Form 10-300
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
National Park Service Southwest Regional Office

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Santa Fe Trail

CITY OR TOWN:
Santa Fe

STATE:
New Mexico 87501

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
United States Government

Administered by General Services Administration

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 41, Denver Federal Center

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE:
Colorado 80225

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Division of Lands and Minerals Program Management and Land Office, Bureau of Land Management

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 1689

CITY OR TOWN:
Santa Fe

STATE:
New Mexico 87501

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Mexico Cultural Properties Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Planning Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Capitol

CITY OR TOWN:
Santa Fe

STATE:
New Mexico 87501

CODE:
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### 7. DESCRIPTION

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance:

Situated on eight acres of land near the foot of Monte Sol, the National Park Service Building commands a view of the city of Santa Fe and the Jemez Mountains to the west, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the northeast, and the Sandia Mountains to the southwest. The building is constructed of adobe and consists of two connected sections. Rooms on the first and second floors of the eastern section are entered through doors along inside corridors, as in conventional buildings. The majority of the offices, however, are grouped around a patio, as in many Spanish and Latin American public buildings. The rooms in this single story wing are entered from patio-bordering portales and enclose a grassy central section with trees and a fountain. The atmosphere is pleasant and old world in character.

Construction detail as well as a good deal of the furnishings are traditionally Spanish in design. The walls in the two-story section are more than three feet thick at the base and rest on foundations of native stone. Heavy, hand-hewn timber lintels protect the doors and windows, and hand-trimmed pine vigas support the roof.
### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is believed to be the largest all-adobe office building in the United States. Including the central patio, which is ninety-five feet long and seventy feet wide, the building covers more than an acre of land, and follows generally the designs of 17th century Spanish Colonial missions.

The two-story portion corresponds to the configuration of the mission chapels, while the patio offices correspond to the old conventos.

It is an excellent example of the revival phase of historical architecture in New Mexico, and was important in helping to reawaken interest in early New Mexican history and design.

When the building opened in 1939 it stood as a tribute to the group of New Mexico youths of Spanish-American ancestry and tradition who were largely responsible for its completion. Working as a company of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the boys, with no previous experience in building construction, took active parts in every phase of the work. They helped prepare the site, and then from the excavated soil they moulded approximately 280,000 adobe bricks for the walls.

The handmade furniture and tin lighting fixtures were fashioned by local craftsmen. The painting on the lobby wall of Stephen T. Mather, first director of the Park Service, was done by a local artist who, like the others who worked on the building and its fixtures, was paid from emergency relief funds during the depression years.
## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

### LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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### APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

8 acres

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

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### LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

**NAME AND TITLE:**

Samuel Larcombe, Planning Technician

**ORGANIZATION:**

State Planning Office

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

State Capitol

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Santa Fe

**STATE:**

New Mexico 87501

**CODE:**

30

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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:**

OCT 6 1970

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]

Keeper of The Rational Register

**Date:**

AUG 20 1970
**National Register of Historic Places**

**Property Map Form**

*Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map*

### 1. NAME

- **Common:** National Park Service Southwest Regional Office
- **And/or Historic:**

### 2. LOCATION

- **Street and Number:** Old Santa Fe Trail
- **City or Town:** Santa Fe
- **State:** New Mexico
- **Code:** 87501
- **County:** 30 Santa Fe
- **Code:** 049

### 3. MAP REFERENCE

- **Source:** United States Geological Survey. Santa Fe, New Mexico Series
- **Scale:** 1:24,000
- **Date:** 1961

### 4. REQUIREMENTS

To be included on all maps:

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.