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1. Name

Air Science

2. Location

street & number: NE corner of North Horseshoe and Espina St., NMSU
city, town: Las Cruces **state:** New Mexico **code:** NM
county: Dona Ana **code:** 013

3. Classification

Category: Building
Ownership: Public
Status: unoccupied
Present Use: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name: Regents of the New Mexico State University
street & number: Box 3AA, New Mexico State University
city, town: Las Cruces **state:** New Mexico

5. Location of legal Description

courthouse, etc.: Dona Ana County Courthouse
street & number: 251 West Amador
city, town: Las Cruces **state:** New Mexico

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Not Applicable

7. Description

Condition: Deteriorating

Description: The Air Science building is a three-story, California Mission Revival Style building constructed of masonry and stucco with a French tile hip roof and overhang supported by rafter extensions. The entry is arched with relief crest over keystone of arch. There is a single entry door with sidelites and arched transom. Second floor windows are arched. There are large oval vents below the overhang. It has a rectangular shape. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Trost and Trost in 1907. The original brick exterior has been plastered over. The building was first used by the YMCA, then for Air Science by NMSU. The building is currently vacant and has been for a number of years.

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8. Significance

Areas of Significance: Architecture**Date:** 1907**Builder/Architect:** Trost and Trost

Statement of Significance, Criterion C: The Air Science building is one of four buildings built between 1907 and 1930 on the campus of the NMSU to be included in this nomination. Of these two are in the California Mission Revival Style. It is the oldest building on the campus which has not been significantly altered, and the oldest representative of the era of the 1907 Trost plan. Henry C. Trost (1860-1933) of the El Paso firm of Trost and Trost, established an overall plan for the campus and designed several buildings. The Trosts designed many buildings in New Mexico, including a considerable number on three other campuses included in this nomination. Though not strictly adhered to, the Trost plan continued to influence the design and placement of campus buildings at NMSU into the 1930's. The original brick exterior of the Air Science building has been plastered over, presumably to match later California Mission Revival buildings. Originally commissioned by the YMCA, this building served as a Student Union, was later used by the Music Department, and finally the Air Science Department. The building was purchased by NMSU in the late 1960's and has been vacant for many years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Section 8, p. 24B.

10. Geographic Data

Acreage: 0.15 acre**Quadrangle name & scale:** Las Cruces Quadrangle; 1:24,000**UTM References:**

Zone	Easting	Northing
13	334700	3573000

Verbal boundary description and justification: On the lands of New Mexico State University 350 feet from the corner of University Ave. and Espina St. proceed east 75 feet to the SW corner of the Air Science Building; Using the SW corner of the building as the point of beginning, continue east 50 feet to the SE corner of the building; turn north and proceed 60 feet to the NE corner of the building; turn west and proceed 50 feet to the NW corner of the building; turn south and proceed 60 feet to the point of origin (note: this

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verbal boundary description is not a legal filed description for the Air Science Building. This description is the area around the building measured and described for the Historic Register generally using a landmark as a beginning and ending point for easier reference).

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