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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 175-room Albert Pike Hotel was erected in 1929. It was designed by architect, Eugene John Stern, in partnership with George R. Mann, architect of the Arkansas State Capitol Building. The hotel is built in the Italian-Spanish Revival style of architecture and cost approximately \$1,000,000 to construct.

The basic floor plan is U-shaped. The two main wings, eight stories in height, protrude to help enclose an open court extending above the first two stories. The two eight-story wings are connected by a ten-story section. Topping the structure are two towers, which house the elevator machinery, set at either end of the roof on the east elevation. On the north and south elevations and on the facade of the two wings are decorated pediments which extend approximately five feet above the roofline. The flat roof features sloping tile eaves.

The facade of the Albert Pike Hotel is marked by a "cloister-type" porch. The multi-lite, triple-arched windows are flanked by the main entries. Located above these entries are terra-cotta medallions, each featuring a heraldic shield with the initials "AP." Other windows on the first floor facade are decorative in their utilization of cast stone. Windows are rectangular with simple trim above the second-story line. The tile eaves of the roof above the cloister porch are supported by ornamental brackets with pediments in between.

Adjoining the hotel building on the east elevation is a two-story garage. This structure also employs the use of the tile roof.

The interior of the first two floors is almost entirely original and is in an excellent state of preservation. The elaborate interior design includes detailed stenciling, leaded and stained-glass windows, extensive decorative tile and iron work and intricate light fixtures. Of special note is the coffered ceiling in the large main lobby. Octagonal-shaped panels surround small diamond-shaped panels with pendants. The multi-colored patterns (between the raised plaster moldings) were applied with paint using separate stencils for each color. These designs exemplify a type of decoration popular in the second half of the nineteenth century and early twentieth. Of special note are the wood-paneled ceilings in the north hallway. These ceilings feature painted diamond panels projecting from the rich-grained wood.

Brass-paneled elevator doors are set into glazed tile walls. Ornately designed glazed tile is found frequently in the decoration of the interiors. Mosaic tile floors are found throughout the first floor. Another feature of note is the landing on the stairway to the mezzanine which is marked by a solid railing with two heraldic medallions set among intricate designs.

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The Albert Pike Hotel has undergone no major changes since its construction. In the late 1960's, a two-story modern addition of rooms was constructed on the south elevation, but did not alter the basic structure of the main building.

The Albert Pike Hotel has been an important landmark in Little Rock since its construction. The hotel is now owned by the Second Baptist Church and administered by them as a residence hotel. This is an appropriate adaptive use which not only keeps the hotel in excellent condition, but also contributes to the remembrance of an era in which the Albert Pike Hotel was a center of affluence.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The one hundred and seventy-five room Albert Pike Hotel was constructed in 1929 at an approximate cost of \$1,000,000. The Albert Pike Hotel reflects "the affluent decade," the 1920's, in its elaborateness and richness of design. The nineteen-twenties was a decade of great prosperity, as reflected by the garishness of architecture. The hotel is built in the Italian-Spanish Revival style, made popular in this era by the influence of California. This style is identified by arches, terra-cotta work, natural-finish exposed beams and tiled roofs. The interiors, also reflective of this style, feature elaborate stenciling, leaded and stained-glass windows and extensive decorative tile and iron work. The Albert Pike Hotel is Little Rock's only remaining major example of the Italian-Spanish Revival style of architecture.

Though only indirectly related to the building itself, the significance of the site on which the Albert Pike Hotel was built is quite impressive. The site and an earlier house located on it played important roles in nineteenth-century Arkansas, both before and after Arkansas achieved statehood. The block in which the Albert Pike Hotel is located was occupied by a house built in 1827 for Robert Crittenden, Secretary of Arkansas Territory. The Crittenden House was one of the first brick residences to be constructed in Little Rock. Shortly after his expensive house was completed, Crittenden came out on the short end of a political battle and was removed from his office. This loss of salary coupled with the expense of his house drove him close to bankruptcy. He attempted to trade the house for ten section of undeveloped land, hoping that the house would become the Territorial Capitol, but this was vetoed by Governor John Pope in 1834. When Crittenden died in 1834, his mortgage was foreclosed and the house was sold to Judge Benjamin Johnson. The Johnson heirs sold it to Dr. E. V. Dewell, whose wife was a great niece of Mrs. Crittenden. Dr. Dewell sold it to Governor James P. Eagle and it became the official governor's residence (1889-1893). The Crittenden House was razed in 1920, nine years before the Albert Pike Hotel was built on the site. Still another feature is also reflective of nineteenthcentury Arkansas; this feature is the hotel's name. When plans for the hotel began, it was decided to call it the "Albert Pike Hotel" after one of Arkansas' leading historical figures. Pike, a many-talented man, left his native Massachusetts and arrived in Arkansas in 1832. From then until he left Arkansas in 1868, his life and endeavors left their mark on the history of the state. During the early years of Pike's life in Arkansas, he achieved renown as teacher, attorney, and newspaperman. Later he gained admission to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, represented the Choctaw Indians in treaty disputes with the United States government, served as brigadier general in the Confederate army, and sat as a member on the Arkansas Supreme Court.

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Arkansas Gazette. October 31, 1971. Centennial History of Arkansas. Little Rock: S. J. Clarke Herndon, Dallas T. Publishing Company, 1922. Quapaw Quarter Chronicle, May/June 1974. 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre. QUADRANGLE NAME QUADRANGLE SCALE LITH REFERENCES 5 6 6 8 4 0 3,84,44,5,0 VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES STATE CODE COUNTY STATE COUNTY FORM PREPARED BY NAME / TITLE Sandra Taylor Smith, National Register Section ORGANIZATION 9/27/78 Arkansas Historic Preservation Program STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main at Markham Sts. 501-371-2763 CITY OR TOWN STATE Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS: NATIONAL. STATE LOCAL X As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665). 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. ANNE BARTLEY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE 1978 TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER Sept. 27, FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCOUDED INTHENATIONAL REGISTER DATE KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER ATTEST: CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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The main significance of the Albert Pike Hotel, though, lies not in the site on which it stands nor in the man for whom it was named; rather the real significance lies in its vivid reflections of a bygone time and an architecture appropriate to that time. The Albert Pike was built in the year of the great crash, but as near as crash and depression were, the time was still the "Roaring Twenties" when the hotel was built. It was still a time of spending, speculation, and naive economic optimism. The lavishness of the hotel's architecture is a kind of social art reflecting that time of high living so soon to end. The hotel's status as a contemporary structure was short-lived, for the coming of the depression in the thirties soon gave it the aura of a monument to the past.

And so the hotel has stood through four and a half decades in its grand and monumental reflection of the Twenties. In 1971 the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock bought the Albert Pike for \$740,000 and made it into a residence hotel. But, it is not the hotel's function which is important, rather it is the splendid appearance of the structure which gives it its architectural and historical significance.

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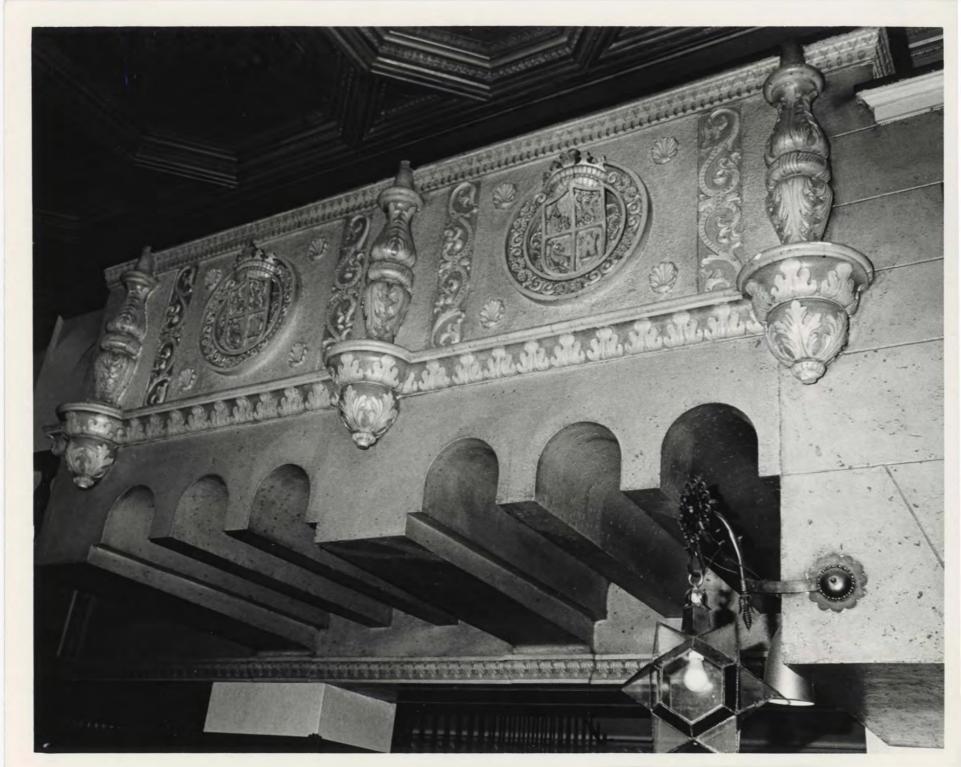
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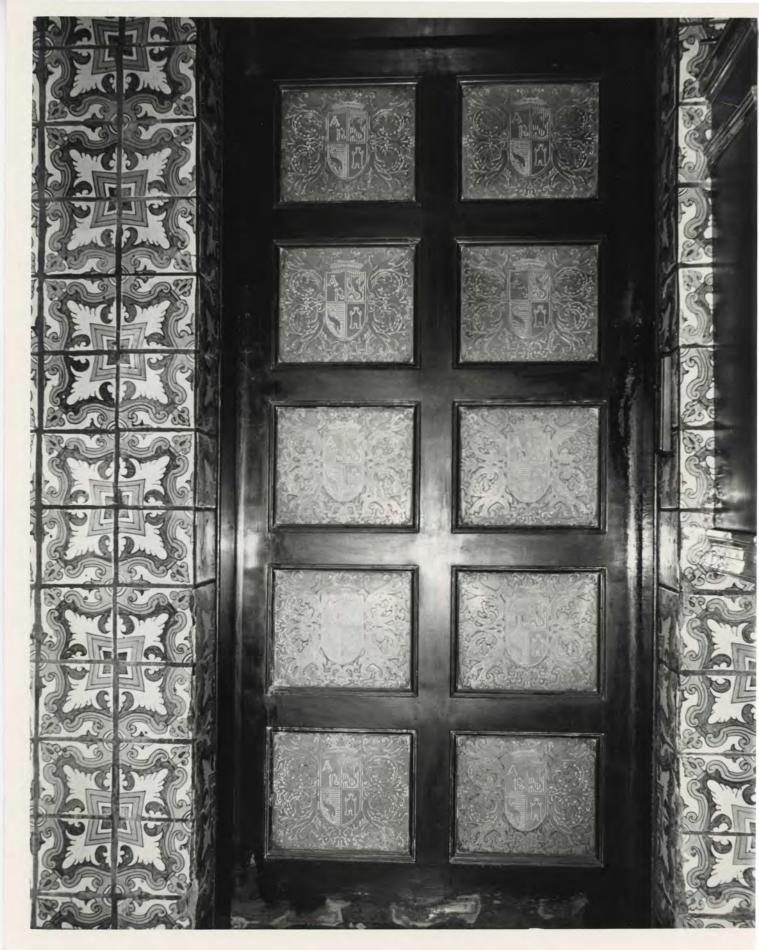
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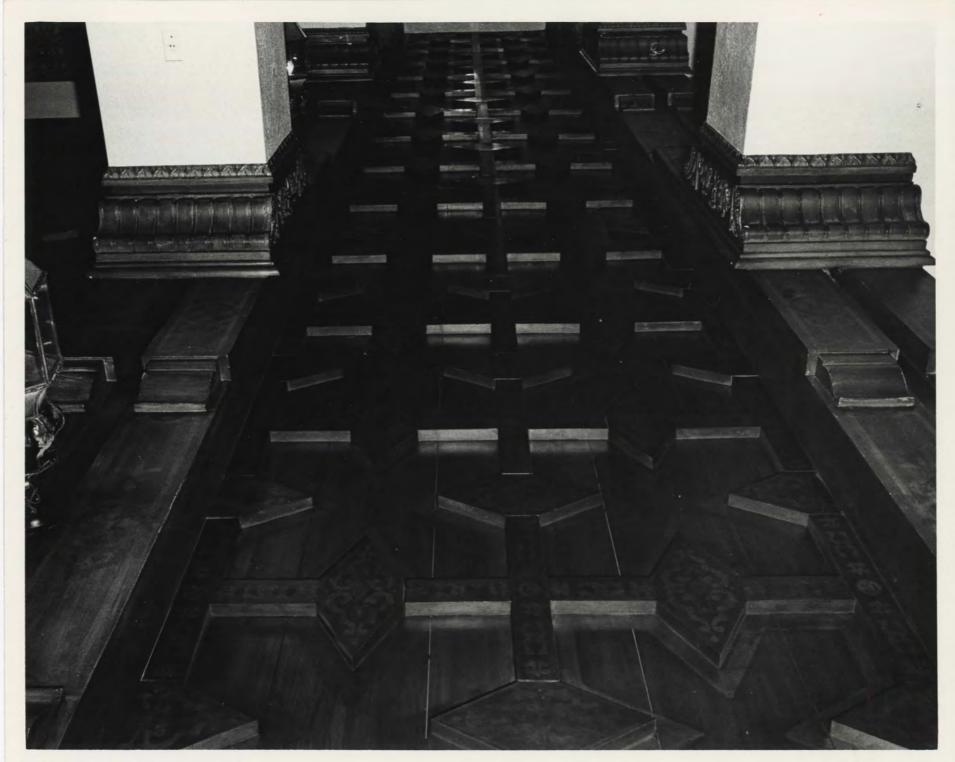
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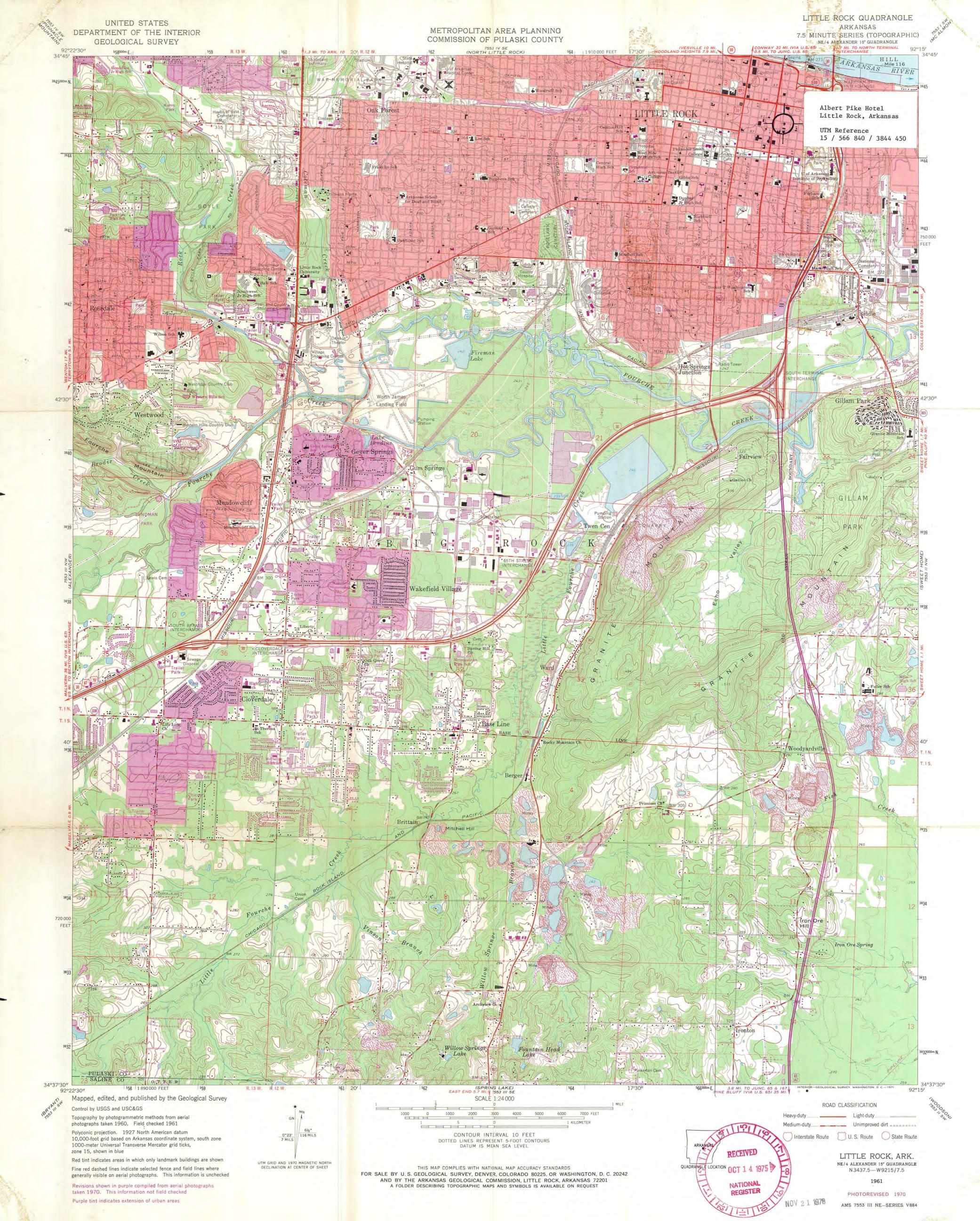
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Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director, Department of Natural
and Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Ms. Bartley:

After careful consideration, we are returning your nomination for the Albert Pike Hotel in Little Rock as the building does not meet the 50-year requirement established under the National Register criteria for evaluation. While the hotel is an interesting building and representative of its time, we do not feel that it is of sufficient architectural or historical significance to warrant making an exception to the 50-year limit.

We are sure that you will agree that it is important to maintain the standards and criteria of the National Register, but we will be pleased to review the nomination again should you decide to resubmit it in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

Charles A. Herrington Acting Keeper of the National Register

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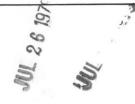
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July 24, 1978

Ms. Anne Bartley
State Historic Preservation
Officer
Suite 500, Continental Bldg.
Markham & Main
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Bartley:

On behalf of the Albert Pike Residence Hotel, Inc., I would like to request that our nomination for the National Register of Historic Places be reconsidered. Our application was filed approximately two years ago.

It is our intention to make application for restoration funds as soon as this is approved. We respectfully request your attention to this matter as soon as possible. If there is any other information you need, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Maloch

Associate Pastor: Administration

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cc: Dianna Kirk



"A Fresh Expression"
222 East 8th
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202
501/374-9284
Albert Pike Residence Hotel
Pre-School Day Care
After-School Child Care
Lake Nixon Day Camp & Outdoor Recreation



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Suite 500, Continental Building Markham and Main Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

September 29, 1978

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation
& Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed you will find the nominations for the properties listed below, which have been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee.

Bedford Brown Bethell House

Bechle Homes

▶McDonnell House

✓ Boyle House

Albert Pike Hotel

Baker House

Shotgun House, Texarkana

M. P. & G. Railroad

Bates House

Newton County Academy

Dunham House (Information concerning its move)

Phone: (501) 371-2763

Faucette Building

I hereby certify that the persons listed in Section 4 of the nominations are the legal owners of the properties.

Sincerely,

Anne Bartley

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Pike, Albert, Hotel

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Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr. Honorable James G. Tucker, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer
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Acting Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
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