ARCHITORTURE

Well, at least you know you made the right decision. Two years into the architecture program at Yale, and then you learned how little artichokes earned. Two years wasted, but still plenty of time to switch majors. Business and poli sci might have been dry, but they opened doors you didn't know existed. Pretty damn amazing that you aced the foreign service exam first time out. Sometimes the bureacracy depresses you, but the money is excellent. And - every once in a while - you do get a challenging assignment. Still, you miss the aesthetics of architecture. No matter now... you're in god forsaken LA on assignment. You remember your password? Good. Mr. Phelps says it's in the bag.

- 1. Right now, you'd like to strangle Phelps
 At times like these, Valium helps
 But since Valium's scarce, you need a new source
 That will aid in plotting your course
 Normally, you would not go to a House of the Lord,
 But in this case, you must know Moore,;
 Down Sunset toward the ocean, up the Beinveneda
 You'll find the building sexier than a senorita!
- 2. Most people keep their SM fetishes secret
 But this man flaunts all the chains he can get.
 The Pritzger should be the ultimate prize
 But some of his work you truly despise.
 To 22nd & Washington you must proceed
 If the fencing you wish to read.
- 3. That was not the marvel you hoped it would be, But we think you'll like the mansion in Beverly. Not only a house that designers thought through It also has a magnificent view
 On Doheny this stone house does lie,
 And if you're disappointed, a new clue you'll spy.
- 4. The mansion, too, failed to impress A grievous situation we must redress Now this will be hard and easy to spot A tiny eyesore on huge lot Hugo wanted to stay I suppose Selling out he did oppose Despite the way he's been confined He can tell you about design Nowhere near the ocean blue Although the sea inspired its hue.

- 5. Many tried to make their fame
 By giving their building a fancy name
 He tried to mis the Old World with Moderne
 But so many fools, they never learn
 Between the 66 & 67 hundred
 The Paths of Continents is what he hid.
- 6. The architect there raped the quaint
 So for your mind to wash the taint
 You must find a home you can't ignore
 Entrenched firmly in architecture lore
 They say he was an absolute master
 Who also tried to save us from ecological disaster
 To this house in holly you should now flee
 In Barnsdall Park, it's easy to see.
- 7. This architect's shoes are hard to fill
 Is there no one else to share the bill?
 Many have tried to carry on
 Yet he only had one number one
 His manner is now carried in name
 But few have felt that it's the same
 This was his first house in LA
 And now there's only this to say:
 Travel south on Vermont if you know what's best
 Find the Beatles' dream, start heading west.
- 8. That may have been a bit overdone
 You're beginning to think there isn't one
 Just one well planned place in LA
 You're beyond feeling dismay
 This building's sure to bring a smile,
 Give designers an Ince, they'll take a mile
 To CC now you must go hence
 And view this site of paramount importance.
- 7. The column was interesting, but not enough Your assignment seems just too tough Perhaps you need a bit of rest Before we put you to the test. Behold a park that's pretty and fair Over sea, overland, you're almost there, Through the streets you begin to wander Rhoda will make your heart grow fonder. The tape is still in your possession Use it to prevent an indescretion.

ARCHITORTURE TAPE

(FALSE BOTTOM IN BAG)

(Mission Impossible theme music) Good morning, Mike. Unsympathetic designers and corporate atmospheres have combined to create an urban architectural disaster. Critics in the past have simply tried to destroy the offending buildings with verbal tirades, yet the ugly monoliths have overtaken the landscape of pedestrian pleasures. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to find one well designed building in the City of Angels. A quiet little pool should be the appropriate place to contemplate your assignment. Should you fail, the secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions. Good luck. This tape will self-destruct after clue number 8.

- 3. Fay: Well, isn't this special? ..etc.. "tacky metal gazebos"
- 8. Music "So long, Frank Lloyd Wright"... fadeout
 Robin Leach voice: Welcome to the Lifestyles of the Rich
 and Famous. Today, I'll be taking you to a castle on the
 shore a veritable fairy tale palace..."

This was once a charming house 2. Until remodeled by this louse Frankly, you need to snoop around The design of this house can be quite profound In SM this house can be an eyesore Probe 'round the fence if you want to see more.

Planted Even famous designers can bastardize If post-modern ugly isn't your style Maybe a Tudor will bring a smile In a park across from Robert Lane You'll find this abode a to Listen to the state of So you don't like the house - what a surprise! Listen to the tape if you want a lecture And don't forget to take a picture.

To many Pelli broke the mold 4. Of what atrocity can behold Critics have damned it for its scale They even nicknamed it the whale Of all the hells we tolerate Driving to it must surely rate Surely there must be a place A building with a more human face When it was built, homes were flattened But one resident never through his hat in.



A sphere is turning over dusk The gate before it turns to rust It will not open, but round the back A road of palms gives open track Its recognition was even dumber If someone sees you, you're a plumber



(on back of photo)

This home was designed when LA was smaller You also got more square feet for your dollar It was a marvel of cohesive design In the midst of Nature serene and divine To be sure even Nature gave her best It seems some trees were laid to rest. Unless you're willing to walk in grass This is an angle you rarely pass



At this site, there is no sign To let you know you've found design He learned his "art" secrets from his father But the new residents should not be bothered At 9th Street and 4th Avenue Is the design that you should view



Planted

By this time you can't think straight It seems that others degenerate When they design for dirty needs Your choice is but to intercede They're washing tons and tons of clothes But they're busy, so don't impose Anything else you must deduce Do you think that I am too obtuse? Well, suck my socks and turn around All you love will turn you down And if you think that I should die Then all you know will turn awry.

9. This had potential, but it, too, fails You need more than columns and rails A complete building is all you ask Why is this so hard a task? A structure with both function and form In this burg, it's not the norm Keep going now and do not tire If to lofty heights you a-spire The tape is here, if you think it helps Remember to be nice to Phelps!



FINAL:

And so now, yes, this is the end Some diapers they are called Depend If you feel now your bowels to move Then you are certainly in the groove Do you think that I have smoked pot? Well, now you'll go to where they do that a lot Jah Love Bay Inn is the place In Marina Del Rey, keep up your pace Salute the man in his own way Room 110 is where we'll stay.

