



*Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Hank*

To Whom It May Concern:

About four years ago I retained Dinyar Wadia to remodel a substantial limestone and brick home and its guest house, which was originally designed for the Tagert family. Both needed extensive work since the previous owners had not spent a single penny on the estate for at least the last twenty-five years.

After interviewing various architects and assessing the quality of their work, we decided to hire Dinyar. He spent long hours in patient discussions and presented us with numerous alternative proposals which he modified as our thoughts crystallized. After the design was completed and cost estimates were approved, Dinyar began the extensive restoration and renovation of our dream house.

The project was completed under the maximum upset price and on schedule in spite of the many specialty items imported from all over the world, changes due to field conditions and unusually adverse weather which held up the installation of the new slate roof and related work for many weeks. Dinyar always seemed to have the required number of carpenters, roofers, etc. who day after day efficiently tackled their respective tasks. On some days when I visited the site I counted as many as thirty trucks.

Completely satisfied with the work done on the house and guest house, I asked Dinyar to design the stable, dressage ring and riding trails, and to undertake the landscaping which included the construction of a waterfall, pond, lily-pond, formal gardens, shrubbery and trees. I must say that I am thrilled with the result and Dinyar's personal interest in my project. He was there many times a day discussing the work with his very knowledgeable, efficient and polite supervisor, and making sure that the plans and specifications which I had approved were being adhered to.

I have the highest regard for Dinyar's design skills and dedication. The value which I received both in terms of dollars and cents and the intrinsic value of the design work and peace of mind during both design and construction are priceless. Being new to the area, I depended upon him and his staff for help and guidance on matters that are not an architect's usual responsibility. Gulestan Deboo, the office manager, helped my move by arranging for insurance coverage, etc. His secretary, May Hebert, arranged locally to have my household effects stored during construction. When I moved in Dinyar had my chef taken to Pound Ridge Farms by one of his workers where she could buy fresh, organically grown vegetables. Dinyar introduced me to the merchants, the Mayor and the Chief of Police to make my stay safe and comfortable. He undertook all this with care, concern and enthusiasm. In doing so, he made the moving process far easier than I had anticipated.

I own homes in various parts of the world and, therefore, have dealt with several architects, but have not met another who approaches Dinyar in terms of intelligence, professional excellence, dedication, sense of responsibility and continuing concern for his client during and long after the project is completed.

Having lived in this home for three years I consider Dinyar and his wife, Gool, to be my friends. I can testify without reservation to Dinyar's honesty and ability to handle any building project to the total satisfaction of his client.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. W. Hank". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

G. W. Hank

