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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Bexar	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Spanish Governor's Palace

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
105 Military Plaza

CITY OR TOWN:
San Antonio

STATE Texas	CODE 78205	COUNTY: Bexar	CODE 029
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of San Antonio

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN:
San Antonio

STATE: Texas	CODE 048
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
San Antonio

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Texas State Historical Survey 1964

DATE OF SURVEY: **1964** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Texas State Historical Survey Committee

STREET AND NUMBER:
105 West 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Austin

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

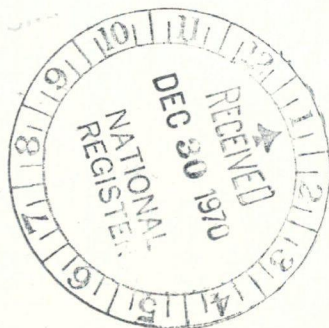
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Spanish Governor's Palace faces Military Plaza in downtown San Antonio. In 1891 the City Hall was built right in the middle of this historic plaza, and nineteenth century commercial structures flank the Palace today (1970). The principal facade of the building is long and low, with four irregularly spaced carved double doors and three windows. The plan is U-shaped enclosed within a rectangle formed by a wall enclosing the central space corresponding to a central rear room as an open terrace. The Palace is three rooms wide and three rooms deep with entrance hall and back stairway to a loft to the right of the front central room and rear terrace. There is an arcaded terrace in an ell at the left rear and a walled patio with walks, fountain, and well at the rear.

The three-foot thick walls of the long one-story building are stone, lime-plastered, and rise in a parapet above the flat roof. Over the magnificent paneled carved main entrance door is a key-stone bearing the arms of the Hapsburgs and the date 1749. Wrought iron grills bar the windows on the street front and projecting downspouts or canales carry the rain water off the roof. There are 10 rooms and a loft, where food was stored. The floors are of flagstone or tile. The rooms are presently designated as: chapel, entrance hall, ballroom, office of the governor, dining room, living room, family bedroom, kitchen, stairway, terrace, and bedroom. Overhead the exposed hand-hewn rafters are of cypress. Both the dining room and ballroom have hooded fireplaces. The rooms in the rear open out onto the patio.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1749

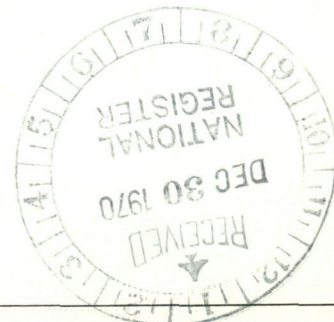
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spanish Governor's Palace in San Antonio is an excellent and well-restored example of a large Spanish colonial town-house. It is also the only remaining example in Texas of an aristocratic eighteenth century Spanish residence. The exact date of erection of the building is not known, although the keystone over the main door bears the arms of the Hapsburgs and the date 1749. The building is known to have been used as the comandancia, the headquarters and residence of the captain of the presidio of San Antonio de Bexar which had been built for the protection of the Mission San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo), and who was the ranking representative of the King of Spain in the absence of the Governor. The name "Spanish Governor's Palace" is traditional. Two families in turn had private ownership of the building for 165 years; among them were governors, acting governors, captains of the garrison, and civil alcaldes. The property came into the possession of Luis Antonio Menchaca, captain of the presidio, in 1763, and remained in the possession of his family until 1803. In 1804 the house was purchased by Ignacio Perez, whose heirs retained the title until the City of San Antonio bought it for \$55,000 in 1928. In the 1860s the house was used as a school house. Later is housed a second hand clothing store, a restaurant, and a bar. By the time the city has acquired it for the purpose of restoration, the building had been considerably altered. The house was restored in 1929-30 under the direction of Harvey P. Smith, architect. Now open to visitors as a museum, the Spanish Governor's Palace is furnished with Spanish Colonial period pieces.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 1964.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Texas, A Guide to the Lone Star State (American Guide Series) (New York, 1959)
 Trent E. Sanford. The Architecture of the Old Southwest (N.Y., '50)
 Hugh Morrison. Early American Architecture (New York, 1952)
 James G. VanDerPool. "Historical Development of Architecture in the U.S.A., 1632-1912" (N.P.S. Typescript, 1966)
 Arnold Nicholson. American Houses in History. (New York, 1965)
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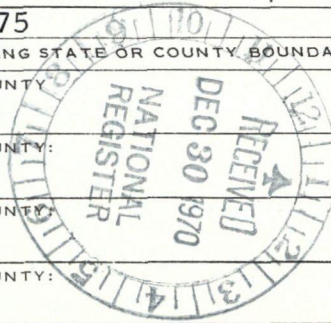
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.375

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wayne Bell, Project Director
Roxanne Williamson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 7-27-70

STREET AND NUMBER: 105 West 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 048

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]
 Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 12-15-70

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____



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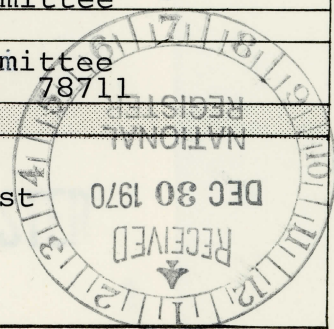
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108 W. 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78711

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of front facade, from the east





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View of patio; (interior courtyard)



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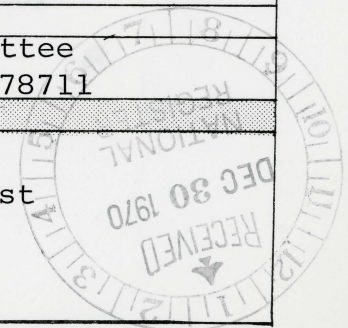
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View of principal door, from the east



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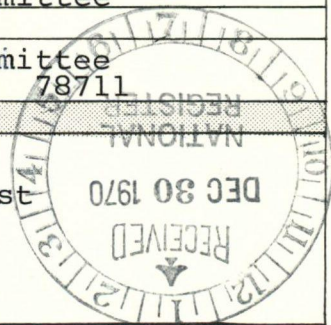
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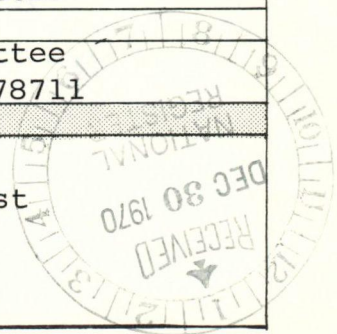
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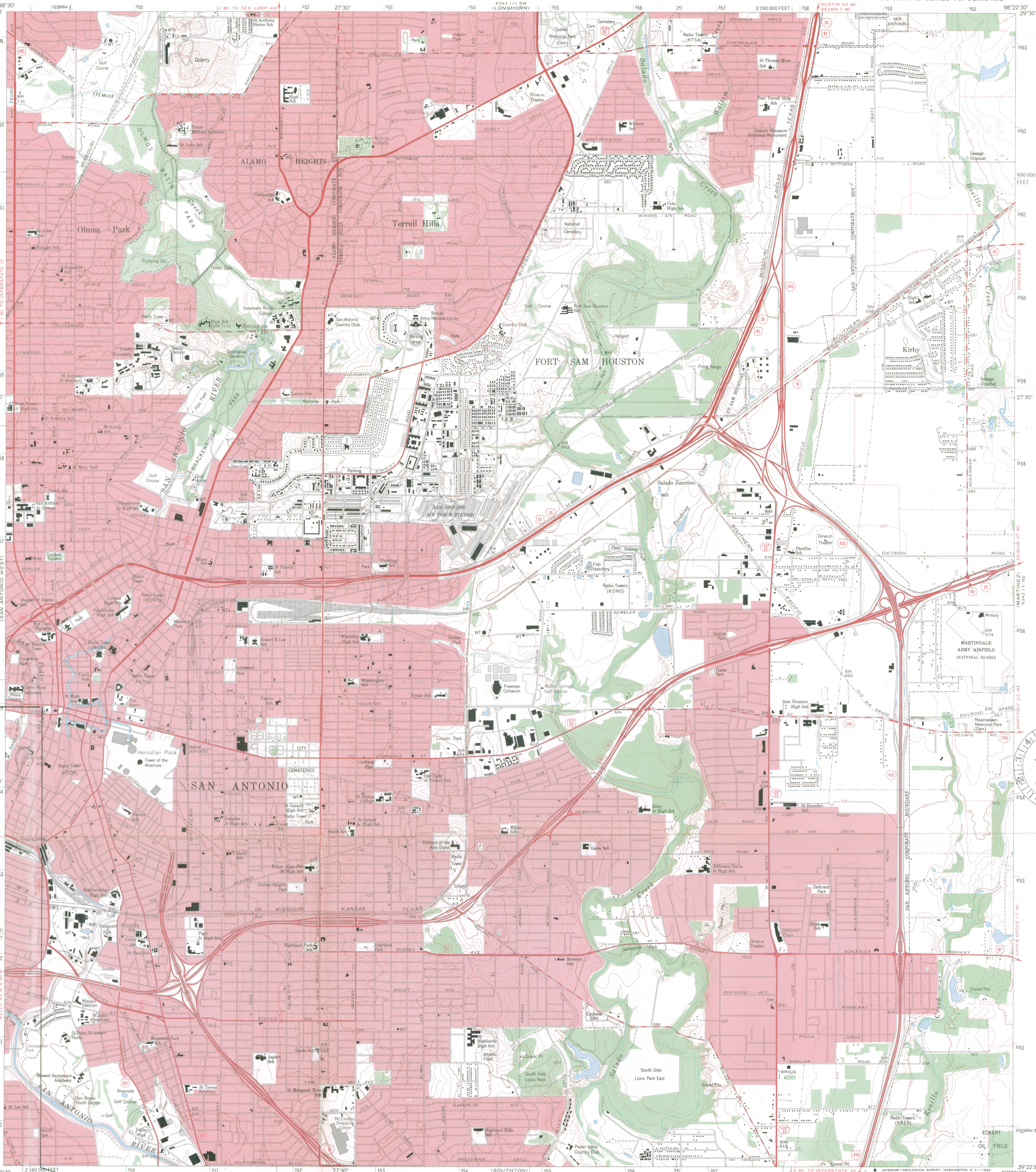
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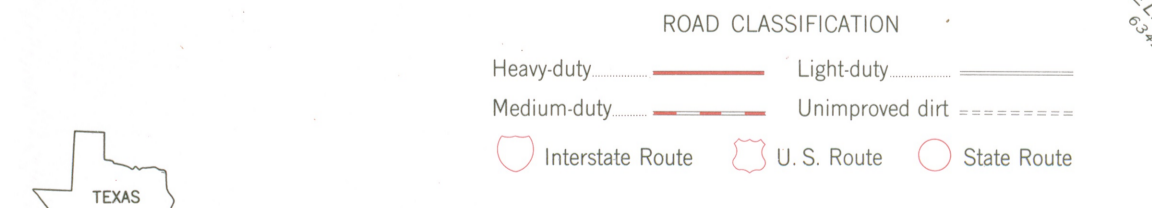
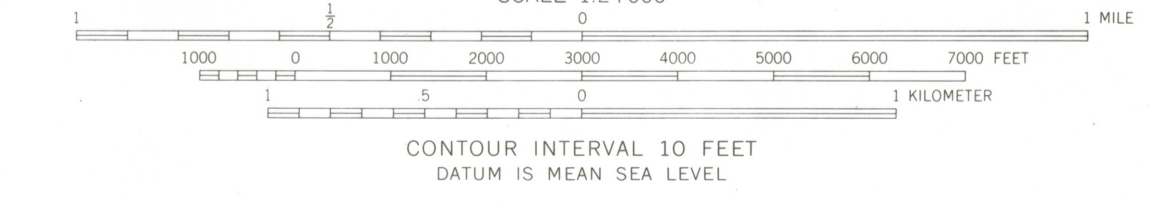
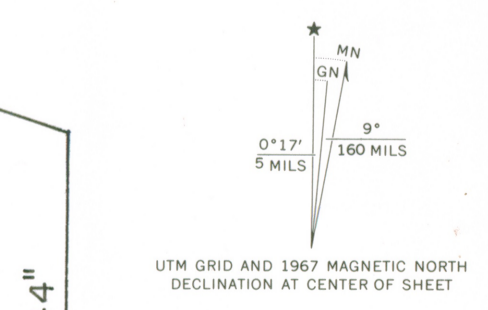




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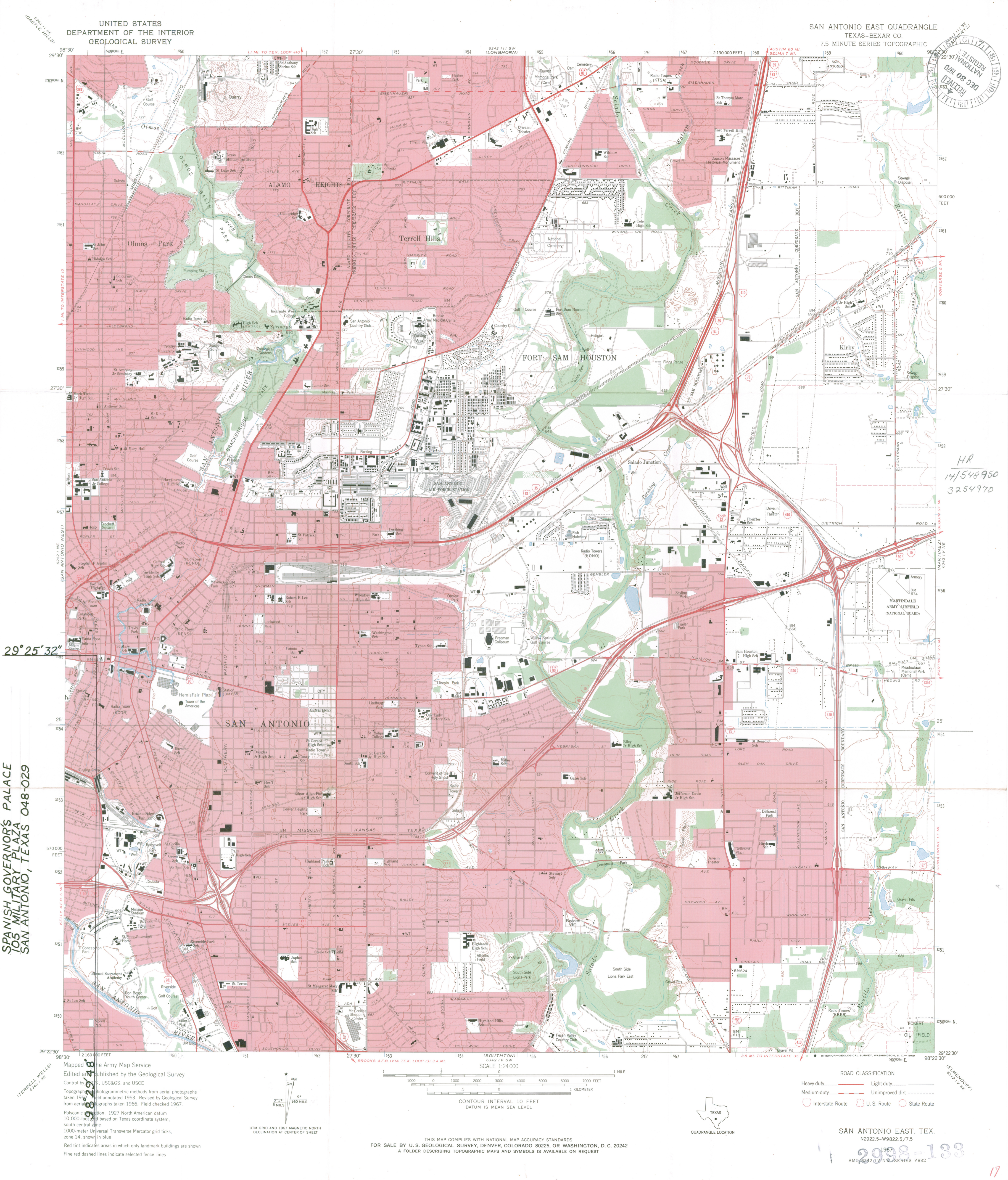
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 048-029

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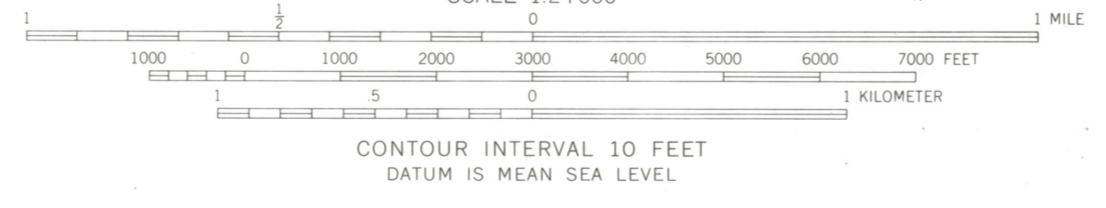
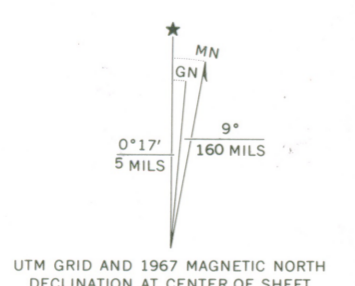
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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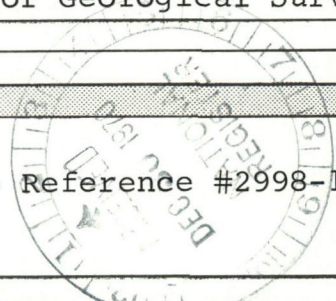
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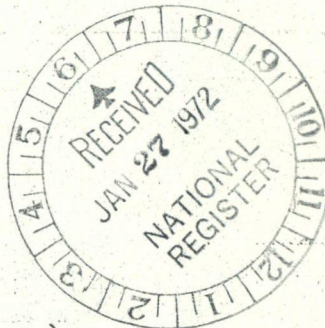
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SPANISH GOVERNOR'S PALACE

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(County)

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