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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Luna Lodge

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Location

street & number 9019 Central Avenue NE  not for publication

city or town Albuquerque  vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Bernalillo code 001 zip code 87123

#### 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.)

X [Signature] SHPO 4-21-98  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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 of the Keeper

[Signature]

Date of Action

6/11/98

Luna Lodge  
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	
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

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

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

COMMERCE: restaurant

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Southwest Vernacular

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other glass

**Narrative Description**

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

Luna Lodge  
Name of Property

Bernalillo County, NM  
County and State

**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**

1949-1956

**Significant Dates**

1949

**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):**

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_



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Bernalillo County, New Mexico

7. Description

The Luna Lodge consists of two one-story buildings and a third building with a two-story portion. The second floor serves as the manager's residence and is located over the office at the southwest corner of the property. The buildings have flat roofs, white stucco walls, and concrete foundations, and details reflect a modest use of the Southwest Vernacular Style. The elements as well as the spatial arrangement of the property, including the cafe, and the relatively unaltered appearance of the buildings imbue the property with a strong feeling of an early 1950s tourist court.

Southwest Vernacular Style details include a parapet, flared stucco hoods over doors and slightly articulated stucco sills. The windows are metal casement, and most doors are wood panel with no lights. The front portion of the office has a roof with a wide overhang mirroring its curved walls. Large, multi-light metal casement windows wrap around the office, flanking its wood frame door. The second-story residential portion has an infill at the front in which a room with a large picture window replaced an earlier porch. A cafe located at the southeast corner, and several feet wider than the line of living units adjoining it, also has metal casement windows. The motel's neon consists of straight and zig-zag patterns outlining the parapets of the buildings and the second-story walls of the residence and a "coffee shop" sign above the cafe.

The property is organized in a broken U-plan with twenty-eight units divided among the three discreet portions of the motel, forming a long interior courtyard that faces Central Avenue. A small concrete median in the middle of the courtyard determines traffic flow. Flanking the entry to the courtyard and set back about twenty-five feet from the sidewalk are the office and a cafe. A metal pole located at the sidewalk supports several signs for the motel and cafe. In addition to the infill of the second-story porch, other changes include the infill of

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some garages located only on the west wing and a replacement of some of the motel's original signs. These changes, however, do not detract from the historic feeling of the property.

8. Statement of Significance

The Luna Lodge is one of the best examples of a largely unaltered tourist court remaining along Route 66 in New Mexico. The motel was built in 1949 and at the time was one of the easternmost motels along the East Central Avenue commercial strip. Because of this close association with the golden era of 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 U-plan punctuated by the office/residence and cafe at either end enhances the significance of the property, recalling how the combination of food and lodging offered at campgrounds in the early decades of automobile tourism persisted in the postwar years. Criterion Consideration G also applies to the property in that it is of exceptional importance within its property type. It reflects the continuation of the same building patterns for tourist courts, as discussed in the Multiple Property listing, that appeared prior to World War II and then through the period of significance.

9. Bibliography

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Verbal Boundary Description

The eastern half of Lots 1-10 of the replat of Block 4 of the  
Waggoman-Denison Addition, referred to in the City of  
Albuquerque's Zone Atlas as SP 84-434.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes only the lots on which the Luna Lodge are  
located.

wa Lodge  
5 Central Ave NE  
buquerque  
raillo Co. NM

5820  
82600 5' 00"

T 10 N  
T 9 N  
3879  
2' 30"



