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

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Description

Introduction

The building that housed the former Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) is the focal point of a complex of buildings constructed during the mid-1930s in the New Post Section of Fort Sam Houston Military Reservation in San Antonio, Texas. Also known as Building 1000, the 418-bed hospital (original capacity) was built to provide modern medical facilities to the then 60-year-old military post. In addition to providing improved and larger facilities, the hospital's construction also provided much-needed employment to local residents during the Depression. The new hospital was erected at a cost of \$1,620,631, and funding was obtained through appropriations from the National Industrial Recovery Act and Public Works Administration (PWA). Banspach Brothers, a local firm, was the contractor for the building's foundation, and R. E. McKee of El Paso served as the contractor for the building's construction. In 1937, an additional allotment under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) allowed for landscaping, the addition of concrete curbs, and other final site improvements, and the labor force for this segment of the project consisted of workmen employed directly through the Re-employment Bureau of the WPA.

Designed by the Office of the Constructing Quartermaster, the building's Spanish Colonial Revival style is reflective of the government's application of this style in the design of buildings at military installations in the South and Southwest during the mid-1920s and 1930s. The vertical emphasis of the building's form and the stepped arrangement of the primary façade also suggest an element of Art Deco or Art Moderne influence. Clad in brick, the eight-story structure (plus basement and subbasement) features built-up and tile roofs, a heavily embellished cast-stone entry, tile and terrazzo floors, and an ornate coffered ceiling in the lobby.

Construction of the hospital's foundation began in April 1935. By November 1937, the new facility was operational. From that date until September 4, 1942, the medical facility functioned as a station hospital. In 1942, the station hospital was given new status and renamed "Brooke General Hospital" in honor of General Roger Brooke, the commander of the old station hospital from 1929-1933. This action signified the facility's growing national importance as an armed forces hospital and medical training center. Additionally, it reflected the first in a series of steps that changed Fort Sam Houston from an infantry post to a medical post. In 1946 the facility was renamed Brooke Army Medical Center. The Depression-era building was abandoned in the mid-1990s when a new hospital was built in the eastern part of Fort Sam Houston; the name "Brooke Army Medical Center" was then transferred to this new facility. Despite the loss of its hospital function, the 1930s BAMC building retains a high degree of integrity in its setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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BAMC is located at the terminus of a circular drive flanked by two 1930s era (former) barracks. A parade ground extends from the complex formed by the three buildings and weaves through the New Post to the Cavalry and Light Artillery Post. The visual impact of the building's location combined with its monumental character is significant and suggest the national importance of the former hospital.

Designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style, BAMC rises eight stories at its highest point above ground and has a basement and a subbasement below ground. The total floor area above the basement is 213,640 square feet. The main building measures approximately 433-by-51 feet, and the wings are each approximately 102 by 75 feet. The hospital has a reinforced concrete frame and a smooth-faced, coursed ashlar base; brick and cast stone walls; and built-up composition and tile roofing. The brick varies in color from a brown to a light tan.

In plan, the building is a modified T-shape. The top of the "T" forms the primary façade and is composed of the main body of the structure and two inset wings. The short base of the modified "T" forms the central rear portion of the building. The vertical emphasis of the building's form and the stepped arrangement of the primary façade suggest an element of Art Deco or Art Moderne influence. The main body of the hospital is delineated by the eight-story, central, tower-like element and the six flanking stories, which exhibit inset and projecting building faces. The eight-story tower element is capped by a hipped clay tile roof, and the remaining portion of the six-story main body has a built-up roof. The wings of the building step down to five stories from the main body, and the last two bays only reach two stories in height—forming the base and first floor. Both of the five-story wings display built-up roofs. A string course (between the base and first floor and the fourth and fifth floors) and four cornices (above the first, fifth, sixth, and seventh floors) add emphasis to the varied roof lines. Building entries are located on the south (primary), east (side), and north (rear—ambulance and emergency) elevations. Windows are multilight metal casement.

Primary Elevation

A magnificent, single-story, three-bay portico with engaged Corinthian columns graces the hospital's main entry on the primary (south) façade. The portico is heavily embellished with cast stone ornamentation that suggests a Spanish Baroque influence in its design. Features reminiscent of this ornate form of Spanish architecture include its enriched arches, the curvilinear shape of the central parapet, the parapet's pinnacled crest, and the detailed entablature over the rectangular bay openings. Latin-inscribed panels and a sculptured shield depicting a medical symbol serve as evidence of the building's original mission. Translated, one of the panel inscriptions reads, "Dedicated not to us but solely to the health of mankind."

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The entry doors inside the portico are set in an arched surround that mimics the design of the portico's other arches. The double doors are a contemporary storefront type and sit under an arched transom. Concrete steps with metal handrails lead to the double doorway. Multilight casement windows and two ornate brass, lantern-style light fixtures flank the doorway. A similar light fixture is suspended above the steps.

The stone detailing rises above the central portico and encompasses the three window bays above the entry. The engaged diamond-patterned columns that frame these windows extend to the fifth floor. Cartouche and foliate spandrels serve as separations between floors. The spandrels between the fifth and sixth floors exhibit a slightly different embellishment, as do the fluted pilasters that extend above the spandrel. Narrow paired windows on the second through the sixth floor add vertical emphasis to the tower's outer bays. The paired windows on the sixth floor also display stone balconets enriched by a cartouche and foliate (stylized leaf) relief. The tower's seventh floor has three bays of arched windows, each set within a pilastered and keystone surround. Each window is further adorned with a balconet. A single, narrow, rectangular window flanks these central window bays. The seventh floor pilasters extend upward to a balustrated parapet that caps the seventh floor roofline. Above the arched windows, the balustrade takes on a more elaborate appearance; pinnacles set in cast stone niches cap the pilasters and an ornamental shield sits above the middle window bay. The eighth floor penthouse has quatrefoil windows separated by cartouches and pilasters. A bracketed cornice supports its red barrel tile, hipped roof, which is surmounted by a crown-like crest.

Some of the same detailing that appears on the central tower section is captured in the design of the two outer projecting faces. The central window bays on the two projections are framed by smooth-faced stone that extends from the first to the fifth floors. Stone balconents are found on the first and fifth floors of these bays and polished metal balconets on the third and fourth floors. A cartouche and balustrade characterize the metal balconets, while the stone balconets are enriched by a cartouche and foliate relief. Additionally, the brackets that support the base of each stone balconet are adorned with an acanthus leaf. The fifth floor stone baconets are further embellished by decorative pilasters that support a lintel with a scroll-shaped and shell-ornamented keystone; these elements sit under an enriched cornice and Mission-style pediment. The central sixth floor windows are unadorned. Single rectangular windows flank the central stone-enriched window bays from the first to the sixth floors.

Details incorporated into the design of the inset sections of the primary façade and the wings add harmony to the entire elevation's design. Polished metal balconets sit in most of the third and fourth floor windows and are similar in design to those on the outer projecting faces. Denticulated panels further ornament these windows. Finally, an arched colonnaded enclosed porch graces the sixth floor.

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Secondary Elevations

The east and west side façades comprise the ends of the wings and are only six window-bays in width. Their stark appearance is in sharp contrast to the other building faces.

The rear elevation (north), which forms the base of the building's T-shaped plan, is characterized by the varied heights of its components. Originally designed as an ambulance loading zone, the rear of the building served a very functional purpose. However, because of its visibility, some of the decorative elements found on the primary façade were incorporated into the design of this elevation. The elements include cast stone balconets, colonnaded enclosed porches mirroring those found on the sixth floor of the primary façade, and an elaborate seventh floor parapet associated with the tower section.

Interior

As designed, the ground floor of BAMC contained the entry lobby, offices, the main kitchen, officers' and enlisted patients' mess, medical and dental exam and treatment rooms (located in the wings), a pharmacy, utility space, and restroom facilities. The most heavily trafficked of these areas was the entry lobby, which is also the most richly appointed of the interior spaces. One of the prominent features of the room is its ornate coffered ceiling. Strands of green leaves with red budding rosettes border square panels, which are embellished with a red-and-gold-hued rosette. A dentil-patterned molding provides a larger frame to the coffered ceiling. Scrolled brackets with medical and pharmaceutical shields serve as supports for the exposed ceiling beams, which extend from the north to the south wall. The walls are wood wainscot and plaster. The floor treatment is equally enriched with a checkerboard pattern of plain and decorative ceramic tiles. The decorative tiles display a snowflake motif. The floor is bordered by an outer band of black tiles, a zigzag band, an alternating triangular-patterned band, and finally an inner band of small stone flakes.

The lobby's north wall is penetrated by the elevator doors, which are set within a bracketed surround. The original wood doors, which were characterized by a pattern of interlocking squares (similar in appearance to a watchband), have been replaced with contemporary metal doors. The pattern originally depicted in the doors was also applied to the spandrel above the elevator. This element has been retained, but a shield-faced clock originally set in the pattern has been removed. Two brass sconces flank the elevator doors. Two other sconces are similarly placed on both sides of the entry vestibule doors on the south wall.

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Double wood doors flank the elevator doors and sconces on the north wall. These doors display the same features incorporated into the design of the original elevator doors, with the exception of a frosted glass cross that embellishes the center. The east wall of the lobby contains the information desk. The desk has a wood counter that is supported by wood brackets and pilasters; the pilasters are incorporated into the design of the wood wainscoting. Next to the corridor doorway and inset into the west wall is an ornate marble fountain surrounded by ceramic tiles. The fountain's back splash has a beautiful relief that depicts two peacocks perched on grapevines growing out of an urn. Trumpeting angels look over the birds from the relief's spandrels. The base of the fountain is ornamented with grapevines bearing grapes. An old mail chute and another brass sconce are also located on this wall.

The flooring materials throughout the remainder of the ground floor are characterized by terrazzo, carpet, or tile; the tile flooring is similar to that found in the lobby but is restricted to public corridors. Terrazzo flooring is the most common. Several of the original administrative offices on the west side of the lobby retain their original wood-paneled doors and molding. What appears to be the original freestanding nurses', pharmaceutical, or admission desk is located in the corridor east of the lobby. This four-sided desk has four open bays and is constructed of a dark wood. Pilasters support its paneled base. The office space, the treatment rooms, the dining areas, and the kitchens have been modified to a large extent. Some of the ceilings have been dropped, and all of the lighting fixtures except those in the restroom appear to be contemporary.

The second through the seventh floors are characterized by hospital wards, treatment and exam rooms, patient rooms, operating and recovery rooms, waiting areas, nurses' workrooms and stations, and supply areas. Floors are either terrazzo, vinyl tile, or carpeted (with terrazzo underneath), with the exception of the ceramic tile flooring that appears primarily in the bathrooms. Ceilings vary between original height and contemporary dropped acoustical tile. Walls are painted plaster or dry-wall in most spaces. Walls in the exam, treatment, and operating rooms are also partially clad in ceramic tile. Light fixtures are predominantly fluorescent. Built-in cabinets (metal and wood) are located in many of the work spaces as well as in the exam rooms and nurses' stations. Doors are of metal, a light-colored wood, and paneled and flush dark wood. Glass doors are also present but appear to be restricted to the former intensive care unit and infant nursery.

Of particular interest on the seventh floor is a room in the southwest corner. This room originally served as an observation ward but was converted into a patient suite. Former President Lyndon Johnson stayed in this suite during periods of hospitalization after his presidency. Patio flooring was added to the adjacent sixth floor roof area outside the room to provide the suite with a comfortable area for outside seating.

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The eighth floor penthouse is occupied by the elevator equipment and water tanks. The walls are exposed hollow tile and the floors are concrete. The subbasement is similarly functional in nature and design, providing space for the building's pipes.

The basement, however, served a purpose more directly involved with the hospital's mission—that of an Emergency Room (ER). The ER occupies the majority of the basement space. Finishes are typical of those described for the second through the seventh floors.

Alterations

Overall, the former BAMC retains a high degree of integrity in its setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. While modifications have occurred, they have not impacted the building's ability to convey its historic significance as an important army medical center nor its architectural significance as an excellent example of a quartermaster-designed Spanish Colonial Revival building.

The building has been altered over the years to accommodate war-time mobilization, advancements in health and medicine, general facility improvements, and the hospital's teaching and research missions. These alterations have been primarily restricted to the interior and have included the replacement of original fixtures, doors, and hardware, as well as the addition of dropped ceilings, partition walls, and new tile/carpeting (over the original terrazzo). The most architecturally enriched of the interior spaces, the lobby, has not been significantly modified. With the exceptions of the loss of the wall clock and one sconce and the replacement of the elevator doors, the lobby remains remarkably intact.

Changes to the exterior of the building have been minor in scope. Contemporary storefront-type doors have been installed at the south, main entry. On the rear of the building, a handicap ramp has been added to the loading dock, and two small, single-story, brick, mechanical buildings have been built immediately adjacent to the rear of the hospital.

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Bibliography

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Statement of Significance

Summary

The former Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston Military Reservation is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its role in the treatment of casualties and the training of medical personnel during World War II and for its association with the federal construction programs designed to relieve the economic depression of the 1930s. It is also eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. The construction of the hospital, between 1935-1937, was one of a number of projects undertaken at Fort Sam Houston designed to improve and modernize the then 60-year-old post. Its construction, however, served the additional purpose of providing work during the country's greatest economic crisis. During World War II, the facility gained national importance as a general hospital and later as a medical center. It retained this status until 1996 when the new hospital opened. From an architectural perspective, the building's Spanish Colonial Revival design is characteristic of the Quartermaster Corps adoption of regional styles of architecture during the mid-1920s and 1930s.

Historical Background and Significance

Fort Sam Houston has a proud and extensive history that dates back to 1870, when the city of San Antonio donated 40 acres of land to the federal government for the purpose of constructing a permanent military installation. Additional donations of property followed, and by 1876 plans were underway for the construction of the post's first buildings—the Quartermaster Depot and the Department Headquarters (known as the Quadrangle). From 1879 to 1886, the first post hospital operated in the form of a medical dispensary located in a single-story wooden building. Construction of a permanent, two-story, brick hospital began in 1881 and was completed in 1886. This building included spacious wards, offices, a mess, a dispensary, storerooms, a kitchen, baths and earth closets, and rooms for the hospital steward and attendants.

During the 1880s the military installation grew and developed as additional land was acquired and a number of building projects was undertaken. As the century came to a close, post building programs had resulted in the construction of the Quadrangle, the Infantry Post, and the Staff Post where the hospital was located. On September 11, 1890, the installation, which on an official level lacked a name and title, was designated "Fort Sam Houston" by General Order Number 99.

Fort Sam Houston's permanency was reaffirmed in 1903 when the War Department selected it as one of three posts in the country for enlargement. New building projects were authorized for barracks, officers' quarters, messes, and a new hospital. According to a *San Antonio Daily Express* article that appeared in February 1905, a \$75,000 appropriation for the hospital was proceeding through the approval process. In the time between the appearance of this article and the

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initiation of construction in the fall of the following year, it was announced that Fort Sam Houston would be increased to a brigade-sized post. As a result, the T-shaped, three-story, Georgian Revival-style station hospital was built in anticipation of the enlarged post. Located at the west side of Fort Sam Houston, the hospital was considered to be among the nation's most modern medical facilities (BAMC History December 1999). Completed in 1908, it accommodated 84 beds and served the needs of not only Fort Sam Houston but other posts in the region as well.

By the outbreak of World War I in 1914, Fort Sam Houston was the largest army post in the United States, encompassing more than 600 acres. During the war an additional 2,118 acres were acquired. In order to accommodate the needs of the growing post, the less than 10-year-old station hospital was enlarged. By 1917, the hospital was a part of a complex of buildings in the Cavalry and Light Artillery Post that included the 1908 hospital (plus a large 1917 addition), a separate hospital ward building, a morgue, barracks for hospital personnel, a barber shop, and two houses for noncommissioned officers.

Military facilities across the country, including Fort Sam Houston, experienced deterioration during the early 1920s. To alleviate the poor condition of army housing, Congress passed the Army Housing Act in 1926. This legislation heralded the beginning of a nationwide program to modernize and improve U.S. military posts. As the War Department and Quartermaster Corps embarked on the planning and design of new facilities at posts across the country, it took into consideration the latest concepts in city planning. The War Department hired city planning advisor George B. Ford to secure the "maximum beauty with utility and efficiency in all new layouts." In 1927, Mr. Ford prepared a plan for the expansion of buildings at Fort Sam Houston. His plan took into account the beauty that had already been achieved in the layout of the Cavalry and Light Artillery Post. The proposed new construction would preserve and extend the Cavalry and Light Artillery Post parade ground east then northeast into the new layout. It was designed to effectively harmonize the new buildings with the old architecture of the quadrangle (Manguso 1994). This was achieved through the use of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, which became the standard architectural style employed at military facilities in the South during the late 1920s and 1930s.

In 1930, plans for what was to become the "New Post" section of Fort Sam Houston were revised. The placement and types of officers' quarters and the size of the parade ground along New Braunfels reflected some of the changes made to Ford's original plan. However, none of these early plans indicated development around the existing hospital in the Cavalry and Light Artillery Post. While only designated as a station hospital, Fort Sam Houston's hospital was the fourth largest in the army. In many respects it functioned as a general hospital, and, in 1931, the Surgeon General petitioned for its re-designation. In a letter to the Adjutant General of the Army, dated June 29, 1931, the Surgeon

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General stated.

The hospital is situated in the largest and most important center of military activity in the continental United States.... At the present time the station hospital is used as a general hospital for all posts in the 8th Corps area.... The hospital also receives patients from military posts in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.... In 1930, 6,544 patients were admitted to the Station Hospital and the average daily number of beds occupied was 588 [Patterson 1931].

The Surgeon General's recommendation did not receive support from the Corps Area Commander, whose headquarters was located at Fort Sam Houston. In his response to the Adjutant General, the Corps Area Commander made reference to the hospital's capacity:

... [although] the hospital has a normal capacity of seven hundred and fifty (750) beds, with a maximum expansion up to one thousand (1,000) beds, it may be noted that only one hundred and ninety-six (196) beds are permanent construction and three hundred beds are hollow tile buildings, hastily constructed at the close of the war and classed by the Surgeon as unsuited for permanent use. The remainder is made up of frame buildings, constructed during the War, which are no longer tenable [Collins 1932].

The War Department concurred with the Corps Area Commander's suggestion that the Fort Sam Houston hospital retain its designation as a station hospital. However, it was clear from the Commander's correspondence that the station hospital was utilizing a number of facilities that had a limited life span. By 1933, the temporary nature of a number of the hospital's buildings and the lack of space for expansion led Commanding General C. R. Howland from the Headquarters of the Second Division to request the construction of a new, modern hospital at Fort Sam Houston. According to his letter dated August 3, 1933, the station hospital was overrun with cockroaches and other vermin, associated buildings were in poor and dilapidated condition, and the hospital complex was almost completely cut off from cooling breezes. He further stated that "the present hospital is depressing from a morale standpoint, uneconomical to operate, and it is a continuous fire hazard. It is believed that now is the psychological time to strike for this project; public opinion approves, and furthermore, such a project will put a substantial number of unemployed to work under the National Industrial Recovery Act."

The time was indeed right for the construction of a new station hospital at Fort Sam Houston, as suggested by General C. R. Howland. In 1933, newly elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt enacted a series of programs designed to pump money into the depressed economy through building programs intended to improve the infrastructure of America's cities and military installations. Due in great part to his New Deal work programs, Fort Sam Houston more than doubled in size during the Depression (Freeman 1994). Between 1933 and 1938, the last of the large-scale projects initiated at the facility was the construction of a new station hospital—the current Building 1000.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

Work on the new post hospital began in April 1935 with the construction of the building's reinforced concrete foundation. Completion reports indicate that this first phase of work was funded through a National Industrial Recovery Act appropriation of \$130,894. Banspach Brothers of San Antonio served as the contractor. Work on the remainder of the building started immediately after the foundation's completion in November 1935. R. E. McKee of El Paso, Texas, and numerous subcontractors were responsible for the building's actual construction. Funding for this phase of the project was obtained through the PWA. In July 1936, the cornerstone was laid and by November of the following year, the new facility was operational. Designed by the Constructing Quartermaster under the supervision of Captain Edwin V. Dunstan, the eight-story brick structure was completed at a cost of \$1,620,631. Several months prior to its completion, a WPA appropriation allowed for site beautification. This included the grading of parking areas, preparation of concrete curbs, road repair, and landscaping. Workers for this phase of the project were obtained directly through the National Reemployment Bureau of the WPA.

The construction of the hospital and other facilities at Fort Sam Houston proved to be important sources of work for the unemployed during the Depression. Bexar County was one two Texas counties that experienced the highest rates of unemployment in the state. At one point during the economic crisis, hundreds of out-of-work citizens stormed the courthouse in San Antonio seeking assignment on federal projects (Freeman 1994). Federal work programs also succeeded in accelerating construction projects at the facility. This in turn resulted in great improvements in Fort Sam Houston's physical infrastructure. By 1938, the post was in excellent condition and well prepared for the mobilization that would soon be required by World War II (Batzli and Siewers 1996).

Designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style, the imposing new station hospital became the focal point of a complex of medical-related buildings located at the terminus of Stanley Road at the north end of the parade ground in the New Post section of Fort Sam Houston. Surrounding buildings constructed between 1935 and 1938 included a medical detachment barracks (Building 1029) and nurses' quarters (Building 1001), which were also built in the Spanish Colonial Revival style. This complex gained national importance during World War II.

During 1941 and 1942 the hospital complex was prepared for overwhelming numbers of war casualties. Under the leadership of General George C. Beach, Jr., the hospital's commander, hospital capacity was expanded from 1,700 to 7,800 beds. This was achieved through the erection of a number of temporary structures and the conversion of barracks into additional patient wards. The large number of medical personnel available at the station hospital also precipitated Fort Sam Houston's assignment as a training center for medical units within the Eighth Corps and Army Medical Department. In September 1942, the station hospital was designated as Brooke General Hospital. This action recognized the change in status of the hospital as well as the contributions of General Roger Brooke who had served as commander of the old station hospital (in the Cavalry and Light Artillery Post) from 1929 to 1933 (Manguso 1994).

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Between 1943 and 1946, the hospital underwent several additional name changes. In August 1943, it was re-designated as Brooke General Hospital and Convalescent Center and in 1945 as Brooke Hospital Center. During this period the hospital's capacity increased to 10,000 beds through the conversion of other buildings into annexes. In 1945, the hospital reported 16,700 admissions, approximately 7,200 of which were battle casualties (Manguso 1994). Finally, in February 1946, the hospital was given the name of "Brooke Army Medical Center." The facility was also chosen as the new site for the U.S. Army Medical Field Service School. This, in effect, centralized the army's medical training and research program at BAMC, increasing its importance significantly. In 1949, as part of its research mission, the hospital began research in burn trauma. Today, the new hospital facility continues to dedicate a portion of its beds to burn trauma research and treatment.

The 1930s-era BAMC served as the Fort Sam Houston hospital from 1937 until 1996. Its construction and operation proved to be an important step in BAMC's evolution from a station hospital to a medical center. It also signified the beginning of Fort Sam Houston's shift from an infantry post to a medical post. In the 1980s plans were drawn for a new modern medical center at Fort Sam Houston. By April 1996, the new Brooke Army Medical Center was open and in operation. The opening of the new facility resulted in the removal of medical operations from the original BAMC building.

Architectural Significance

The Spanish Colonial Revival style, which achieved popularity throughout Texas and the Southwest during the 1920s and 1930s, was a regional style that evolved from the earlier Mission Revival style. This earlier style had developed during the late nineteenth century as California architects sought to express the heritage of the Southwest through the development of a style that reflected the regional Catholic missions of the Spanish Colonial days. Architect A. Page Brown's design of the California building at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1898 helped spread the popularity of the Mission Revival style throughout the Southwest. By 1915, the Mission Revival style had evolved into the Spanish Colonial Revival, drawing elements not only from the missions but from the Spanish Colonial architecture of Mexico as well. Following Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue's designs for the buildings at the Panama-California Exposition in San Diego, architects began to draw inspiration from the entire history of Spanish architectural design. They incorporated elements of the Moorish architecture of Medieval Spain, the Renaissance architecture of Spanish churches and palaces, the lavishly decorated buildings of Baroque Spain and Latin America, and even the vernacular residential architecture of rural Spain and Mexico. Architects such as Goodhue and Rexford Newcomb published folios and articles in professional journals that were illustrated with drawings and photographs gathered in Latin America, Spain, and Portugal. The attention these publications received led too more exacting representations of this style in the 1920s. Spanish Colonial Revival architecture became increasingly popular for domestic architecture during this period as both Sears Roebuck Company and Montgomery Ward & Company published house plans featuring Spanish Colonial Revival exteriors.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

At the turn of the century, Texas claimed some of the most accomplished architects of the time who employed the Spanish Colonial Revival style in their designs. Among the leading Texas architects of the early twentieth century, Atlee B. Ayres and his son Robert Ayres were noted for their use of the Spanish-influenced style. As native San Antonians, they recognized the appropriateness of this style for their city with its rich Hispanic heritage. After traveling to Spain and Mexico to study the architecture, they designed prestigious Spanish Colonial Revival mansions for the city's elite in neighborhoods such as Monte Vista, Olmos Park, and Alamo Heights. In 1926, Atlee and Robert Ayres collaborated with other architects in the design for the San Antonio Municipal Auditorium.

Architect Atlee B. Ayres was a major proponent of the use of the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style at Fort Sam Houston. When it became apparent in 1926 that Fort Sam Houston and other San Antonio military installations would be the recipient of federal funds for new construction, Ayres wrote to Quartermaster General B. F. Cheatham requesting that he consider Spanish-style architecture in the design of new facilities at the post. General Cheatham responded to Ayres's letter in a rather noncommittal way, suggesting that it was "more or less difficult to adhere with any great measure of success to any definite style" (Freeman 1994). Ayres continued to press the issue, convincing a number of important San Antonians to write the quartermaster is support of the use of Spanish architecture.

The quartermaster decision in late 1926 to employ Spanish-influenced architecture in the design of buildings at Fort Sam Houston came at a critical time when General Cheatham was considering the most suitable types of architecture for the nation's posts. In pursuit of creating an environment that would be "familiar to and . . . understood by a majority of the people" (Wheaton 1928:11), the quartermaster selected two basic regional styles for the construction of its posts—Colonial Revival and Spanish Colonial Revival. Colonial Revival architecture was used in the design of facilities in the northern United States, and Spanish Colonial Revival was used in the South and Southwest. These two styles were considered to best embody regional architecture for each part of the country.

The choice of Spanish Colonial Revival for the design of buildings like the former Brooke Army Medical Center was not only sympathetic to the design of the surrounding civilian community, it enabled quartermaster architects to take advantage of locally available construction materials and techniques (Wheaton 1928:13). Additionally, it incorporated materials and design features that were well suited to the local climate. As a result the quartermaster decision, the New Post and subsequently the former BAMC facility were designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style.

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Boundary Justification:

Verbal Boundary Description:

All property lines are as they existed at the time of the building's construction.

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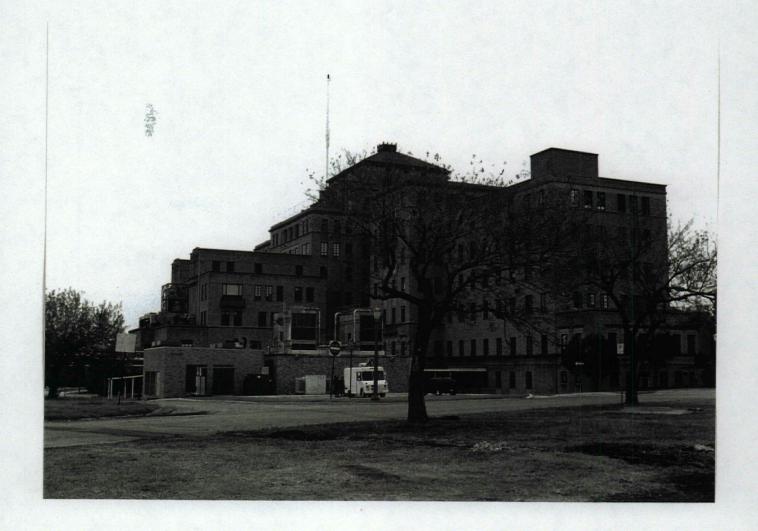


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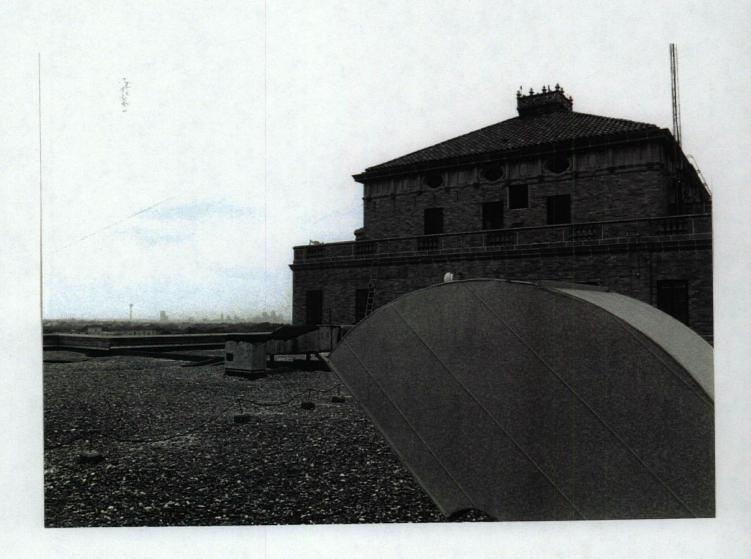
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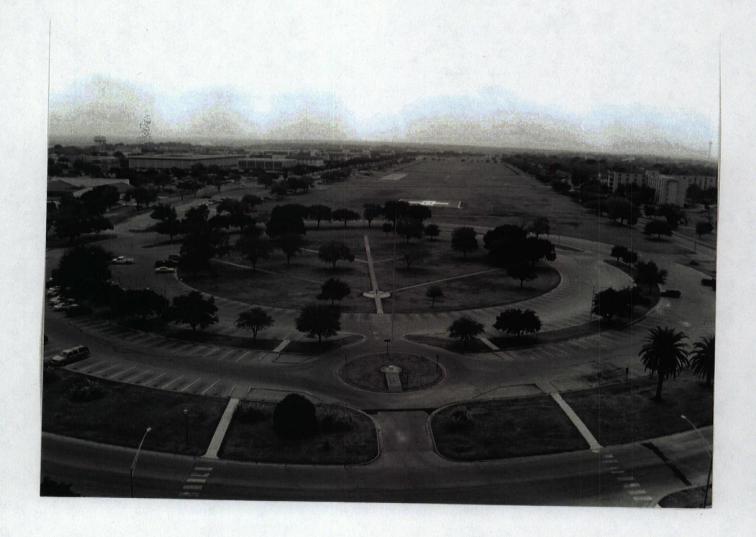
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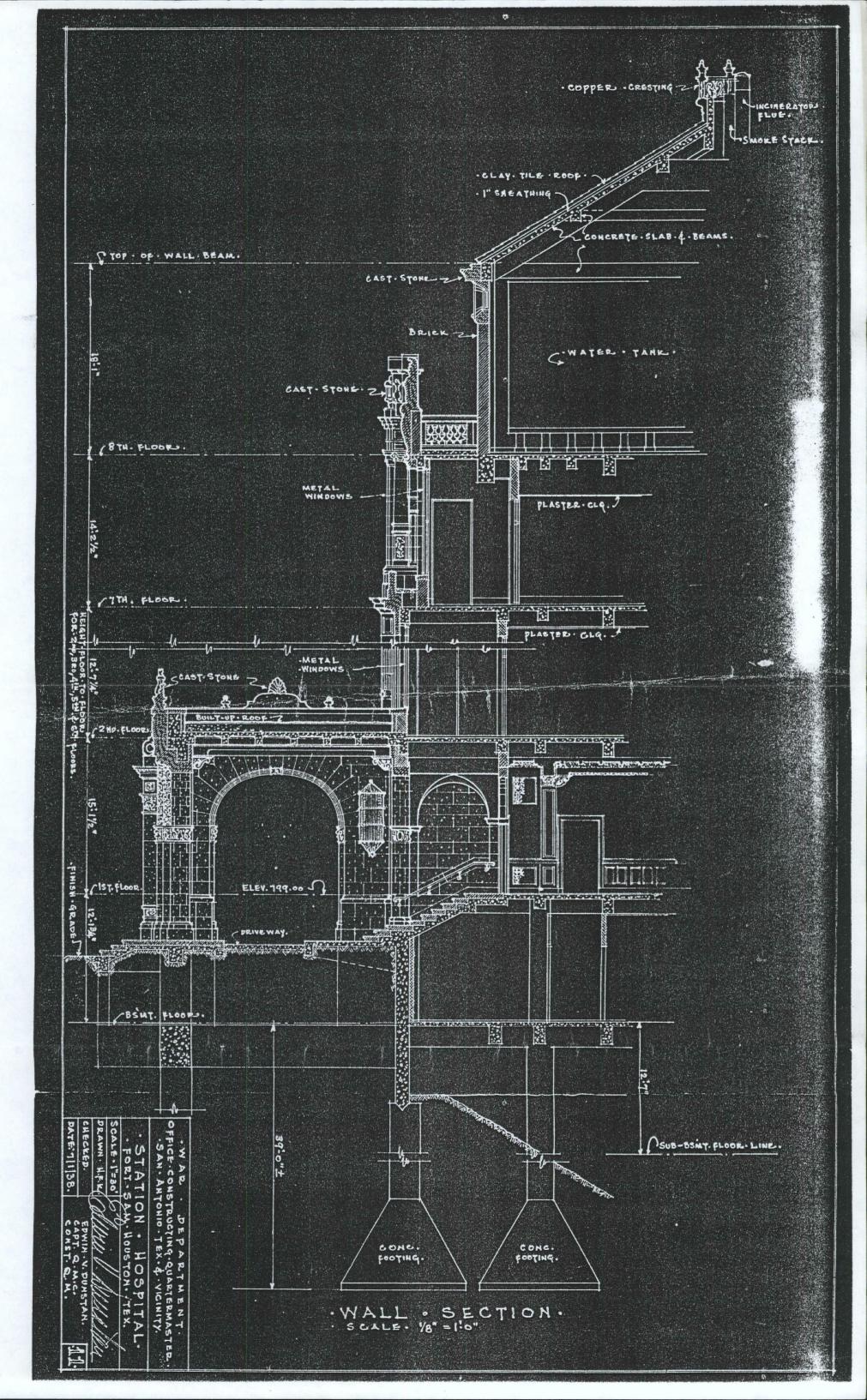


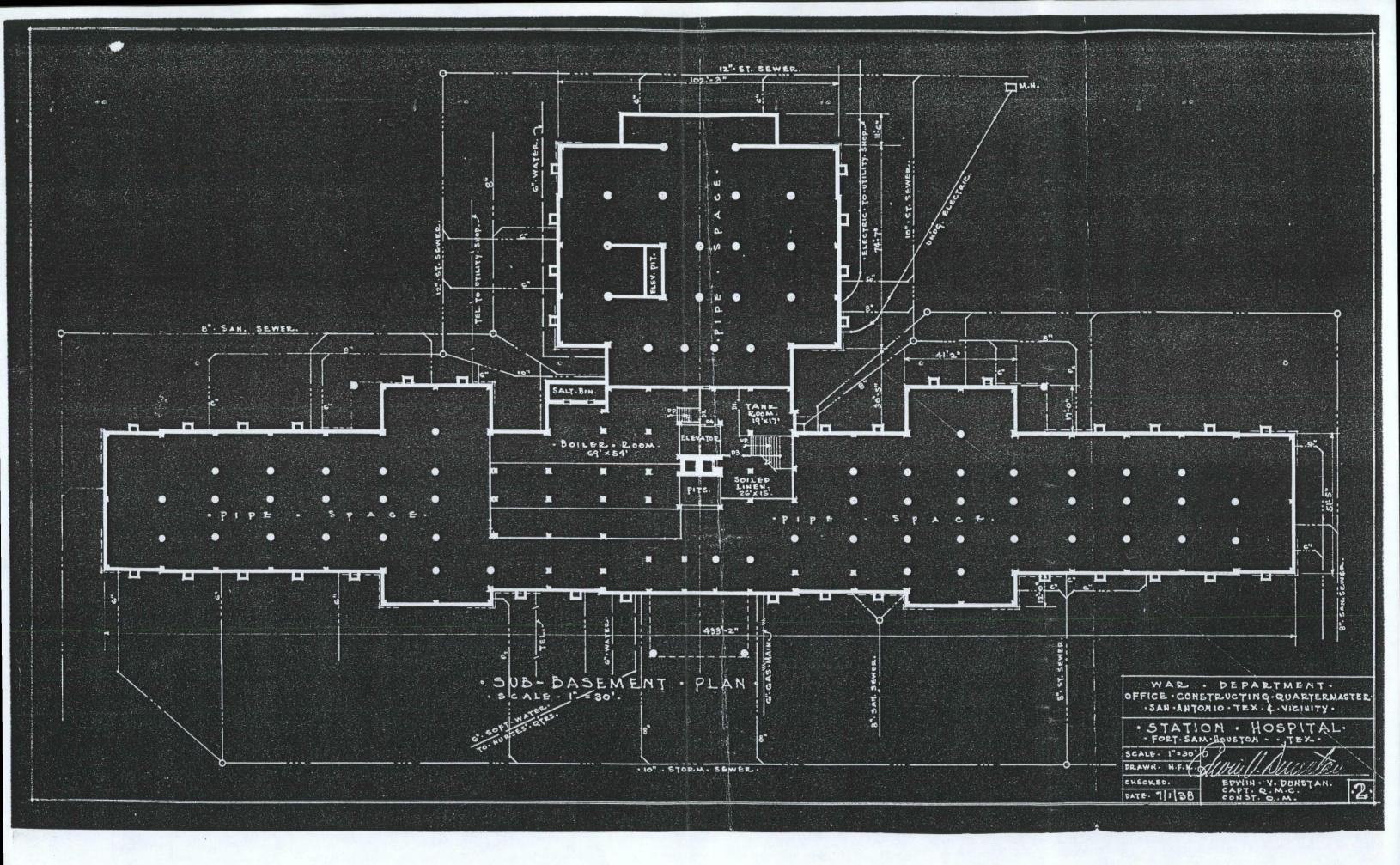
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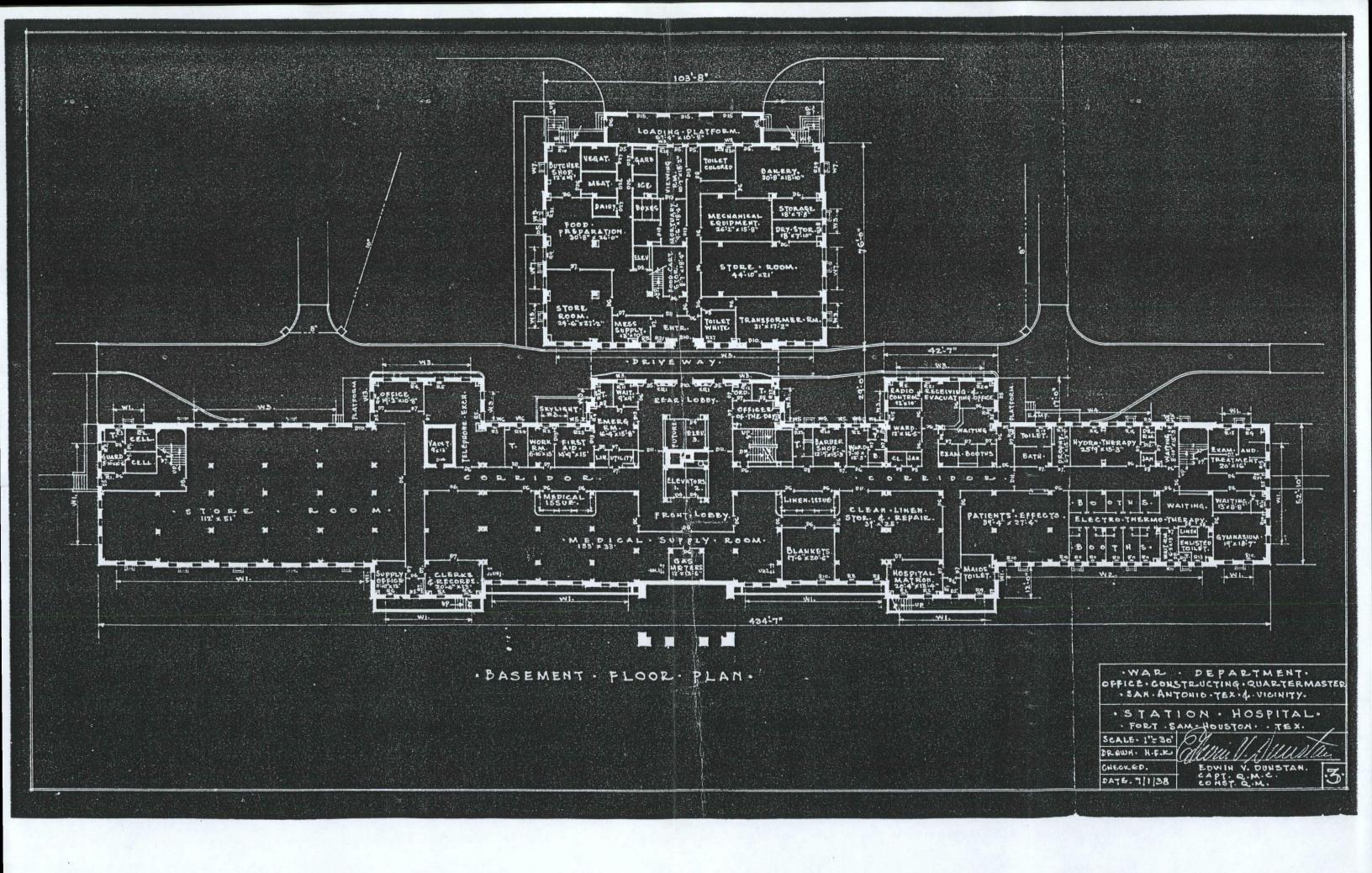
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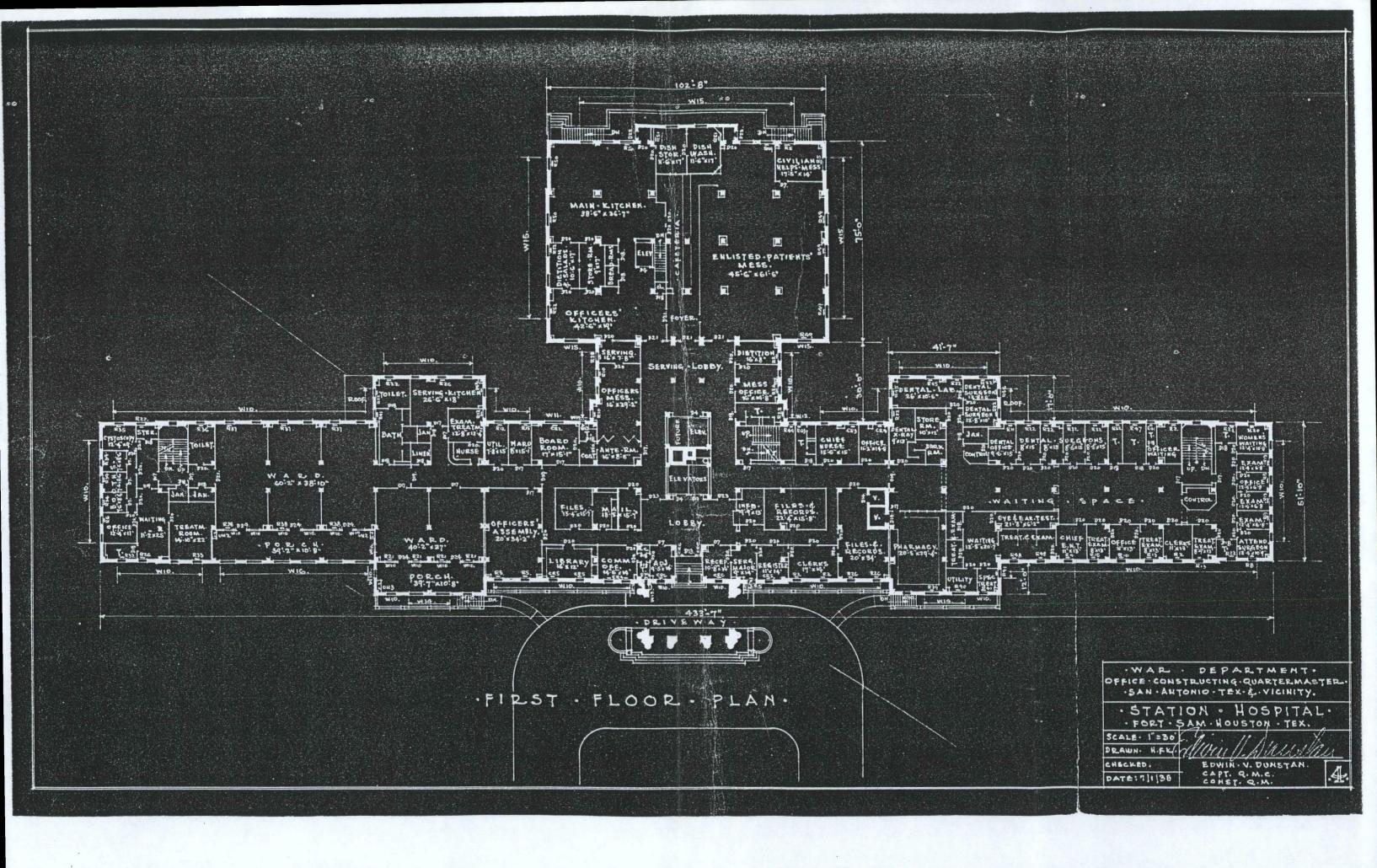
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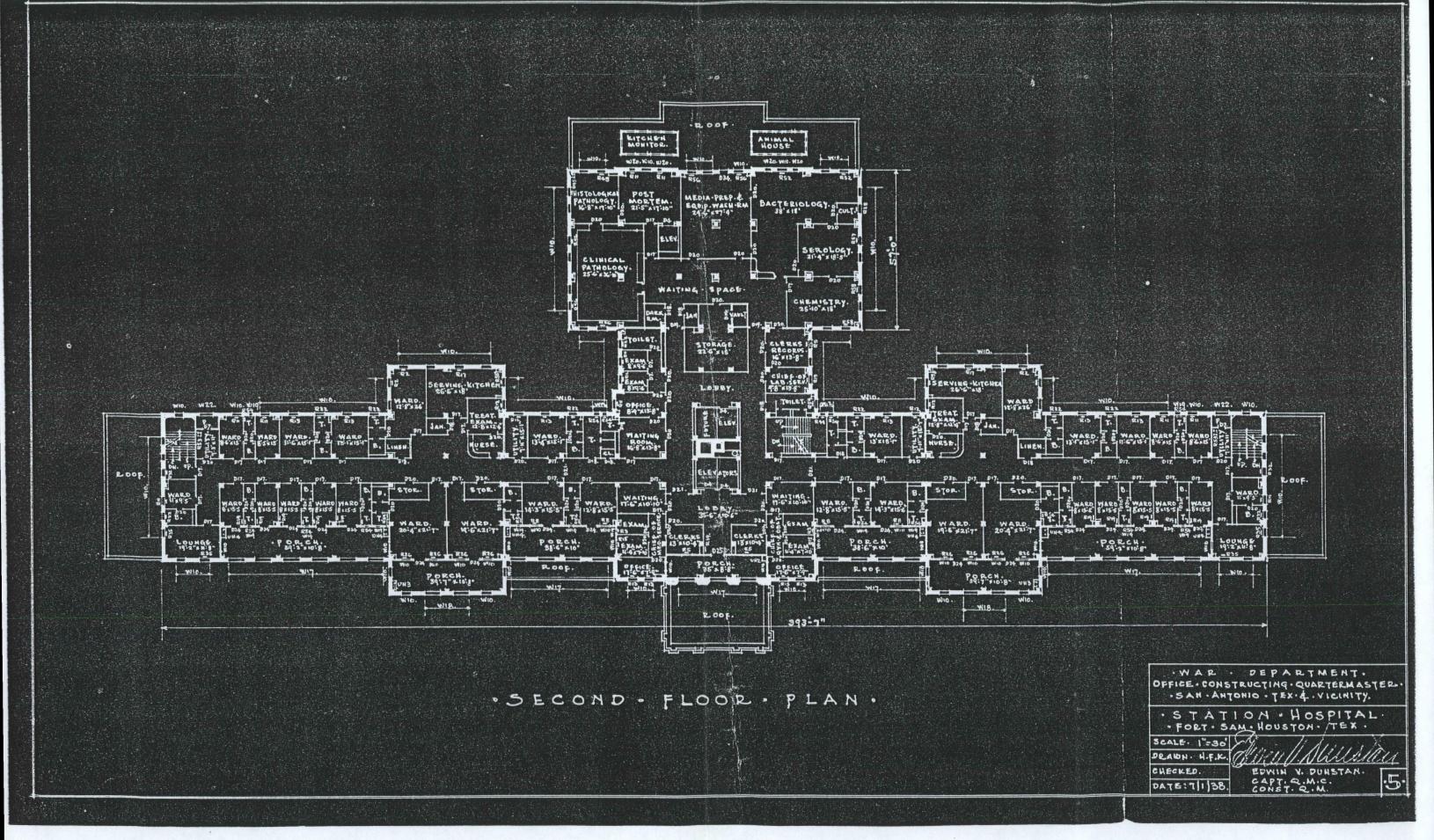


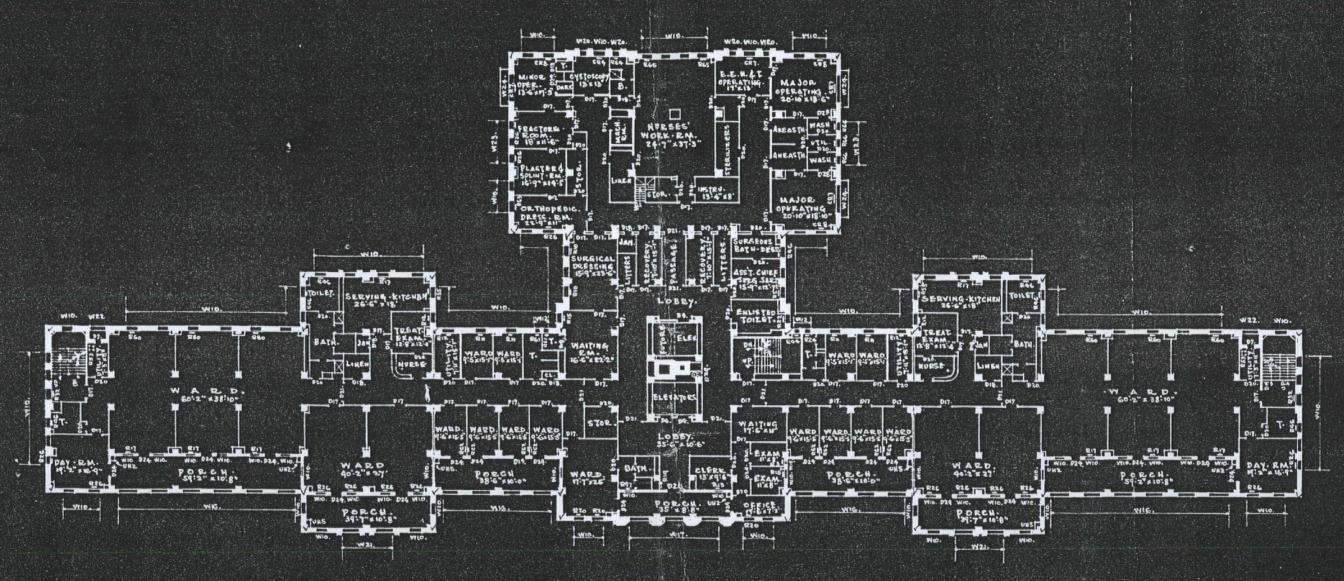












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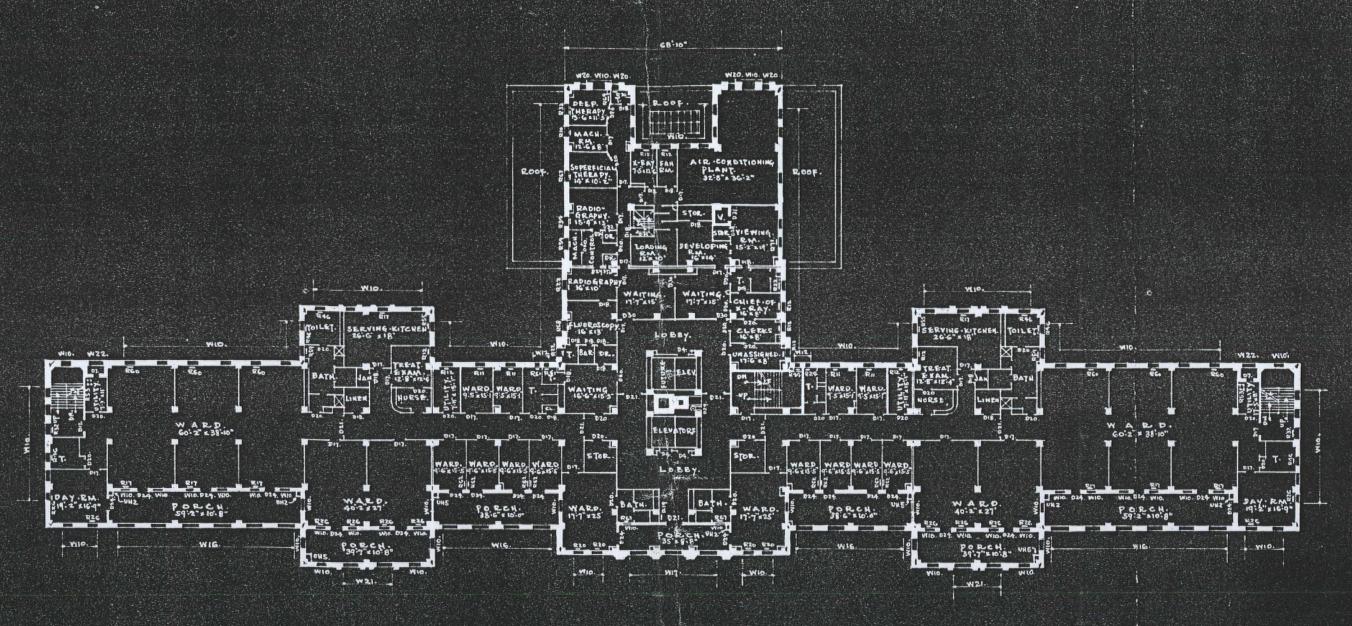
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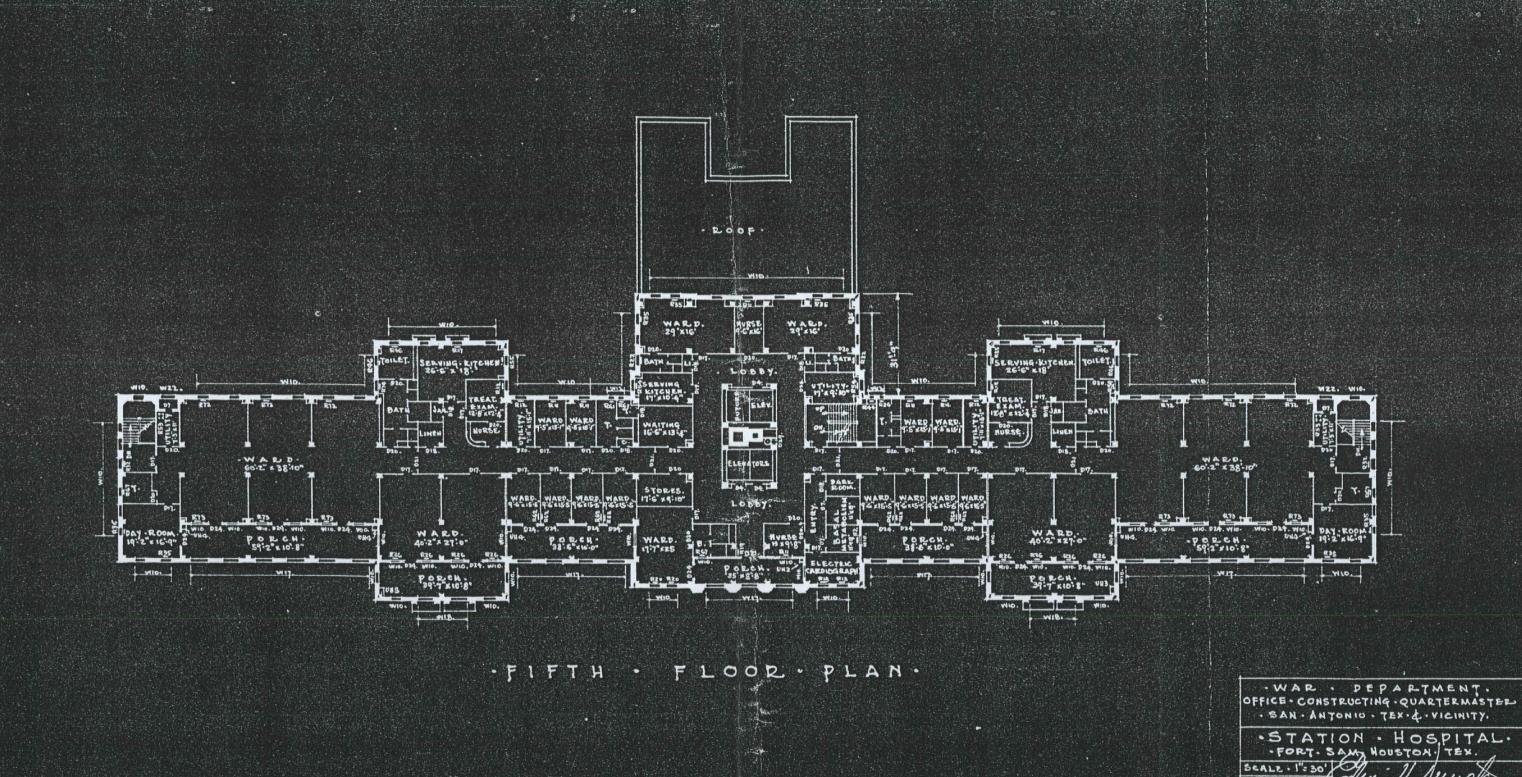
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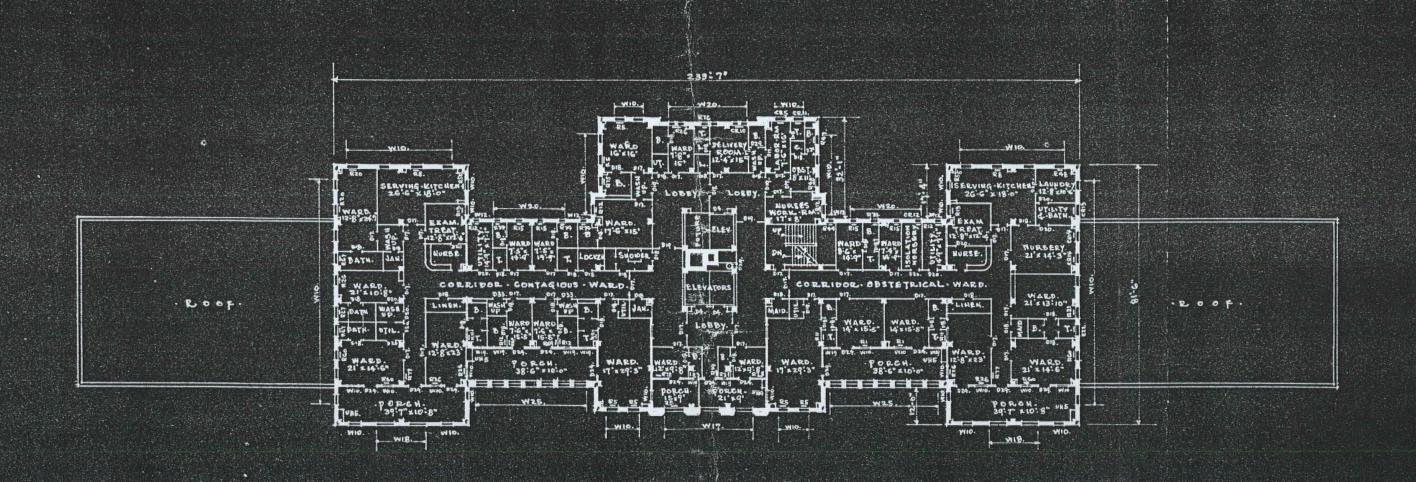
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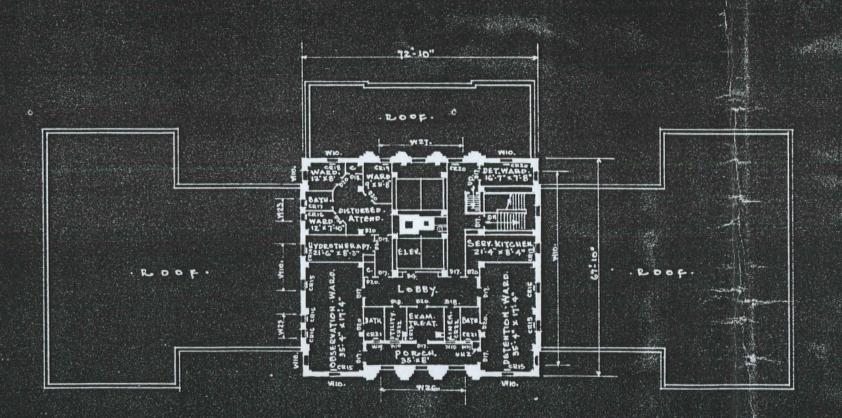
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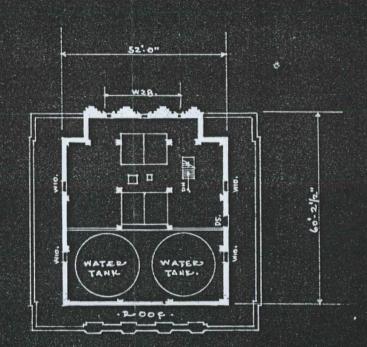
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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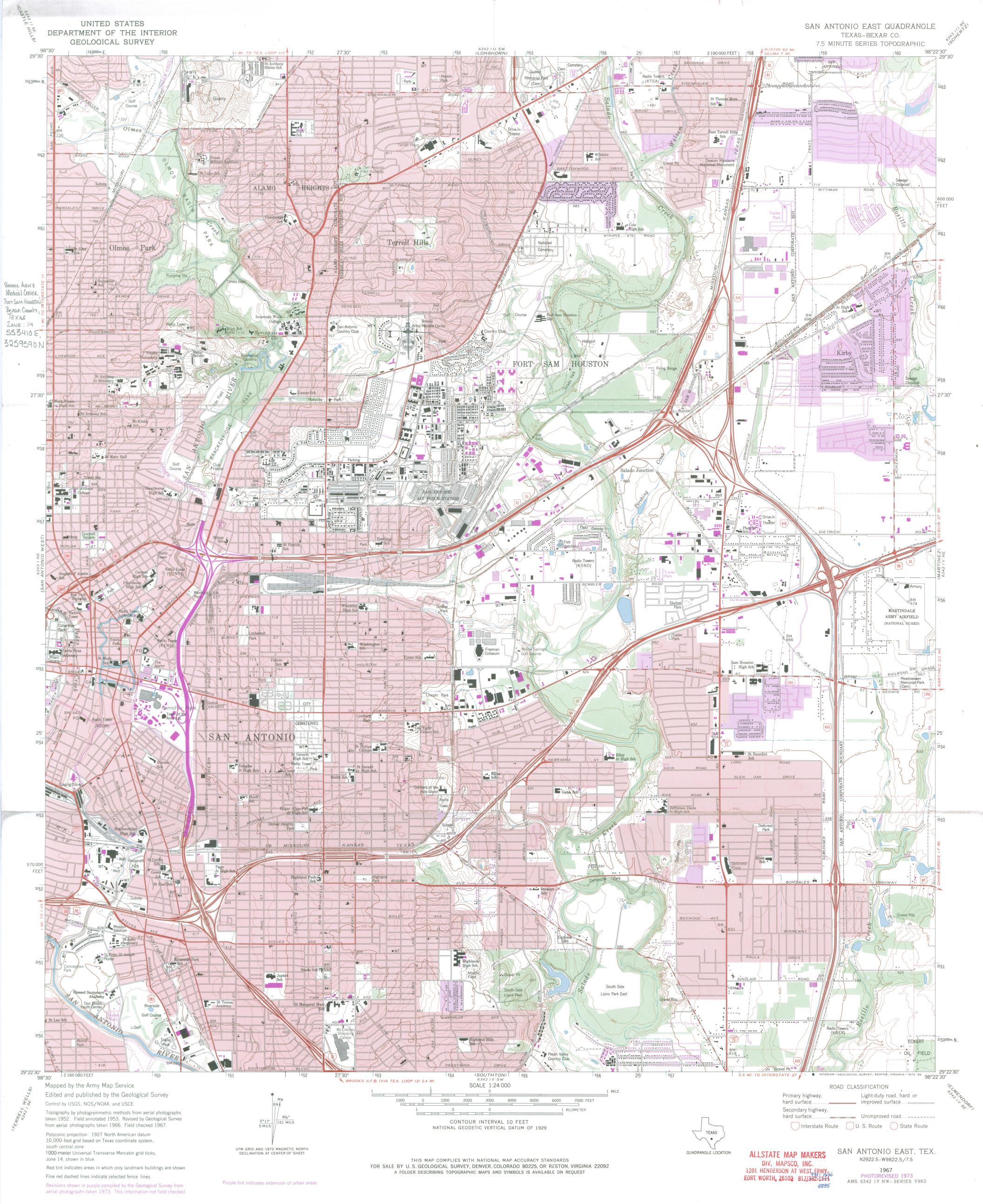
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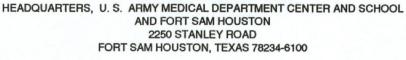
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF MCCS-BOM-E

1 3 JUN 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, US Army Medical Command, 2050 Worth Road, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6000

SUBJECT: National Register Nomination of Building 1000, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

- 1. Request you recommend and forward the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination to the Directorate of Environmental Programs as stipulated under AR 200-4-3-2(c)(3).
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- 3. Listing of this property on the National Register will allow our leasing partner to qualify for the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit Program.
- 4. The installation point of contact is Mike Johnson. He can be reached at (210) 221-5063/4842.

Encl as KEVIN C. KILEY
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND 2050 WORTH ROAD FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234-6000

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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Army Environmental Center, Environmental Quality Division (SFIM-AEC-EQ/Mr. David Guldenzopf) 5179 Hoadley Rd, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

Encl as JOHN A. BECKER

Colonel, MS

Assistant Chief of Staff for Installations, Environment, and Facility Management

SFIM-AEC-CDC (200-1a)

1 6 JUL 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR HQDA (DAIM-ED/COL HOEFERT), ACSIM, 600 ARMY PENTAGON, WASH DC 20310-0600

SUBJECT: Review of National Register Nomination for Building 1000, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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- 3. The nomination is technically sufficient. The nomination provides the necessary argument for National Register significance of Building 1000 under Criteria A and C at the national level.
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- 6. The point of contact for this action is Ms. Caroline Hall, (410) 436-1575.

DAVID C. GUZEWICH Technical Director

Encl

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ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE (MCFA-E/COL JOHN BECKER), US ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND, 2050 WORTH RD, FT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-6000

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Ms. Carol D. Shull Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places National Register, History and Education National Park Service 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is the National Register nomination package for Building 1000, Fort Sam Houston, TX. Building 1000, the former Brook Army Medical Center, is the focal point of a complex of buildings constructed during the mid-1930's in the New Post Section of Fort Sam Houston Military Reservation in San Antonio, TX. The property meets the qualifying criteria for the National Register listing.

Building 1000 will be leased to an entity that intends to adaptively reuse the property for commercial purposes. Listing the property on the National Register allows the leasing partner to be eligible for the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit Program.

If you have any questions regarding Building 1000, Fort Sam Houston, TX, National Register nomination package, you may contact Ms. Toni Patton-Williams at (703) 602-0183 or Mr. Lee Foster (703) 693-0675.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure