house. But I would assume this isn't much different than baking, so that if I cut the recipe (plans and materials) in half (or in this case in quarters or more) then I will have everything in proportion that I would

need to build this house to scale for Abigail. Can you recommend any contractors for this project? Do you know what kind of fees they would charge? I do trust your opinion on that.

I also want to build a working drawbridge to go from the roof of the house to my back window so that Abigail can walk on it. I am hoping to teach her how to raise and lower the bridge on her own with a simple button like the kind you see for automatic doors for the handicapped. I may have to go elsewhere for specs on that sort of project, but if you happen to have any drawbridge designs I would certainly be interested to look into that as well.

I imagine that this sounds like a really strange request and I hope that you do not think that I am a strange person because of it. I sometimes have strange thoughts I will admit, but I rarely act on them unless it involves a serious matter of life/death or severe bodily injury.

Sincerely,

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p.s. I wonder if you or any of your friends happen to have any free baseball caps with special Frank Lloyd Wright designations on them? You know, something autographed by Frank or with his photo on them, or maybe even an embroidered depiction of one of his structures. If so, would you consider sending one to me as my free gift?