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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC First Mortgage Company Building
 AND/OR COMMON
 First National Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
109 N. Oregon St. ___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN El Paso ___ VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16

STATE Texas CODE 048 COUNTY El Paso CODE 141 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME First National Associates

STREET & NUMBER c/o Mr. Aaron Gural 7501 Broadway

CITY, TOWN New York ___ VICINITY OF STATE New York 10036

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. El Paso County Court House

STREET & NUMBER 500 East San Antonio Street

CITY, TOWN El Paso STATE Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE El Paso's Historic Past - Historic Preservation

DATE 1977 ___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Dept. of Planning, Research and Development

CITY, TOWN El Paso STATE Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED (slightly)

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First National Building, located in the heart of the downtown business district, was built in 1920-21 in the developing commercial skyscraper style. The fifteen story building is rectangular in plan. The underlying structure is of reinforced concrete, with three 18 foot bays on the Oregon Street side and five 24 foot bays on the Sheldon Street side. The exterior skin is of buff brick manufactured in Chicago with tan terra-cotta trim. The mass of the building is organized in a tripartate scheme with the base, a shaft, and a capital. Access to the interior is through entrances on the north and east facades. The ground floor plan consists of a small elevator lobby and retail space; the upper floors hold office space.

The design of the exterior was in response to the commercial style employed by the architects and to the desire to carefully blend the new building with the elements of the earlier building it was connected to, built in 1905 in the second renaissance revival style.

At the base of the building, the ornamentation is a continuation of that on the earlier building--two story pilasters and capital ornaments supporting a continuous architrave, with spandrels slightly recessed at the second floor. The double hung windows on the east facade are grouped in sets of three as they were on the earlier building. Windows paired in sets of two are found in each bay of the north facade.

The shaft, composed of the third through the thirteenth stories, is accentuated with ornamental banding of brick and terra-cotta. The windows in each bay have continuous terra-cotta sills and are set above slightly recessed spandrels.

The capital--the fourteenth and fifteenth stories--is defined by continuous terra-cotta ornamental banding and pilasters. The building is capped with a dentiled and fluted cornice supported by elaborate terra-cotta ornaments.

The west and south facades are more simply articulated. The windows are mounted flush with the wall surface. Window placement is determined by a fire escape on the west and a service core of bathrooms, stairs, and elevators on the south. Definition of the tripartate scheme employed on the principal facades is accomplished with simple banding of terra-cotta and brickwork.

The basic design and ornamentation of the First National Building remains unmodified. In the late 1950s the building was remodeled; an air conditioning system was installed and the exterior of the first two floors was "modernized" with aluminum panels on the principal facades. The elevators were semi-automated, but retain the original cabs. The current owners plan to restore the principal facades to their original appearance.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

MAY 5 1978

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES Begun May, 1920 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Barglebaugh & Whitson
 Completed March, 1921 Architects, Dallas, Texas

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First National Building in downtown El Paso is a large commercial structure reflecting the rapidly expanding economy of the city during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The fifteen story building, a commercial style skyscraper, was built to accommodate the growing financial institutions and professional interests in the 1920s. Through the years, the First National Building has retained its architectural and functional integrity, unlike many of the buildings surrounding it.

The design of the First National Building was influenced by the spatial needs of the First National Bank of El Paso and the First Mortgage Company, and by the desire to integrate this new building with the existing American Bank Building to which it was to be connected. The First National Building was built, as influenced by these needs and desires, to provide office space for the growing city of El Paso, to provide additional space for the First National Bank, and to house the First Mortgage Company.

The First National Bank was chartered May 26, 1881--the first national bank in El Paso--and saw steady growth until its doors were closed to depositors on September 4, 1931. By 1914 the bank had increased its capital sixteen-fold, was one of the five organizing banks of the Federal Reserve Bank of the eleventh district, and had taken over the control of two local banks. One of these consolidations was with the American National Bank. The American National Bank Building, a seven story second renaissance revival style structure built in 1905, was enlarged and occupied by the First National Bank in 1914. In 1920 the First National Bank consolidated with a third bank and additional space was needed.

Property adjoining the existing bank building on the Oregon Street side was purchased in conjunction with the First Mortgage Company. Barglebaugh & Whitson, an architectural firm based in Dallas, Tx., was commissioned to design the new building. Whitson (1889-1973) was educated at the University of Minnesota with an engineering mechanics degree. The design of the building was influenced by the desire to relate the new building to the existing bank building built ca. 1905.

Construction was begun on the new building--which was originally named the First Mortgage Building but was later known as the First National Building--on Monday, May 3, 1920, by J. C. Buchanan, an El Paso contractor. A fifteen story, reinforced concrete skyscraper--the second skyscraper in El Paso and the tallest for many years--was built, connected by corridors to the existing, newly remodeled bank building. The construction cost including the site was \$1,029,064.57. The new building had 54 feet of frontage on Oregon Street and 120 feet of frontage on Sheldon Street. The west half of the ground floor of the new building was specially equipped with large vaults for the bank. The First Mortgage Company occupied the second floor of the new building. There were 215 offices in the new building and a total of 415 offices in both buildings. These offices were "fitted up with the latest type of equipment", according to newspaper accounts at the time of construction, and finished in red gum wood. The lobby was finished in marble.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

El Paso Herald September 24, 1929.
 El Paso Times September 28, 1921.
 May 3, 1920.
 Morgan, Frank, El Paso in Pictures, El Paso: The Press, 1971.
 Person Interviewed: Lea R. Daniel, 109 W. Oregon, El Paso, April, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME El Paso, Tex

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 359068 3514408
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SW corner at North Oregon Street and Sheldon Court
 North Oregon Street Frontage = 54 ft.
 Sheldon Court Frontage = 120 ft.

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 / TITLE

Laurie Limbacher

ORGANIZATION

Eugene George AIA

DATE

April 13, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1224 American Bank Tower

TELEPHONE

713/472-1201

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

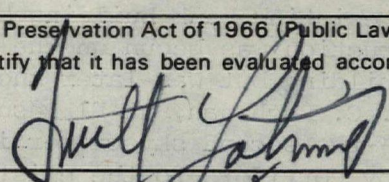
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



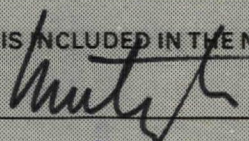
TITLE

DATE

May 1, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE

6/13/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William Lebovich

DATE

June 12, 1978

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Four high speed traction elevators were installed with flashlight signal systems and illuminated thresholds, "a new type for El Paso". Another innovation was the fireproof stair shaft within the building. The design of the First National Building resulted in a bank that "in point of beauty, equipment, facilities and conveniences...will not be equaled by any banking room in the southwest" and in a structure that was "one of the most desirable locations in the city" and that served as "the laying of the biggest milestone along the city development highway thus far traveled".

With further prosperity and growth in El Paso, the building remained a desirable investment. In 1929, the First Mortgage Company sold the building to Joshua S. Reynolds, then president of the First National Bank, of the Reynolds Holding Company. W. H. Bucher and C. L. Hill were given control of the building in 1933. The building was transferred in 1936 to Anne Bucher of the Bucher Corporation. The building was sold in early 1959 to Newmark & Associates of New York, after a modernization program that included air conditioning and remodeling of the lobby. Abbott & Adams, Inc. of New York purchased the building in 1962 and conveyed it to First National Associates, New York, in 1965. Since 1970, the building has been leased by the Great River Corporation of El Paso.

Through the years the First National Building has retained its architectural integrity. The old First National Bank Building next door has not shared the same fate. It was sold at auction in 1935, drastically altered, and is currently used as a furniture store. The First National Building remains the earliest building of its type in El Paso that has not been drastically altered. It is currently in use as an office building with plans for restoration of the ground floors, supporting the revitalization effort in downtown El Paso.

Property First Mortgage Company Building

78002925
El Paso

State Texas

Working Number 5.5.78.3038

TECHNICAL

Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL

~~OK~~ 5.8.78

As with court houses, the associative value or role is self-evident - but here - amazingly unexplained - except in context of history before 1921. *Sheffy*
quality - it is historical *5-18-78 accept?*

HISTORIAN

Adjoining building no longer part of the complex - it was sold and drastically altered. *accept*
- This building's lower floors are ^{part of a} planned restoration. *Reisman 5.19.78*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

although significance could be more explicit, the bldg is of significance as a symbol of El Paso's rapid growth in 1920's

Accept
Lebovich
22 May 78

BRANCH CHIEF

Lebovich for
Cole 6/12/78

KEEPER

perman 6/13/78

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 7.5.78

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered JUN 13 1978

INT:2106-74



First National Building
El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas
Photo by Darst-Ireland, 1978
Negative filed with Mr. Lea R. Daniel
109 N. Oregon, El Paso, Tx.
Detail of terra-cotta ornament at cornice

MAY 5 1978

JUN 13 1978

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Darst-Ireland Photography
1300 E. 10th St.
El Paso, Texas

20659



PLAZA
MOTOR
HOTEL

ALLRIGHT
AUTO PARK
50 - 2500

MAY 5 1978
MAY 10 1978

First National Building
El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas
Photo by Darst- Ireland, 1978
Negative filed with Mr. Lea R. Daniel
109 N. Oregon, El Paso, Tx.
West Elevation

JUN 13 1978

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Darst-Ireland Photography
1300 E. Yandell
El Paso, Texas 79902

20699-4



First National Building
El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas
Photo copy by Darst-Ireland
Negative filed with Mr. Lea R. Daniel
109 N. Oregon, El Paso, Tx.
First National Building (at right) in 1922

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MAY 5 1978

JUN 13 1978

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Darst-Ireland Photography
1300 E. Yandell
El Paso, Texas 79902

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

MAY 5 1978

First National Building
El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas
Photo copy by Darst-Ireland
Negative filed with Mr. Lea R. Daniel
109 N. Oregon, El Paso, Tx.
Architect's rendering, Barglebaugh & Whitson
Architects

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JUN 13 1978

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Darst-Ireland Photography
1300 E. Yandell
El Paso, Texas 79902

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AD FURNITURE

WING 1911
FOR OVER
YEARS

FIRST NATIONAL BLDG.

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LOANS

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First National Building
El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas
Photo by Darst-Ireland, 1978
Negative filed with Mr. Lea R. Daniel
109 N. Oregon, El Paso, Tx.
East Elevation

MAY 5 1978

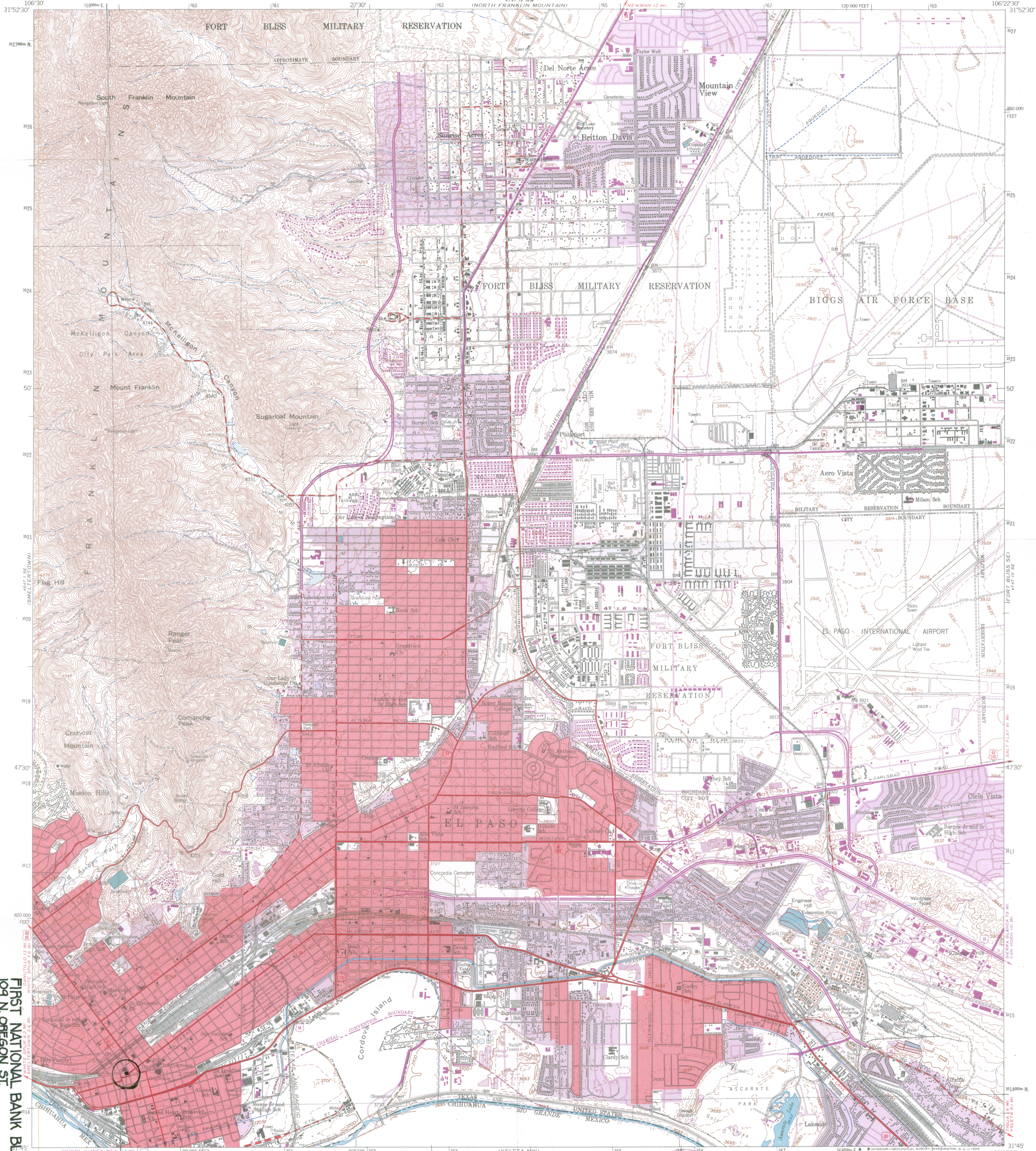
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JUN 13 1978
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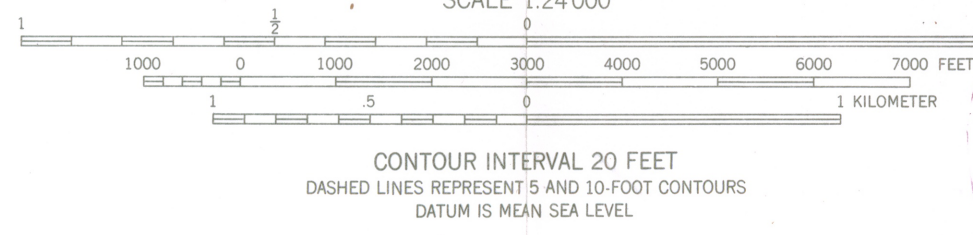
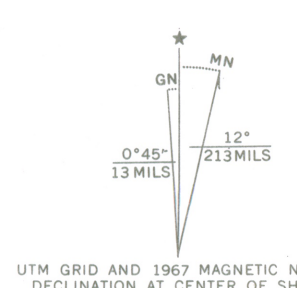
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
104 N. OREGON ST.
EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 19/539068/3514408

Map by the Army Map Service
Published for civil use by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1954. Photography field annotated 1955
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 13, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
aerial photographs taken 1967. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



SCALE 1:24 000
DASHED LINES REPRESENT 5 AND 10-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION JUN 13 1978

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Heavy-duty | Light-duty |
| Medium-duty | Unimproved dirt |
| Interstate Route | U.S. Route |
| | State Route |

EL PASO, TEX.
SW/4 PORT BLISS 15' QUADRANGLE
N3145-W10622.5/7.5
1955
PHOTOREVISED 1967
AMS 4747 IV SW-SERIES V882

FEB 19 1974

3106-432

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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Texas Historical Commission
 Box 12276, Capitol Station
 Austin, Texas 78711
 Truett Latimer
 Executive Director

NOTICE OF ACTIVITY

RE: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

For your information and consideration we report that pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665) as administered by this office:

PROPERTY NAME: *First National Bldg. (First Mortgage Co. Bldg.)*

LOCATION: *El Paso, Texas*

_____ will be considered by the State Review Board for its eligibility for nomination to the National Register at a meeting on _____ at _____.

was, ~~was not~~, judged eligible for nomination to the National Register by the State Review Board at its meeting of *April 20, 1978*.

has been nominated to the National Register.

_____ was added to the National Register by the National Park Service on _____.

Additional information and copies of nominations are available from our office.

Distribution:

_____ State A-95 Clearinghouse

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_____ City Planning

_____ County Judge

County Historical Commission Chairman

*Let R. Daniel
 Attorney at Law
 Suite 920, 1st National Bldg
 109 N. Oregon St.
 El Paso, TX 79901*

FIRST NATIONAL ASSOCIATES

April 27, 1978

Doctor William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register of
Historic Places
Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

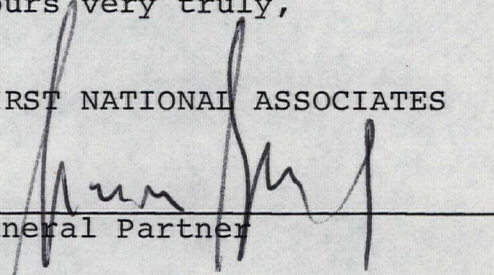
Dear Doctor Murtagh:

We, as owner, respectfully request a determination of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING located at 109 North Oregon Street, City and County of El Paso, State of Texas, formerly the First Mortgage Company Building. Documentation necessary to make this determination is being sent to you under separate cover by Mr. Truett Lattimer, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission.

We understand the implications of the Tax Reform Act of 1976, waive the 30-day waiting period and request that the nomination be reviewed immediately.

Yours very truly,

FIRST NATIONAL ASSOCIATES



General Partner

GREAT RIVER CORP.
109 N. Oregon St., Suite 920
El Paso, Texas 79901

May 8, 1978

Doctor William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register of
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Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Doctor Murtagh:

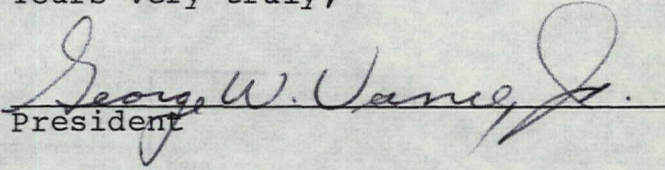
Re: Application For Nomination To The National
Register, First National Building El Paso,
Texas

Please find enclosed for your consideration in connection
with the above referenced application:

1. Copy of "Notice Of Activity Re: National Register
Of Historic Places" issued by the Texas Historical
Commission relative to First National Building.
2. Original of letter dated April 27, 1978 from First
National Associates (owner of First National Build-
ing) waiving the 30-day waiting period, requesting
that the Nomination be reviewed immediately and con-
firming its understanding of the implications of the
Tax Reform Act of 1976.

We would very much appreciate your advise as to when the
application will be acted upon by you.

Yours very truly,


President

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

MAY 11 1978

DATE RECD _____

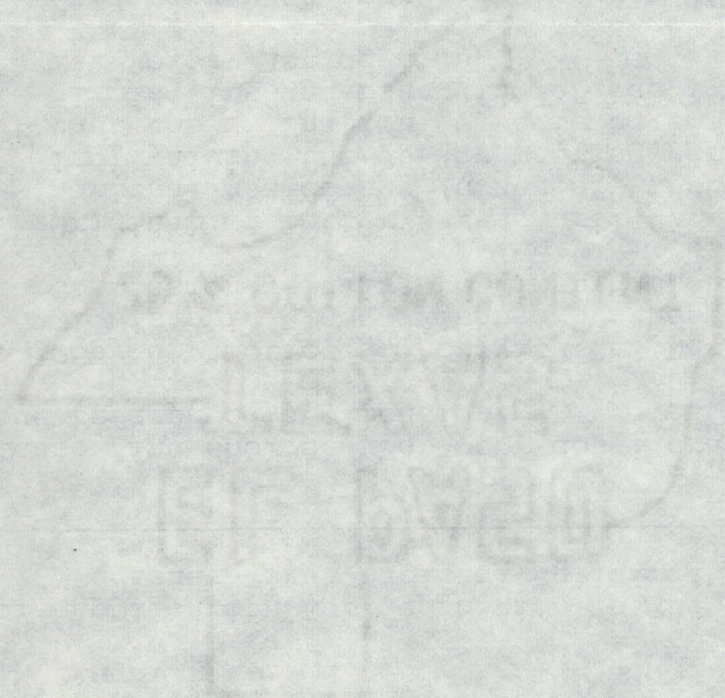
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INFORMATIVE MATERIALS _____

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED) _____

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____



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Waiver

FIRST NATIONAL ASSOCIATES

May 16, 1978

Doctor William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register of
Historic Places
Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Doctor Murtagh:

Re: Application For Nomination to The National
Register, First National Building
El Paso, Texas

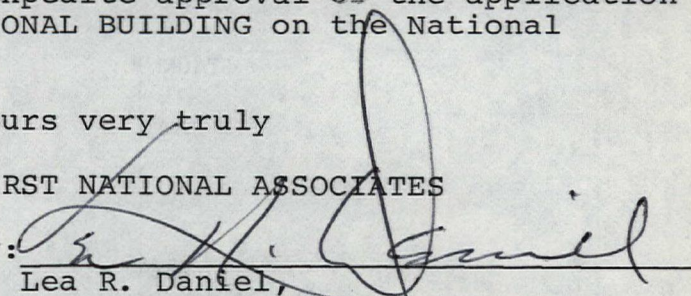
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First National Associates hereby:

1. Waives the 10 - day comment period for the Federal Register.
2. Waives the 30 - day period relative to tax credit. We understand the tax implications set forth in the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and have no objections to First National Building being placed on the National Register.
3. Requests that you expedite approval of the application to place FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING on the National Register.

Yours very truly

FIRST NATIONAL ASSOCIATES

By: 
Lea R. Daniel,
Agent for First National Associates

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D **MAY 22 1978**

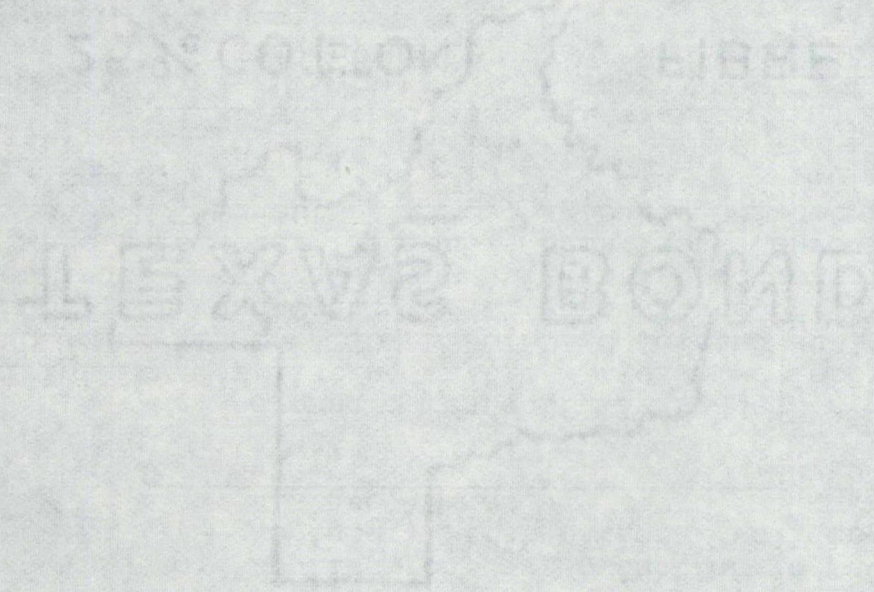
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

NATIVE AMERICAN SORT

FEDERAL FILE (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered JUN 13 1978

Name

Location

Steele House

Navasota
Grimes County

First Mortgage Company Building

El Paso
El Paso County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Charles Wilson
Honorable Richard C. White

State Historic Preservation Office
Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

NR Mott/bjr 6/20/78

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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|---|--|---|-------------|---|--|
| 1 NAME as it appears on federal register: First Mortgage Company Building | | 2 OTHER NAMES: First National Building | | 3 date of entry: JUN 13 1978 | 4 county code: 141 |
| 5 LOCATION street & number 109 N. Oregon St. | | city / town El Paso | vicinity of | state TX | county El Paso |
| 7 OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name) | | 8 ADMINISTRATOR: | | 6 NPS REGION: SW | |
| 9 EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL | | 10 FUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 16th | 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL |
| 13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | 15 ACREAGE if state who prepared form? Laurie Limbacher, AIA <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE ORGANIZATION | |
| 16 CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair | | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> unexcavated | | <input type="checkbox"/> altered <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> reconstructed <input type="checkbox"/> excavated | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | | 17 features: | | <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-4 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-7 <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-5 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-8 <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT INTACT-0 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN-6 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE-9 | |
| 18 ACCESS <input type="checkbox"/> YES-Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> YES-Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No Access <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | | 19 ADAPTIVE USE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | 20 SAVED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | |
| 21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE : | | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING-11 <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS / GOVT.-21 <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION -28 <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE-4 <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS-9 <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION-10 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL-6 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS-7 <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION-8 <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH-27 <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY-13 <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION-14 <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT-26 <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION-12 <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH-27 <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY-13 <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION-14 <input type="checkbox"/> LAW-16 <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE-17 <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY-18 <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC-19 <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY-20 <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION-22 <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE-23 <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION-25 | | 22 CLAIMS: explain <input type="checkbox"/> 'first' <input type="checkbox"/> 'oldest' <input type="checkbox"/> 'only' | |
| 23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY: | | 24 dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events: | | 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION | |
| 26 architectural style(s): | | 27 architect: | | 28 master builder: | |
| 29 engineer: | | 30 landscape architect / garden designer: | | 31 interior decorator: | |
| 32 artist: | | 33 artisan: | | 34 builder/contractor: | |
| 35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL: | | | | | |

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