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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97001597

Date Listed: 1/9/98

Hilltop Lodge  
Property Name

Bernilillo  
County

NM  
State

Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Bob Boland*  
Signature of the Keeper

8/12/98  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

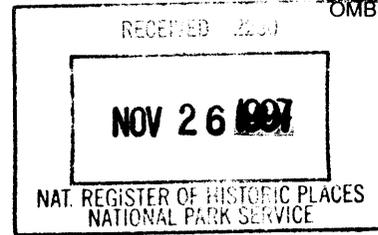
The correct level of significance is "State." Criteria Consideration G should be checked.

This information was verified by Mary Ann Anders of the NM SHPO.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hilltop Lodge

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 5410 Central Ave. SW  not for publication

city or town Albuquerque  vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Bernalillo code 001 zip code 87105

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Lyn Seavist* SHPO 11-18-97  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper *Jeth Roland* Date of Action 1/9/98

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Hilltop Lodge  
Name of Property

Bernalillo, NM  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: hotel

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Southwest Vernacular

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other glass

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

architecture

**Period of Significance**

1941-1956

**Significant Dates**

1941

1946

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM  
Bernalillo County, New Mexico

7. Description

The Hilltop Lodge consists of a one-story building with a flat roof, white cement-stucco walls, and a concrete foundation. It has an L-plan with the manager's office and residence at the front northeast portion of the building and two single and one double garage interspersed among the lodging units. A decorative stepped parapet above the cutout office porch and a continuous parapet lining the entire building suggest a modest use of Southwest Vernacular Style details. These elements together with the spatial organization of the property and its signage give the lodge a strong feeling of a family-run tourist court along Route 66 dating to the 1940s.

The twelve-unit motel has an L-plan that wraps around a courtyard/parking. At the front of the building is an office with a cutoff porch supported by a metal post. The manager's residence extends beyond the line of the lodging units and was added in the late 1940s to permit the owner to reside on the property. The manager's addition has metal casement windows with a nine-light wood frame door, and the lodging units have double-hung wood sash windows. A wide curb cut permits access to the property. Lining the street and perpendicular to it are two neon signs attached to a metal post. The lower sign is topped by the likeness of a snow-capped mountain and announces "air-conditioned" rooms. Changes to the property are minimal and include the addition of vertical board doors to the three garages.

8. Statement of Significance

The Hilltop Lodge is one of the best examples of a largely unaltered tourist court remaining along Route 66 in New Mexico. Constructed incrementally, as was common of small owner-operator tourist courts as discussed in the Multiple Property listing, the Hilltop Lodge began as a three unit residence for single men in

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Significance (continued)

1941. In 1946, the owner E.H. Stopple completed the L-plan, hoping to take advantage of the increased tourism along Central Avenue. Shortly thereafter, a manager's residence and a new office were added. Because of this close association with the golden era of tourism along Route 66, the property is eligible under Criterion A. The property also qualifies under Criterion C for the way in which its setting, location, design and materials reflect early tourist court construction in New Mexico. In particular, the garage/lodging unit pattern, the spatial arrangement of the motel, office/residential and patio elements, and the continued use of early signage convey the historic significance of the property.

9. Bibliography

Albuquerque Progress. Jan., 1946, n.p.

Wallace Ted, nephew of the owner. Interview with David Kammer, 4/25/96. NMSHPO.

Acres: less than one

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 2 of Block 2 of the Yucca Addition, Number 2.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes lot 2 on which the Hilltop Lodge is located.