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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Idaho	
COUNTY: Latah	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER JUL 3 1973	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Moscow Post Office and Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Moscow Federal Building

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner of Washington and Third Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Moscow

STATE Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY: Latah	CODE 057
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
United States ~~General Services Administration~~ U.S. Postal Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
GSA Center

CITY OR TOWN:
Auburn

STATE:
Washington

CODE:
98002

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Latah County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Moscow

STATE:
Idaho

CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: **1972**

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Idaho State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Boise

STATE:
Idaho

CODE:
16



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

eclectic
~~eclectic~~

red moldings on cornice
 number of brackets under cornice

The Moscow Post Office and Courthouse is a handsome ~~Beaux Arts~~ style brick building of three stories. Red brick is trimmed in ivory terra cotta. Ground story windows are tall and round arched, the central panel of each made up of double-hung eight-over-eight sashes. These are flanked with four-pane side lights and topped by graceful fan windows for a Palladian effect. Second story windows are six-over-six rectangular, with accented corners and keystone in terra cotta. The attic story is short, set off by a terra cotta course decorated with round discs. The small windows here are shaded by a wide classical cornice of many moldings, the dominant feature being a course of large dentils. The space between attic windows is richly decorated in brick and terra cotta panels. The roof is hipped.

The main entrance is reached by a flight of ten steps, to a granite perch without cover. The entry opening is the central bay in a five bay front, its fan window repeating exactly those over the four windows on this story in this facade. The West end of the building has a similar doorway in a three-bay front.

The raised basement is marked by grill-covered openings below the first floor windows.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Cornerstone 1909, completed 1911**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Moscow, Idaho's Federal Building is one of the finest/public buildings ~~existing~~ in the state. It was produced from designs of the United States Treasury Department during the time James Knox Taylor was supervising architect. Its importance to Idaho is the fact that it is almost the only building in the style we have. Few other public buildings of its era ~~having~~ cost as much or had as fine an architect.

Declaring this building surplus places its future in some jeopardy. Registration will safeguard its character in whatever adaptive use the community develops.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan, Volume II,
 Second Edition. Boise, 1972

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

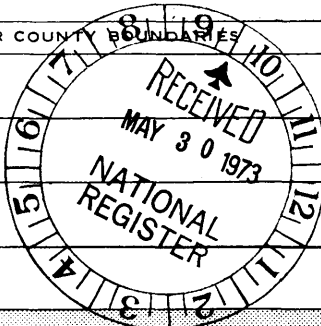
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Arthur A. Hart, Director, Idaho State Historical Museum

ORGANIZATION: Idaho State Historical Society DATE: May 22, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Boise, Idaho STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Merle W. Wells
Merle W. Wells
 Title State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date May 22, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/3/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 6/19/73