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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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historic Walg	reen Drug Store			
and or common	Walgreen's			
2. Loca				
street & number	200 East Flagler S	treet		not for publication
city, town	Miami	vicinity of	-	
state	Florida 33132 code	FL county	Dade	code FL 025
3. Clas	sification			
Category district X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum museum museum museum museum museum museum private residence museum religious museum mu
name Antana street & number	rivo Corp. N.V., et 7220 N. W. 36th St			
city, town	Miami	vicinity of	state	Florida 33166
5. Loca	ition of Lega	al Descripti	on	
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc. Dade	County Courthouse		
street & number	75 W	. Flagler Street		
city, town	Miam	i	state	Florida 33130
6. Repr	esentation	in Existing	Surveys	
	liami Multiple Resou ic Preservation Sur		perty been determined eli	gible? yes no
date June,	1985		federal _X_ stat	e county X local
depository for su	rvey records Bureau	of Historic Preser	vation	
city, town	Tallaha	ssee	state	Florida 32399-0250

7. Des	cription			
Condition X excellent good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one unaltered _X_ altered	Check one _X_ original site moved date	
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8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899X 1900- 1938	- -		ng landscape architecture law literature military music	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1936	Builder/Architect Zi	immerman/Saxe/MacBride;	E.A. Ehmann

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

10. Geographical Data		
Acreage of nominated property <u>less than 1 acre</u> Quadrangle name <u>Miami</u> UT M References		Quadrangle scale 1:24000
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state N/A code	county	code
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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation street & number 500 South Bronough Street		tober, 1988 (904) 487-2333
street & number 500 South Bronough Street	telephone	(904) 487-2333
city or town Tallahassee	state Flo	rida 32399-0250
12. State Historic Preser	vation Offic	er Certification
The evaluated significance of this property within the state		
national state	ational Register and certi	
Ittle State Historic Preservation Officer	0	date October 17, 1988
For NPS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the N Lelvus Byen	ational Register Fored in the	date 1//8/9
Keeper of the National Register	* 40 (6)	,
Attest:		date
Chief of Registration		

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DESCRIPTION:

Condition: Good

The Walgreen Drug Store building is a five-story masonry structure executed in the Streamline Moderne style of architecture. The building is a rectangular plan structure commissioned by the Walgreen Company in 1936 and designed by Zimmerman, Saxe and MacBride, Architects, with E. A. Ehmann as Associates Architect.1

Situated at the intersection of East Flagler Street and S. E. 2nd Avenue, the building's mass features a curved corner facing the intersection. The structure of the Walgreen Drug Store is a "fireproof" masonry frame sitting atop a concrete foundation.2 The principal elevations of the building feature horizontal bands of metal awning type windows separated by stone spandrels. The main entrance to the building is situated at the first floor level of the curved corner and is recessed into the wall. Three pairs of glass and metal frame doors provided access to the interior.

The fenestration pattern of the building's elevation features a combination of glass sizes to allow maximum light to the interior and also provide for maximum natural ventilation when desired. The fenestration found within the curved corner of the building features metal casement windows set within multi-pane fixed glass. The bands of horizontal windows are the same for the upper stories, and large fixed panes of glass originally comprised the storefront windows at the sidewalk level. Over the years, some of these windows have been boarded up.

The building's roofline is characterized by a tall parapet wall featuring scored masonry bands, which serves to conceal a flat roof behind. A tall elevator enclosure, clad in masonry, is situated on the northeast corner of the building. Over the years, many alterations have modified the interior of the store where no significant interior spaces remain.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Specific Date: 1936

Architects: Zimmerman, Saxe and MacBride,

Architects

E. A. Ehmann, Associate Architect

The Walgreen Drug Store is architecturally significant because it represents one of the earliest and most representative Streamline Moderne structures in Miami. The building also possesses historical associations with the commercial development of downtown Miami during the period between the World Wars.

The Walgreen Drug Store is architecturally noteworthy because its visual composition makes it one of the most unique commercial buildings in downtown Miami. The use of the ribbon windows and curved corner entrance represents an attempt to adapt an emerging architectural style to the peculiarities of the area's climate and the building's siting. The building's scale, massing, and repetitive fenestration pattern make it one of the finest examples of the Streamline Moderne style in South Florida.

The construction of the Walgreen Drug Store also represents the efforts undertaken by the Chicago-based Walgreen Company to establish a major commercial presence in downtown Miami. The construction of such a large store and the use of such an innovative architectural style served to emphasize that the Walgreen Company had acknowledged "a vote of confidence in the city."3

Upon its completion, the construction of the building represented a \$1.5 million investment for the Walgreen Company.4 After its opening, the Walgreen Drug Store was hailed as the "largest in the chain and one of the largest and most complete in the country."5 Among the features noted at the time of its opening were "an old-fashioned candy kitchen, restaurant space for several hundred people at the mezzanine and balcony levels, and an all-electric, 88-foot soda fountain with glass-enclosed fruit displays and separate ice cream plant.6

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Since its completion, the building has been continuously used by the Walgreen Company, although its food operations were shut down in 1983.

NOTES

- 1. City of Miami, Building and Zoning Department, Building Permit applied for 7 October 1936; and Florida Architecture and Allied Arts, 1938, p. 7.
- 2. "Walgreens: 45 Years of Memories," Miami Herald, 25 January 1983, p. 1-C.
- 3. See note 2 above.
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- 5. City of Miami, Building and Zoning Department, Building Permit applied for 7 October 1936.
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WALGREEN DRUG STORE 200 EAST FLAGLER STREET







