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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name La Mesa Motel

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 7407 Central Avenue NE

not for publication

city or town Albuquerque

vicinity

state New Mexico

code NM

county Bernalillo

code 001

zip code 87108

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

10-4-93
Date

[Signature]
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

[Signature] 11-22-93

La Mesa Motel
Name of Property

Bernalillo County, NM
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Spanish-Pueblo Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other wood

Narrative Description

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

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

architecture

Period of Significance

1938-1956

Significant Dates

1938

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

Primary location of additional data:

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

La Mesa Motel
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization contract historian date August, 1993

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city or town Albuquerque state NM zip code 87108

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Bernalillo County, New Mexico

7. Description

The La Mesa Motel is a one-story building with a flat asphalt roof, white stucco walls, and a concrete foundation. The motel reveals a modest use of Pueblo Revival Style details including slightly rounded parapets, stepped roofs, corbels and porch posts marking the seven porches over the double entries, exposed viga-like square beams, and an exterior battered chimney at the residence portion of the building. Single and paired double-hung windows have six over six lights and the doors are wood panel. The office portion fronting on the sidewalk, probably built in the late 1940s, has a flat roof with a wide overhang and metal and wood casement windows.

The property is organized in a linear plan with all of the units except the rear one, which faces south, facing east on a parking lot that is bounded on its east side by a four ft. concrete block wall. A porte cochere with metal support posts extends over the driveway from the office. The motel's sign consists of a large vertical sign, portions of it neon and portions of it a florescent replacement, extending out over the sidewalk and supported by a metal post. The office roof is framed with neon. The spatial arrangement of the property and the relatively unaltered appearance of the building imbue the property with a strong feeling of an early 1940s tourist court.

8. Statement of Significance

The Mesa Motel is one of the best examples of a largely unaltered pre-World War II tourist court remaining along Route 66 in New Mexico. The motel was built in 1938, within a year of the realignment of Route 66 along Central Avenue, and at the time was one of the easternmost motels along the East Central Avenue commercial strip. Other motels would soon appear in this area, profiting not only from the traffic along the highway but from visitors attending the New Mexico State Fair, located less than a

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Significance (continued)

half mile to the west. Because of this close association with tourism along Route 66, the property is eligible under Criterion A. The property also qualifies under Criterion C for the way in which its setting, location, design and materials reflect early tourist court construction in New Mexico. In particular, the spatial arrangement of the complex with its long linear plan and its use of several Pueblo Revival Style details to evoke a southwestern imagery enhance the significance of the property.

9. Bibliography

Albuquerque City Directory. 1938.

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 4-8 and the W 60 ft. of lots 12-15 of the La Mesa Addition.

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes only the portion of the lots on which the nominated building is situated.

