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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Hacienda Casa del Frances

AND/OR COMMON
same or Sportsmen's House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Road to fishing village of Esperanza

CITY, TOWN Esperanza *San Juan* NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Island of Vieques VICINITY OF CODE COUNTY PUERTO RICO CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: hotel

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Commonwealth Tourism Development (Government)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN San Juan VICINITY OF STATE
PUERTO RICO

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registro de Propiedad

STREET & NUMBER
Municipio de Vieques

CITY, TOWN Isabel II Vieques STATE
Puerto Rico

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Monuments of Puerto Rico

DATE November 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña

CITY, TOWN San Juan STATE
Puerto Rico

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This parador or inn is a 'modest' example of plantation architecture. It is a 2-story rectangular wood frame structure with exterior wood siding. The general lines follow the traditional design for plantation great houses, having a core (rectangular in this case) surrounded by an exterior gallery which is columned. It has a gabled and hipped roofs, and an interior patio. This is the Spanish colonial element not usually found in such houses elsewhere. This interior patio or atrium is open to the sky with a square opening above, and an interior gallery on the first and second floors overlooking it. A central stairway leads up to the first floor exterior gallery, and above it is a pediment which adds a touch of elegance or 'importance' to the structure.

There have been alterations, these are confined to the rear of the building -- such as the installation of a swimming pool and an extension to the house itself, since it has become a tourist guest house.

The materials are the usual local hardwood, and the substitution of what must have been a tile roof by the contemporary zinc sheeting. The interior spaces are quite airy, the doors or wooden wall partitions all are with slats (usually decorative) for ventilation. The windows are louvered.

The original floors of wood are still there, unfortunately the porch or gallery floors have been changed to linoleum.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although it is not very old, it was built around 1910, the Casa del Frances (house of the Frenchman) is the only example of plantation residence on the island of Vieques, and one of the few remaining intact in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

It was the residence of a French sugar plantation owner - Henri Muraille - and thus one of the last remains of French influence on Vieques. The island was first occupied by the French, but soon after it became a colony of Spain in 1647. Under the Spanish Crown however, Frenchmen held important posts, as the island was inhabited by a mostly French speaking population. The first military Governor, Theodore Leguilleur, was a Frenchman. Many of the streets on the island and in the main town, Isabel II, retain French names.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Diccionario Histórico Bibliográfico Comentado de Puerto Rico, A. Hostos, Academia Puertorriqueña de la Historia, 1976

specific, direct references nonexistent

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 ~~0000~~ acres

UTM REFERENCES

N lat 18 6' ⁰⁵25" W long 65 28' 26"

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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/TITLE A. Tarr consultant - architect DATE 11/76

ORGANIZATION DATE

Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

plaza San Jose

CITY OR TOWN STATE

San Juan Puerto Rico


12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL x STATE x LOCAL x

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE



8-I-77

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rellig

DATE 11/18/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

Charles A. Murray

DATE 11/18/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER