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This is the sixth volume in the series documenting buildings and projects. It is particularly meaningful to me because it marks forty years of practice, a good many years during which my passion for the art of architecture has never flagged. When I embarked on the independent practice of architecture, mine was but one of a few voices in a small revolution questioning the prevailing dogma by calling for an architecture that takes its place in history, rather than against it. The voices of forty years ago were in time heard and grew in number, and as a result, it has been a great pleasure to see the conception of contemporary architecture broaden to allow for many points of view.

The work documented in this book has been accomplished collaboratively, in a partnership beautifully managed by Robert S. Buford, where I am joined by fifteen collaborating design partners as well as associates and very many others whose names are listed in the project credits at the back of the book. I thank each of them, and all those who have worked with us, for their creative input and professionalism. An architect is only as good as his clients, and over the years those who have entrusted us with the realization of their goals and aspirations have been wonderfully supportive.

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