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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 El Campo Tourist Courts

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 5800 Central Avenue SW not for publication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.)

[Signature] 11-18-93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Historic Preservation Division, Office of Cultural Affairs
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

Date of Action

[Signature]

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El Campo Tourist Courts
Name of Property

Bernalillo County, 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	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	Total

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

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

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

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Southwest Vernacular

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other wood

Narrative Description

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

Name of Property

County and State

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.

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation
architecture

Period of Significance

1939-1956

Significant Dates

1939

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

M.H. McGraw

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:

El Campo Tourist Courts

Bernalillo County, NM

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 [1,3] [34,47,5,0] [3,88,31,6,0]
Zone Easting Northing
2 [] [] []

3 [] [] []
Zone Easting Northing
4 [] [] []

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title David J. Kammer, Ph.D.

organization contract historian date August, 1993

street & number 521 Aliso Dr. NE telephone (505) 266-0586

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number telephone

city or town state zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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

7. Description

The El Campo Tourist Courts, now known as the Sena Apartments, consist of two one-story buildings with flat asphalt roofs, white stucco over adobe brick walls, and concrete foundations. The buildings employ several Southwest Vernacular Style elements including stepped and curvilinear parapets, tile hoods with brackets over doors and windows, and picturesque stucco molding at some of the entries. Garage spaces, some with overhead wood doors, are interspersed between some of the units. Most of the original metal casement windows remain. Doors are wood panel with some flanked by glass block sidelights.

The property is located along a portion of West Central Avenue that climbs the escarpment to the West Mesa. This uneven terrain affects the plan of the court, causing the stepping down of the rear units and creating a sense of removal from the road at the rear of the courtyard. Originally, the larger front unit facing the street in a northeasterly direction served as an office and store, and gas pumps were located at the front of the property, an area now fenced from the sidewalk and planted with tall trees. The eleven units are organized in a broken U-plan with the west wing longer than the east. Landscaping consists of evergreen shrubs planted around the courtyard's periphery. A small painted sign on a metal pole near the sidewalk notes the apartments. Alterations to the court are few, consisting of the removal of the gas pumps and earlier signs. The spatial arrangement of the property, the relatively unaltered appearance of the building including the remaining garages and modest use of Southwest Vernacular Style elements imbue the property with a strong feeling of a 1930s tourist court.

8. Statement of Significance

The Sena Apartments offer one of the best examples of a largely unaltered pre-World War II tourist court remaining along Route 66 in New Mexico. Built and then operated by businessman

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Significance (continued)

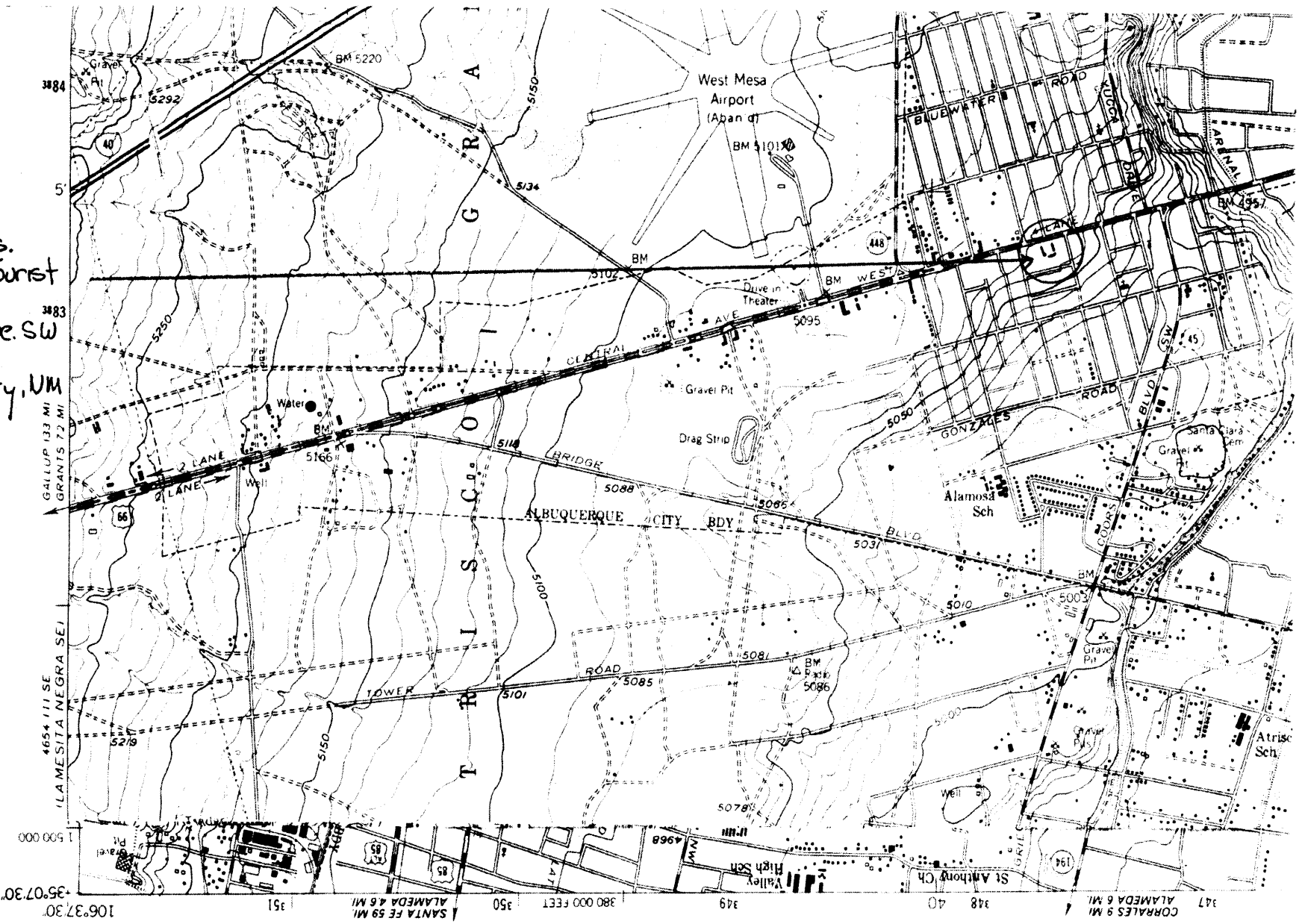
M.H. McGraw along what was then a distant portion of West Central Avenue, the El Campo Tourist Courts marked the westward extension of the commercial strip catering to tourists along the recently realigned Route 66. When it opened in 1939, Albuquerque Progress, a business monthly published by a local bank, noted that the courts were "on Highway 66" and consisted of "modern tourist apartments, filling station, store and trailer facilities." Because of this close association with 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 spatial arrangement of the complex and its use of the Southwest Vernacular Style recall the evolution of the early tourist court and the emphasis often placed on regional styles.

9. Bibliography

Albuquerque Progress. April, 1939, p.5; Dec., 1939, p.5.

Verbal Boundary Description: Lot 4 of Block 1 of the Palms Addition.

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes only the portion of the lot on which the nominated buildings are situated.



Sena Apts.
 (El Campo Tourist
 Courts)
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 Bernalillo Cty, NM
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