

**Architectural Inventory
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Official eligibility determination
(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- Determined Eligible- NR
 Determined Not Eligible- NR
 Determined Eligible- SR
 Determined Not Eligible- SR
 Need Data
 Contributes to eligible NR District
 Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5ME.14934
2. Temporary resource number: 2400.NOR
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: El Palomino Hotel
6. Current building name: El Palomino Hotel
7. Building address: 2400 North Ave.
8. Owner name and address: Jagwiga Kowalczuk
2400 North Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 12
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 3 0 4 9 mE 4 3 2 8 3 0 2 mN
11. USGS quad name: Grand Junction Quadrangle
Year: 1962 rev.1973 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' *Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.*
12. Lot(s): 14 and 15 Block: 3
Addition: Teller Acres Year of Addition: 1947
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 14 & 15 Block 3 of the Teller Acres Subdivision
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-124-24-014
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length 210' x Width 50'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Porte Cochere

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21. General architectural description: This is a two building complex of low brick rectangular buildings. The longer main building on the west has a hipped roof projection just back from the street façade, which extends over the drive through area. The roof is supported by thin metal supports. The remainder of the building has a repeating pattern of windows and doors, which mirror every other one. The doors are single solid doors with a slider window unit just adjacent. The hipped roof has an extended overhang on the entry sides, which is also supported by thin metal supports. The base of the wall below the sills is a slightly darker brick than the field above the line of the window sills. The eastern building is slightly shorter and has an identical layout with the exception of the covered drive through.
22. Architectural style/building type: Modern Movements
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The buildings are arranged on either side of a landscaped court which may have/had a pool in the center.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: An elaborate free standing neon sign sits in the center of the courtyard near the street.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1955 Actual: _____
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: unknown
Source of information: _____
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): The entry canopy appears to be an addition, based on photographic evidence. In addition, the roof form was changed from a gable to a hip on the south end of the main building. Dates unknown, but it appears to be an early alteration. The sign seems to have been added at the same time.
30. Original location Moved _____ Date of move(s): _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Domestic, Hotel
32. Intermediate use(s): _____
33. Current use(s): Domestic, Hotel
34. Site type(s): Commercial Strip

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35. Historical background: In 1956, the El Palomino Motel is listed with Glen P. Johannes. This is part of Teller Acres platted in 1947.
36. Sources of information: Mesa County Assessors Office; Museum of Western Colorado Archives; Polk Directories 1951, 1955, 1956, 1957

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation: _____
Designating authority: _____

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Community Development and Planning

40. Period of significance: 1955; 1943 to 1957 Uranium Boom

41. Level of significance: National State Local

42. Statement of significance: The development in this area is a direct result of the nation's involvement in WWII and the drive for the development of nuclear weapons. The discovery of significant sources of Uranium in the region initiated development in Grand Junction that supported both the mining of the materials and the administration of programs related to the development of weapons. The building types, materials and neighborhood layout are all indicative of the national trends which were driven by the proliferation of the automobile and the enormous demand for single family homes. The motel use/type is unique to the early part of the 20th century when a more mobile society required inexpensive lodgings located along popular travel routes. The design of the buildings is reflective of the national trends toward more streamlined forms and mass produced materials. This building has been in the same use since its construction in 1955.

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: The addition of the porte cochere added a significant new element to the building form. It appears to have been done close to the original construction date. If it was part of the original period of significance, then the current form has retained a considerable amount of integrity.

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible Not Eligible Need Data

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No Discuss: _____

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing _____

Noncontributing _____

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing _____

Noncontributing _____

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 9 Frame # 9 & 10

Negatives filed at: City of Grand Junction Planning Dept.

48. Report title: Grand Junction Phase 3 Survey 49. Date(s): March 2005

50. Recorder(s): Suzannah Reid, Patrick Duffield and Lydia Herron

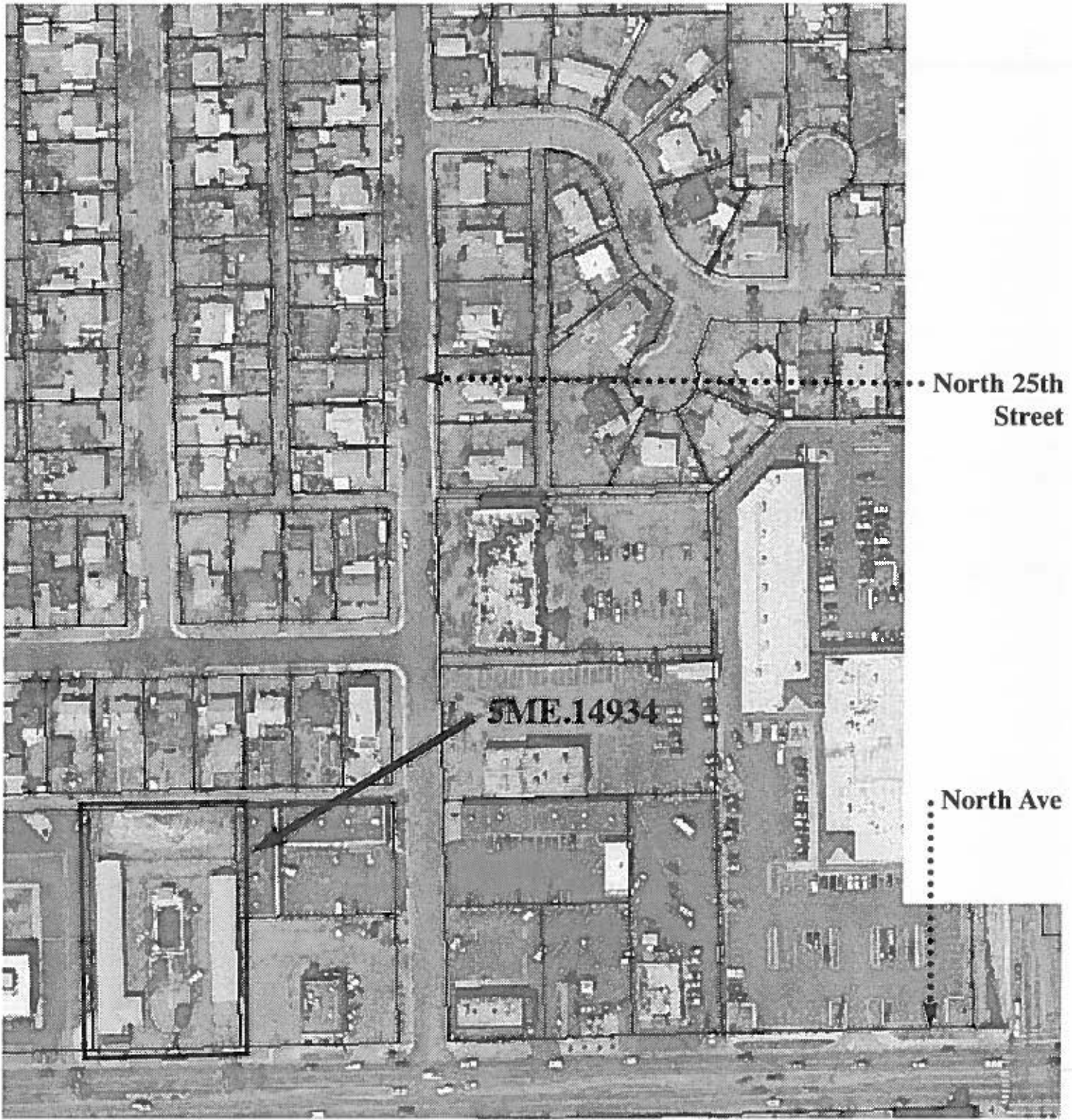
51. Organization: Reid Architects, Inc.

52. Address: PO Box 1303 Aspen, Colorado 81612

53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 866-3395



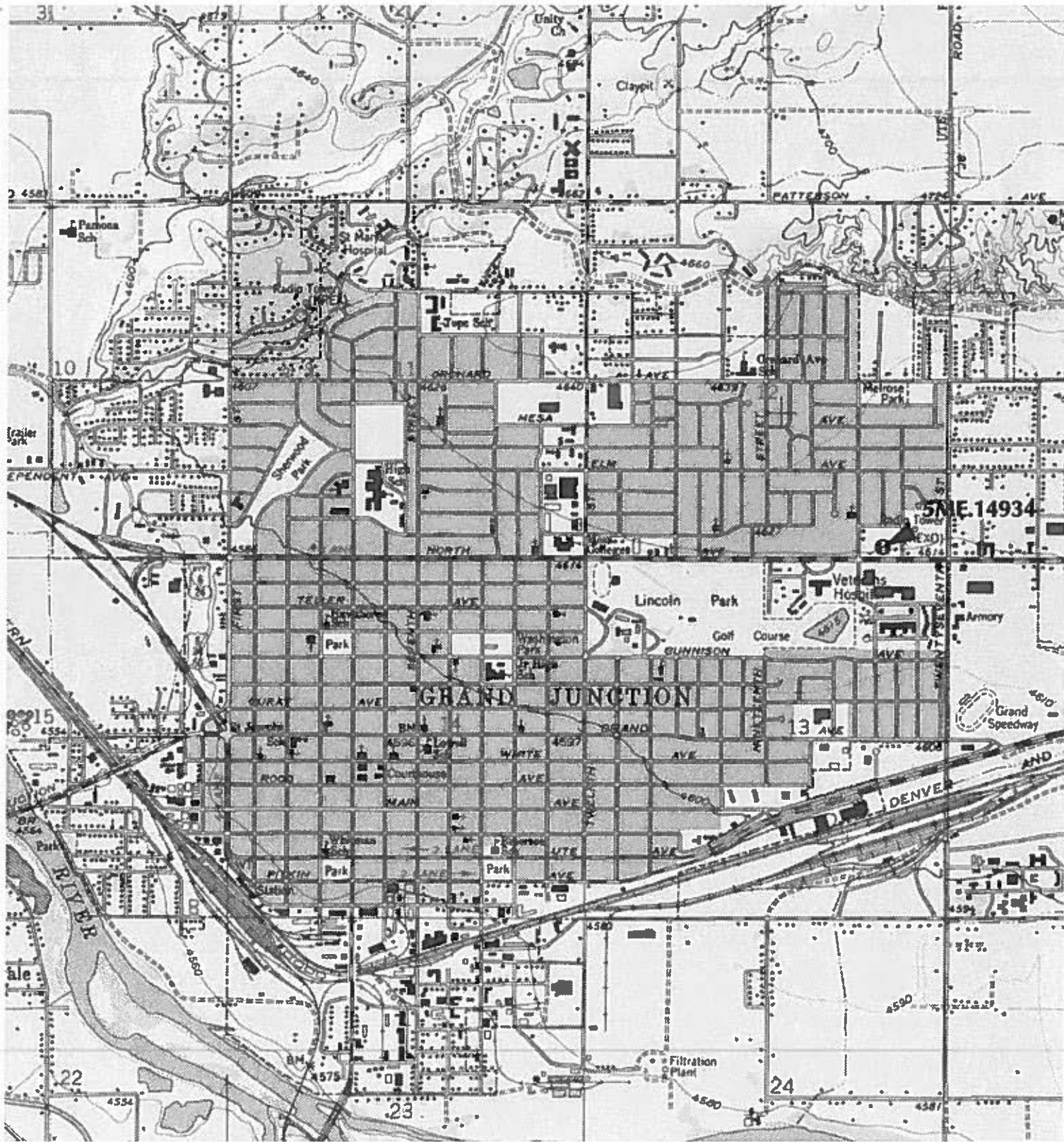
2400 North Ave.



North

Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

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Roll # 9 Frame # 9

Looking north

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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