Form 10-300 (July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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A projecting entrance porch with the lone star symbol in the gable and flanked by date plaques, led up to the main floor. The walls were treated as a large arcade wrapped around the apse-end wings of the building. Brick in the walls were laid to give a textured diaper pattern. The original floors were wood.

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The Ashbel Smith Building or "Old Red" as it was labeled by medical students, was the first medical school building of the University of Texas. Named for Dr. Ashbel Smith, Surgeon General of the Republic of Texas, the building was used for classrooms, laboratories and administrative offices.) Dr. Smith had helped in 1873 to reorganize the Galveston Medical College which had been a branch of Soule University at Chappell Hill since 1865. The new school was called the Texas Medical college.

No state medical school existed until the state legislature created the Medical Department of the University of Texas on March 30, 1881. That same year a public vote chose Galveston as the site for the new Medical Department; however, it did not open its doors for ten years. In 1887 John Sealy, a prominent Galveston businessman and philanthropist, offered to provide funds for the erection of a modern hospital. proposal was accepted and the John Sealy Hospital was erected in 1888 and 1889. With this stimulus the Medical Department building was then begun so as to work in connection with the hospital. The first appropriation was made by the Texas Legislature in 1888. The next year, 1889, the property was purchased with a \$25,000 appropriation. Also in that year, the architect, Nicholas J. Clayton received permission and \$150 from the University of Texas for a trip to visit various medical college buildings in other states. Following his tour to Johns Hopkins, the University of Pennsylvania, the the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, the prominent Texas architect submitted his plans for the building. It was officially opened October 5, 1891 when the first annual session of the School of Medicine convened.

Today "Old Red" houses the Ex-Students Association offices as well as the student book store. In 1968 the Texas State Historical Survey Committee designated it a historic landmark.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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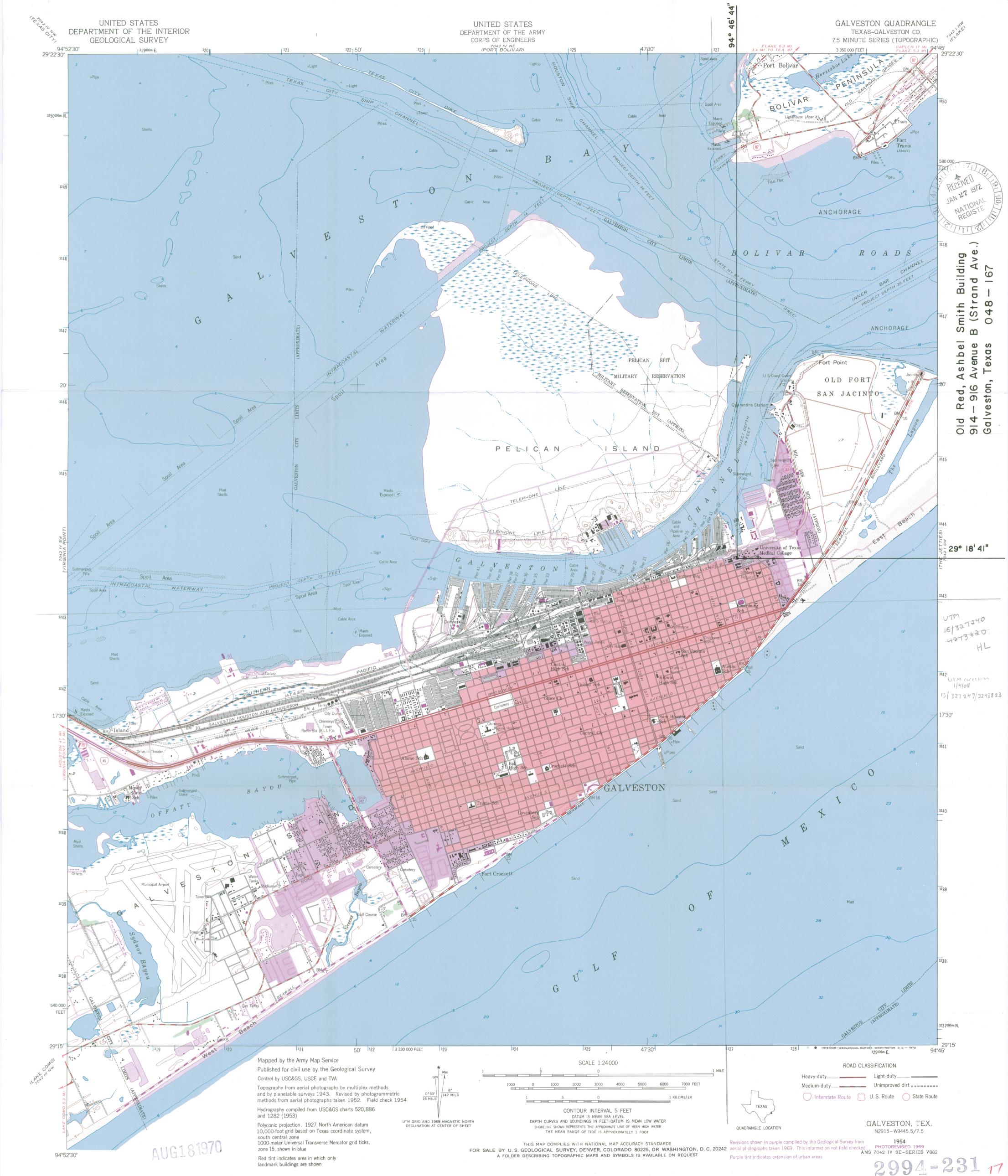
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Texas State Historical Survey Committee
Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711
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May 18, 1971

Mr. John D. McDermott
Assistant Executive Secretary
Advisory Council on Historic
Preservation
Suite 618
801 19th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. McDermott:

This is in response to an announcement of the construction of a sixth floor addition to the John Sealy hospital in three floors (phase I) of the Children's Health Center in the John Sealy Hospital, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas. It is the opinion of this office that the integrity of the Ashbel Smith Building (Old Red--which is listed on the National Register) will not be damaged.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment to the Advisory Council and we welcome the opportunity to be of service in the future.

Sincerely,

Truett Latimer State Liaison Officer

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By:

M. Wayne Bell, AIA Project Director

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Texas State Historical Survey Committee Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 Truett Latimer Executive Director

January 4, 1972

Dr. Robert J. Mullen Chief, Bureau of Registration National Register 801 19th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Bob:

Under separate cover we are forwarding corrections for the National Register submissions which were rechecked here in our office and found to be in error. I trust that this means of correction will not confuse the issue.

There may possibly still be errors but to date these are the only ones we have discovered. If you will notify us of any errors of which you are aware we will be glad to treat the submissions similarly.

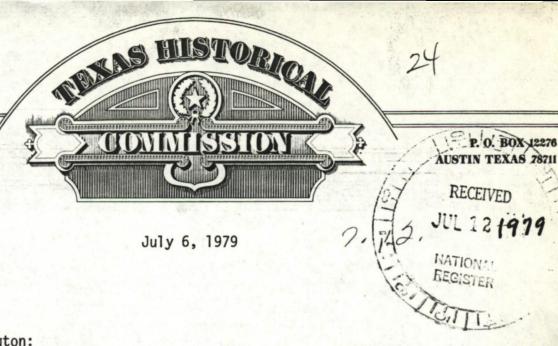
Sincerely,

Truett Latimer State Liaison Officer

By:

M. Wayne Bell, AIA Project Director

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Dear Mr. Herrington:

TRUETT LATIMER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At its meeting June 9, the Texas State Board of Review approved 26 sites and districts on the National Register for review by your office as possible National Historic Landmarks. We understand that this action is appropriate, since the mechanism for nominating National Historic Landmarks has changed. Therefore, we would appreciate your directing the staff to mark the level of significance of these National Register forms as being at the National level and routing them through the National Historic Landmark division for review and possible upgrading. The sites and districts are:

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West of Pecos Railroad Camps District

_ Victoria County - Fort St. Louis Site (41VT4)

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

Mr. Charles Herrington Page Two July 6, 1979



Additional information is enclosed for the George Sealy House. This material recently became available upon the departure of the owner-occupant. Landmark status would be especially valuable for the preservation of this house, since it has been given to the University of Texas and its future use is uncertain. Therefore, we are sending the photographs and report immediately and hope that you might be able to review it first.

The decision on the aforementioned Register properties was made after lengthy discussion and study by SHPO staff members, the Board of Review, and the State Archeologist. We believe them to be of national importance, as evidenced by the statements of significance already on file. If more information is needed, please let me know.

Singerely

State Historic Preservation Officer

TL/cm

Enclosures

Mr. Charles Herrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register
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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

Alley-Carlson House (Marion County)

Epperson-McNutt House (Marion County)

Jefferson Playhouse (Marion County)

Old United States Post Office and Courts Building (Marion County)

Excelsior Hotel (Marion County)

The Presbyterian Manse (Marion County)

George Sealy House (Galveston County)

Old Red (Galveston County)

El Mina Shrine Temple (Galveston County)

Hon. Ralph Webster Yarborough Uhited States Senate Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Yarberough:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure has been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Texas and has been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places." Senator John Tower and Representatives Wright Patman and Jack Brooks have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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