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The boundaries of the proposed historic district are drawn to include the nucleus of major architecturally significant structures by Enrique Portscheller, the lesser stone and adobe buildings typical of the Rio Grande valley and a peripheral area to act as a buffer zone to protect the old Roma community from encroachment by the highway on its east boundary and the bridge approach on the south boundary.

Outstanding historic properties included within the boundaries of the district include the following:

1. Manuel Guerra House and Store. 1878-1884. (HABS TEX 3146)
This is among the finest Portscheller-built structures in Roma.
The building has commercial retail space on the first floor and residential space above. To the rear of the building, adjacent to Hidalgo Street, is a long one-story building which was probably a warehouse for the store.

The principal entrance to the structure is at the corner of the Plaza and Hidalgo Street, and the corner of the structure is cut to accommodate the double-door entrance. This doorway is flanked by brick pilasters set on a low plinth base. The pilasters support molded brick capitals, a brick architrave and a molded brick cornice. In addition to the corner entrance, there are five other double-door entrances on the first floor of the structure. These openings have brick flat arches with a small molded brick cornice above.

On the upper level, a cast-iron balcony with repetative panels of intricate lace-like filigree surrounding the plaza facade and the Hidalgo Street facade. The alternating windows and doors are framed by a composition of flanking pilasters and molded brick entablatures similar to the main entrance on the ground floor.

The building is crowned by a well-proportioned cornice with a cyma recta, fillet and dentil course of molded brick. The finely proportioned architectural embellishments and superior craftsmanship of the structure reveal Portscheller's uniquely personal style which utilizes classical orders similar to classic elements used in the early Renaissance period.

2. Nestor Saenz Store. 1884. (HABS TEX 3124) This outstanding structure designed by Enrique Portscheller is an excellent example of Rio Grande molded brickwork. The classical detail of the corner pilasters, the entablature and cornice, and doorway compositions are similar to those architectural elements found in the Guerra Store. This L-shaped one-story building has a roof of pine beams overlaid with pine decking. The interior woodwork is manufactured from local cypress.

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The historic district of Roma-Los Saenz is a fifteen block area located on a bluff above the Rio Grande. The southwestern boundary of the Roma Historic District is formed by Hidalgo Street between Garfield and Zaragosa streets, a straight line from the intersection of Zaragosa and Hidalgo streets to the bluff above the Rio Grande; the boundary line then follows the edge of the bluff along the Rio Grande. The southeastern boundary of the district runs from the International Bridge crossing the Rio

Grande through the middle of the block bounded by Juarez Alley, Estrella Street, Bravo Alley and Hidalgo Street, to the midpoint of the block bounded by Juarez Alley, Grant Street, Bravo Alley and Estrella Street. The northeastern boundary is formed by a line bisecting the blocks between the abovementioned southeastern corner to a point at Garfield Street equidistant between Grant and Estrella streets. The northwest boundary runs from this point to the intersection of Garfield Street equidistant between Grant and Estrella streets. The northwest boundary runs from this point to the intersection of Garfield and Hidalgo streets.

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- 3. Antonia Saenz House. Ca. 1884. This one-story brick Rio Grande townhouse possesses an outstanding molded brick cornice, as well as molded window and door compositions. The fine proportions and the exploitation of the design potential of the molded brick ornament marks the house as an outstanding example of Portscheller's skill as a master builder.
- 4. Church of Our Lady of Refuge of Sinners. (HABS TEX 3135). The church was designed by Pierre Yves Keralum, who joined the order of Mary Immaculate in 1852 after practicing architecture in France. The church, of which only the tower remains, was a brick Gothic Revival structure.
- 5. Old Roma Convent. Ca. 1880. This one-story brick convent has bayed ends, a porch across the main facade, a diminutive wooden cupola and the fine brickwork and architectural detailing which characterizes Portscheller's work.
- 6. Pablo Ramirez House (now the Knights of Columbus Hall) 1884. This building is a two-story stucco-covered brick structure designed by Enrique Portscheller.
- 7. Raphael Garcia Ramirez House. Ca. 1881. (HABS TEX 3134) (Now part of the Ramirez Hospital). The Ramirez House is a onestory brick Rio Grande townhouse. "The pattern work on the brick parapet implies an excellent knowledge of the design potential of a material as related to a climate which enjoys strong sunlight. The offsets of the doors and windows, the proportions of the double doorway as related to the simple facade can only be the work of a master."
- 8. Manuel Ramirez House (now Ramirez Hospital). The oldest portion of this structure was erected in 1853, by E. R. Hord. The house served as military headquarters during the Civil War. The structure has been greatly enlarged and altered.
- 9. Tino Ramirez House. 1850, 1880s. Local information indicates that a structure on this site was begun in 1850. The twostory brick residence and commercial building appears, on the basis of the brickwork and style, to post-date the Guerra store.
- 10. Noah Cox House. Ca. 1850. The two-story stucco-covered stone residence was built by John Vale. The gable roof is a later addition.
- 11. Leocadia Leandro Garcia House. (HABS TEX 3131). Ca. 1850. Built by John Vale, the house is similar in style and construction to the Noah Cox House across the Plaza. Originally, the house contained commercial space on the ground floor with residential space above. The house was later remodeled as a building for

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Roma-Los Saenz, located on a high bluff above the Rio Grande, in the extreme southern portion of Starr County across the border from Mier, Mexico, was originally a part of Jose de Escandon's colony. The first of Escandon's settlement in the lower Rio Grande was founded in February, 1749, and it was named "Nuestra Senora de Santa Ana de Camargo". In succession by 1753, Reynosa, Dolores and Revilla (Guerrero) and Mier were established. Soon afterwards families from these settlements founded Roma and Rio Grande City on the north side of the Rio Grande.

Joaquin and Juan Angel Saenz were probably the first settlers in the Roma area. In 1760 three members of this colony settled on the bluff at Roma, naming their new community "Buena Vista." The present name of "Roma" was adopted by 1848, after Texas had become a state in the Union. According to the Handbook of Texas, the name Roma, for Rome, was given to a mission built in 1751; Los Saenz honors a Spanish captain, Miguel Saenz, who received a Spanish land grant in 1767. Local tradition, however, attributes the name to several other sources. One of the versions credits the town's name to Major Richard Roman, who served in the area and distinguished himself in the Mexican War.

Roma was an important shipping point on the Rio Grande and mercantile enterprises flourished until steamships were outmoded by the railroads and highways. The era between the Mexican War and the Civil War as well as the Reconstruction Years, brought growth and prosperity to the community. Particularly during the later priod the town had a colorful history. The smuggling of contraband became a highly organized, and if not completely respected, certainly a condoned flourishing business that amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars. With this prosperity came an influx of bandits, among which Abram Garcia, "The White Cavalier," and Juan Nepomuceno Cortina, "The Red Robber of the Rio Grande: were included.

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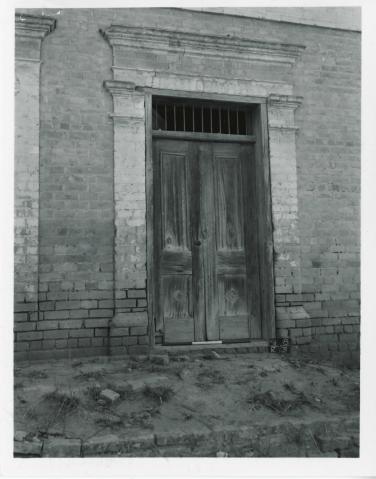
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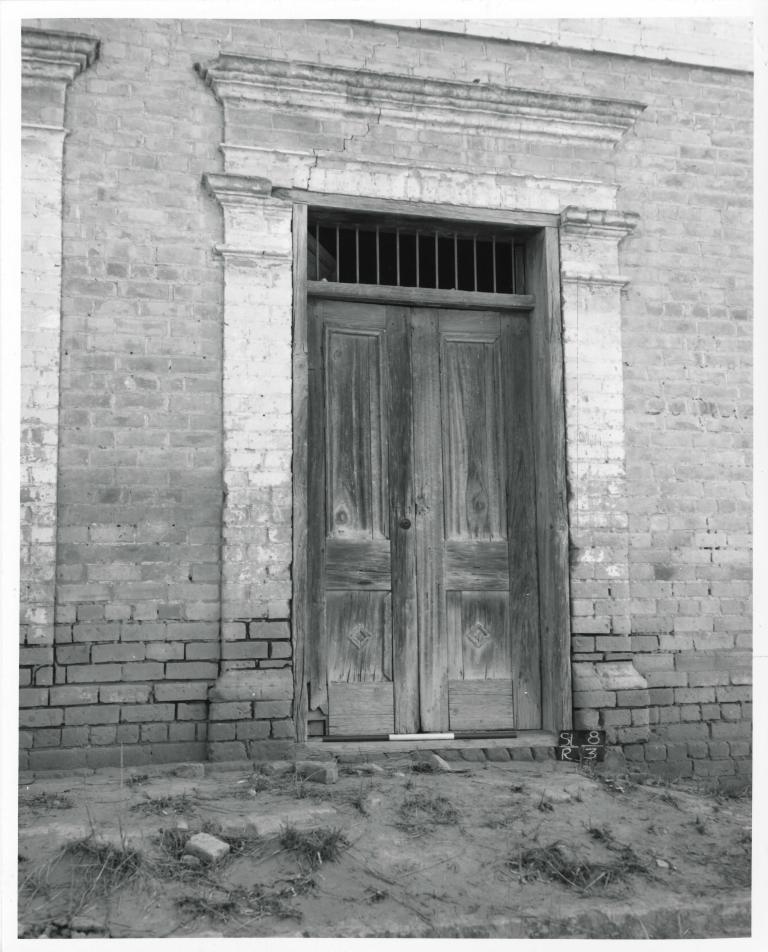
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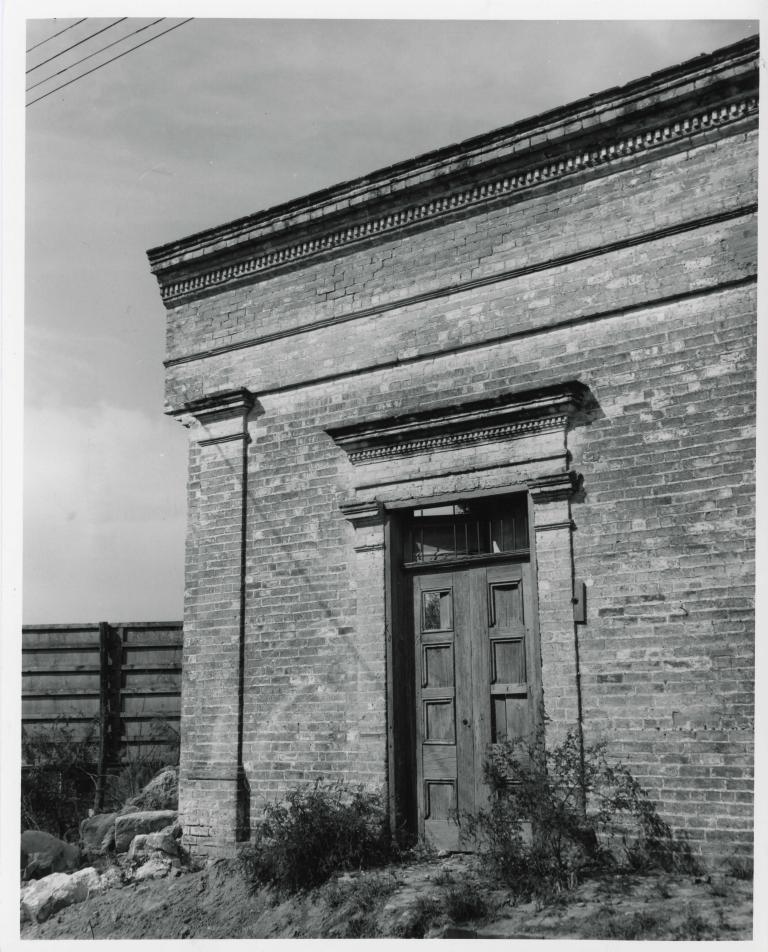
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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

April 26, 1972

Dr. William Murtagh Keeper of the National Register 801 19th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

We wish to correct an error made in the submission of the Roma Historic District, Starr County, Texas 048-427. On continuation sheet #4, the statement of significance, it should read that Enrique Portscheller served in the Prussian, not the Russian, army. I am enclosing a copy of the page in order to indicate this correction.

Sincerely,

Suzanne B. Duncan

Secretary

sbd/s Enclosure

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July 17, 1972

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Honorable Kika de la Garza House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. de la Garza:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on behalf of Mario E. Ramirez,
M. D., concerning the momination of the Roma Historic District in
Roma, Texas, to the National Register of Historic Places.

This nomination hassbeen received from the State and is undergoing professional review by the National Park Service. We will be pleased to expedite this review and to let you know as soon as a decision has been reached.

We appreciate your interest in the National Register program.

Sincerely yours,

Director

cc: Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, POSBox 12276, Capitol Stateion, Austin, Texas 7811 w/cy inc Director, Southwest Region w/cy inc LOS - w/cy inc I - Mr. Winge PHR w/cy inc

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TO: PHR

FROM: Division of Legislative Services (LS)

SUBJECT: Preservation-Southwest

CONTROL NUMBER: CL-0550

SUSPENSE DATE: July 18, 1972

The attached correspondence is forwarded for the preparation of a draft reply. In the event the above suspense date cannot be met, please furnish me an interim draft reply on or before that suspense date, and include reasons for the delay and an estimate as to the date a final reply may be expected.

All draft replies must be surnamed by the Chief of the Division preparing the draft. It will be optional with that Division Chief as to whether his Assistant Director should also surname the draft.

Ira Whitlock

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Mario E. Ramirez, M. D.

STARR COUNTY JUDGE P. O. BOX 188 ROMA TEXAS, 78584

JUNE 27, 1972

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THE HONORABLE KIKA DE LA GARZA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR KIKA:

THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM SOCIETY OF ROMA, TEXAS HAS ASKED ME TO SEND A COPY OF THIS BOOK TO YOU WITH THEIR COMPLIMENTS.

THIS GROUP IS PROUD OF OUR HERITAGE AND IS KEENLY AWARE OF THE WEALTH OF ARCHIOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL LANDMARKS THAT EXISTS IN THIS COMMUNITY. THEY ARE DOING A COMMENDABLE JOB IN TRYING TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE SOME OF THIS FOR POSTERITY.

THE BOOKS WERE SENT TO THEM BY THE AUTHOR TO BE SOLD IN
BENEFIT OF THE NEW ROMA HISTORICAL MUSEUM. THEY SPECIALLY WANTED
YOU TO NOTE PAGE 90 AND TO BECOME AWARE OF THEIR HOPES THAT ROMA
MAY BE NOMINATED AS A HISTORICAL DISTRICT. ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN
DO TO HELP THEM WILL BE APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY,

MARIO E. RAMIREZ, M.D.

COUNTY JUDGE

STARR COUNTY, TEXAS

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My initial proposal in April of 1971 for the Fellowship was the documentation of buildings around the Plaza and a subsequent preservation plan for the same. This proposal was based upon the limited amount of information and facts I had gathered in Austin without ever having been to Roma. I began the project last summer with the specific, but naive, intentions. It would be impossible to communicate my tremendous excitement upon experiencing the Plaza for the first time. I was just beginning to realize there could be much more to my involvement in Roma than merely the "academic" association I had originally anticipated.

My first "revelation" was that my documentation plans should be expanded to include the town of Roma as a whole. The integral relationship of the Plaza, the buildings and the Old Town could not be overlocked. Therefore, I have attempted to portray the town as a complete entity, placing particular emphasis on distinguishing elements of it.

My tenure in Roma broadened my experiences and increased my know-ledge of the people, their community and its particular circumstances. My proposed preservation plan began not to seem as relevant in Roma as it had a few months ago in Austin. To continue with it would merely have been another "exercise" on the drawing board and this is what I sought to avoid. My involvement with the Museum Committee revealed to me a very unique opportunity. I was able to work with people in Roma and apply my efforts towards a real situation.

Total community concern in Roma for the evidences of their past is not strong. The Museum Committee had organized themselves to achieve a specific end in the creation of a museum. But there is a very strong possibility that their efforts could effect a significant change in community attitudes. It is hoped that the enthusiasm of the youth for the museum project will generate an increased community regard for the values of their heritage and create a desire among all of the people to retain and protect the evidences of their past.

I have attempted in this book to illustrate and give meaning to the physical evidences of the past as revealed in the architecture. As this book goes to print, the Texas State Historical Survey Committee is preparing a submission to the National Registry of Historic American Buildings for the nomination of Roma as a Historical District. This recognition on a state and national level certainly heightens the emphasis that should be placed on their architectural legacy.

Many of the finest buildings in Roma remain unused and subject to unfortunate neglect and deterioration. However, there are no instant solutions for the problems of building preservation in Roma. In their small community, their problems are unique and their circumstances are comprehended only by themselves and by the people who have taken the time to observe the situation and absorb the facts. Roma is indeed fortunate that there now exists a recognized group of concerned citizens and a tremendous resource of local youth and talent that are initiating a community awareness and accomplishing the first real step towards the preservation of a very tangible heritage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. U.S. WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Respectfully referred to

Secretary
Department of the Interior
Washington, D C

Dear Mr Secretary

Any assistance you can afford in connection with the attached concerning designation of the City of Roma, Texas, as a historical district will be greatly appreciated. Your consideration and suggestions are invited.

Action Office
For info only

Sincerely

E (Kika) de la Garza M C 15th District – Texas

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JUL 1 3 1972

Hon. Kika de la Garza House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. de la Garza:

Secretary of the Interior Morton has asked us to acknowledge your inquiry in behalf of Mario E. Ramirez, M.D., County Judge, Starr County, Texas, concerning the designation of the city of Roma as a national historic site.

The Secretary appreciates your interest in this matter and we will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Hartzog, Jr.

Director

P.S. If you need to contact someone further concerning this matter, please call the Division of Legislative Services on code 183, extension 38067, or Area Code 202, 343-8067.

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Director, Southwest Region

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State Liaison Officer Mr. Trust's Latimer Executive Director Texas State Historical Survey Committee P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711

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We appreciate your interest in the National Register program.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert M. Utley

Director

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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March 1, 1978

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T. Latimer

Texas Historical Commission

FROM:

Oscar Dodier, Chairman

Government Application Review Committee

SUBSTECT:

A-95 Review

The South Texas Development Council, designated the regional clearinghouse by the Governor, has performed its review and comment functions as directed by OMB Circular A-95. The Committee's report is listed below:

APPLICANT:

Texas Historical Commission

PROUDER TITLE:

Tino Ramirez House - Roma Historical District

COMMITTEE'S COMMENT:

Favorable

Unfavorable

Conditional (See comments below)

## COMMENTS OR OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

Historical consciousness is an area of great concern to the South Texas Development Council. As a result of this, the following goal has been established for this region: "To preserve and interpret the cultural heritage of the South Texas Development Council region through its history." The proposed project is very much in accordance with this goal and its objectives.

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> > Irma G. Yunes Mayor, City of Roma Secretary Treasurer

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 1522 K Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 Start Co. Texas

JUN 19 1978 listed

Mr. John E. Hansel
Special Assistant for the Environment
Economic Development Administration
U. S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Hansel:

On June 15, 1978, we received your concurrence to the additional conditions for the Historic Area Renovation and Paving Improvements, Roma, Texas(EDA #08-11-01768). A copy of that letter is enclosed. As you agree to these conditions, the Executive Director does not object to your determination of no adverse effect.

You should include a copy of this correspondence in any environmental assessment or statement as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Myra F. Harrison Assistant Director Office of Review and Compliance

Enclosure

September 5, 1978

The Honorable Irma G. Yunes Mayor of the City of Roma P. O. Box 947 Roma, Texas 78584

Dear Mayor Yunes:

We have been informed by Truett Latimer, Texas State Historic Preservation Officer, that the proposed developments within the Roma Historic District, an undertaking of the City of Roma utilizing funds provided through Urban Development Action Grant, may have an effect on that District, which is included in the National Register of Historic Places and therefore entitled to the protection afforded it by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320). As you are no doubt aware, Section 58.24 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Environmental Review Procedures for Community Development" (24 CFR Part 58) delegates HUD's responsibilities for compliance with the Federal preservation authorities, including Section 106, to the Chief Executive of the applicant community.

Therefore, the Council requests that you investigate this matter to determine whether the nature of the effect requires that you obtain the comments of the Council in accordance with Section 106. Steps to determine this responsibility are set forth in Section 800.4 of the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). A copy of the Council's Procedures is enclosed.

The Council requests that you report the results of your investigation to this office at the earliest opportunity. If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Michael H. Bureman of the Council's Denver office, P. O. Box 25085, Denver, Colorado 80225, or (303) 234-4946.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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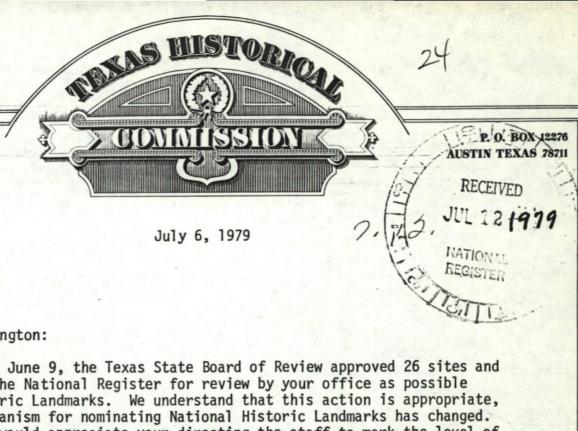
Louis S. Wall Assistant Director, Office of Review and Compliance, Denver

Roma/106/City-HUD/UDAG Projects TX/City

AC Member Kennedy

cc:

Enclosure



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:

nothing Bexar County - San Fernando Cathedral Briscoe County - Lake Theo Folsom Site

Cherokee County - George C. Davis Site (41CE19) (A proposed addition to the Davis Site was submitted June 27, 1979)

**E**El Paso County - Hueco Tanks (41EP2)

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State County - Steadman Site (41FS2)

Galveston County - "Old Red" (Ashbel Smith Building)

George Sealy House

CHutchinson County - Adobe Walls

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C Menard County - Fort McKavett

Nacogdoches County - Oil Springs Oil Field Discovery Well
Panola County - International Boundary Marker

C Pecos County - Canon Ranch Railroad Windmill

Red River County - Kiomatia Mounds Archeological District

Starr County - Roma Historic District

□ Terrell County Meyers Springs Pictograph Site (41TE9)

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Seminole Canyon Archeological District

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
Office of Archeology & Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
Pension Building
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 24, 1980

Mr. Chris Delaporte U.S. Department of Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Chris:

Several constituents have contacted me concerning their interest in having the old Roma International Bridge included in the Roma Historical District. I would appreciate any pertinent information you could provide pertaining to the status of this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

PLEASE REPLY TO:

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Ronorable Lloyd Bentsen United States Senator 912 Federal Building Austin, Texas 78701

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Dear Senator Bentsen:

Thank you for your letter of October 24, 1980, concerning the possible inclusion of the Roma International Bridge in the Roma Historic District, Starr County, Texas, a listing in the National Register of Mistoric Places.

Mominations to the National Register are made by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12275, Capitel Station, Austin, Texas 78711. We have been informed by Mr. Latimer's staff that a proposal to adjust the boundaries of this district to include the Roma International Bridge has been approved by the State review board and will be forwarded to the Seritage Conservation and Recreation Service for final review. We will inform you if the revised boundaries of the Roma Historic District are approved by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Sincerely,

CHRIS T. DELAPORTE

Chris Therral Delaporte Director

Your Washington, D.C. Office

cc: Mr. Truett Latimer, SHPO, Austin, Texas 78711 ) w/c of inc.

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