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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 ** Edificio Jose de Diego

AND/OR COMMON

Administration Building - Mayaguez Campus, University of Puerto Rico

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER in the center of the campus (see location map att.)

CITY, TOWN Mayaguez VICINITY OF

STATE Puerto Rico CODE COUNTY 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 checked="" 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME University of Puerto Rico

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Mayaguez VICINITY OF STATE Puerto Rico

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registro de Propiedad

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Mayaguez STATE Puerto Rico

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Monuments of Puerto Rico

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña

CITY, TOWN San Juan STATE Puerto Rico

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building has had a number of alterations, however, these have been more in the form of expansion rather than changing the original plan which is essentially a very long rectangle. The alterations have expanded the back of the building now giving it a T-shaped plan.

The material is mostly concrete gravel which is exposed, while the balustrades and cornices and other ornament are painted white.

The main entrance is dominated by a square clock tower, which like the rest of the building has a red tiled roof.

The ornament and style of the building is typical of many structures to be found in Puerto Rico at the turn of the century -- the utilization of more modern material such as concrete and adopting a mixture of decorative elements which create a Puerto Rican adaptation of neoclassical. The plan and proportions are an attempt at neoclassical symmetry and simplicity, along with the balustrades and the columns and ornament framing the windows, doors and the tower. However, these are then mixed with the roofing tile of Mediterranean character and detail ornamentation which is closer to the Moorish.

The alterations of the windows to the 'miami aluminium' louvers as well as the additional wing which is totally devoid of any ornament have contributed to the deterioration of the quality of the character of the structure. The air-conditioning units are also an unnecessary intrusion. The general effect is not eclectic but almost a 'bastardization'.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" 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 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 1913

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Holmes, Department of the Interior

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure has a historical significance rather than architectural. It was the first extension of the University of Puerto Rico from San Juan to the west coast of the island, the second campus to be created, and the first educational institution on the island to offer training in the agricultural field, and later in mechanical engineering. The University of Puerto Rico was founded in 1903, and this building symbolizes the 'second earliest university' dating 1911. The first building erected on the site was demolished by an earthquake in 1912.

The University at Mayaguez wishes to restore certain aspects of this building, such as the original wood shutters which were in the original section of the building.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Since the Beginning of Time, The History of the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, G. Anton, 1965

Puerto Rico Progress, articles of December 28, 1911, and January, February 1912.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. one acre 15

UTM REFERENCES N lat 18 12'45" W long 67 8'50"

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE 1977

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CITY OR TOWN San Juan

STATE Puerto Rico

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



8-I-77

TITLE Executive Director, Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña

DATE

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

Robert B. Rellig

DATE 11/18/77

ATTEST: Charles [Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-18-77

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