

BUILDING NO. 8.  
 BUILDING NAME: FLAMINGO-ON-THE-LAKE APARTMENTS (Formerly Flamingo Apt. Hotel)  
 LOCATION: 5500-5520 South Shore Drive CITY: Chicago,  
 COUNTY: Cook STATE: Illinois ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OWNER: IRMCO  
 ADDRESS: 3170 N. Sheridan CITY: Chicago,  
 STATE: IL ZIP: 60657  
 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cook County Recorder of Deeds  
118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL  
 VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located on the west side of South Shore Drive  
 about midway between 55th and 56th Streets.  
 (continued below)  
 APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: 0.17 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1927  
 ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER un.

## DESCRIPTION:

This handsome sixteen story, red brick and terra cotta building is the tallest of the group of apartment hotels included in this thematic nomination. The main facade, which is divided into two sections above the first level, fronts on South Shore Drive and is 50 feet wide; its longer elevations measure 150 feet. On its narrow frontage, the relatively simple neoclassical two story base, with its arched openings and cornice with dentils, contrasts pleasantly with the rococo window moldings and corner trim on the second and third levels. Terra cotta quoins outline the edges of the twin bays that rise to the terra cotta cornice and arcaded parapet. The small penthouse, which is used for mechanical equipment, is also decorated with quoins and an ornamental parapet. The long north side of this 96 unit apartment building overlooks a parklike area with a free form swimming pool and bathhouse. (The Flamingo originally contained 144 studio units and 16 single guest rooms.)

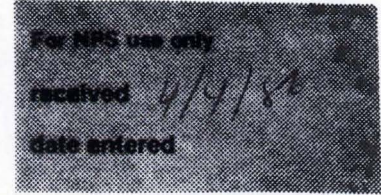
## SIGNIFICANCE:

While the Flamingo is the tallest of the apartment hotels in this thematic nomination, the traditional design treatment of its lower facade creates the aura of a fine London townhouse and brings the building's height down to an intimate pedestrian scale. Also significant is the deliberate design contrast between the relatively restrained, two story terra cotta base with the enriched cornice window heads and corner trim utilized at the second and third levels of the building (as well as at the upper levels and cornice). As in certain of the other Hyde Park Apartment Hotels, the architect has successfully showcased some fine examples of the local terra cotta industry of the day. He also insured that the Poinsetta would make a strong statement when viewed from a distance along South Shore Drive, as well as by the pedestrian viewer.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point 75 feet east and 200 feet south at the center of intersection of East 55th Street and South Shore Drive take a line 55 feet south, then 155 feet west, then 55 feet north, then 155 feet east to original point.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR  
State ILLINOIS

Nomination/Type of Review

44 1. Chicago Beach Hotel

Substantive Review

COVER

*William B. Bushong*

Date/Signature

*5/14/86*

Keeper

*Melona Byers 5/14/86*

Attest

45 2. East Park Towers

Substantive Review

Keeper

*William B. Bushong 5/14/86*

Attest

46 3. Flamingo-On-The-Lake Apartments

Entered in the National Register

Keeper

*Melona Byers 5/14/86*

Attest

47 4. Hotel Del Prado

Substantive Review

Keeper

*William B. Bushong 5/14/86*

Attest

48 5. Mayfair Apartments

Entered in the National Register

Keeper

*Melona Byers 5/14/86*

Attest

49 6. Poinsetta Apartments

Substantive Review

Keeper

*William B. Bushong 5/14/86*

Attest

50 7. Shoreland Hotel

Entered in the National Register

Keeper

*Melona Byers 5/14/86*

Attest

8. WILDERMERE HOUSE  
(Preliminary listing)

Keeper

Attest

9.

Keeper

Attest

10.

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Flamingo-On-The-Lake Apartments (Hyde Park  
Apartment Hotels TR)  
Cook County  
ILLINOIS

Working No. APR 4 1986  
Fed. Reg. Date 2/3/87  
Date Due: 5/1/86 - 5/19/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 5-14-86  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in 1987  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below \_\_\_\_\_

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) \_\_\_\_\_

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

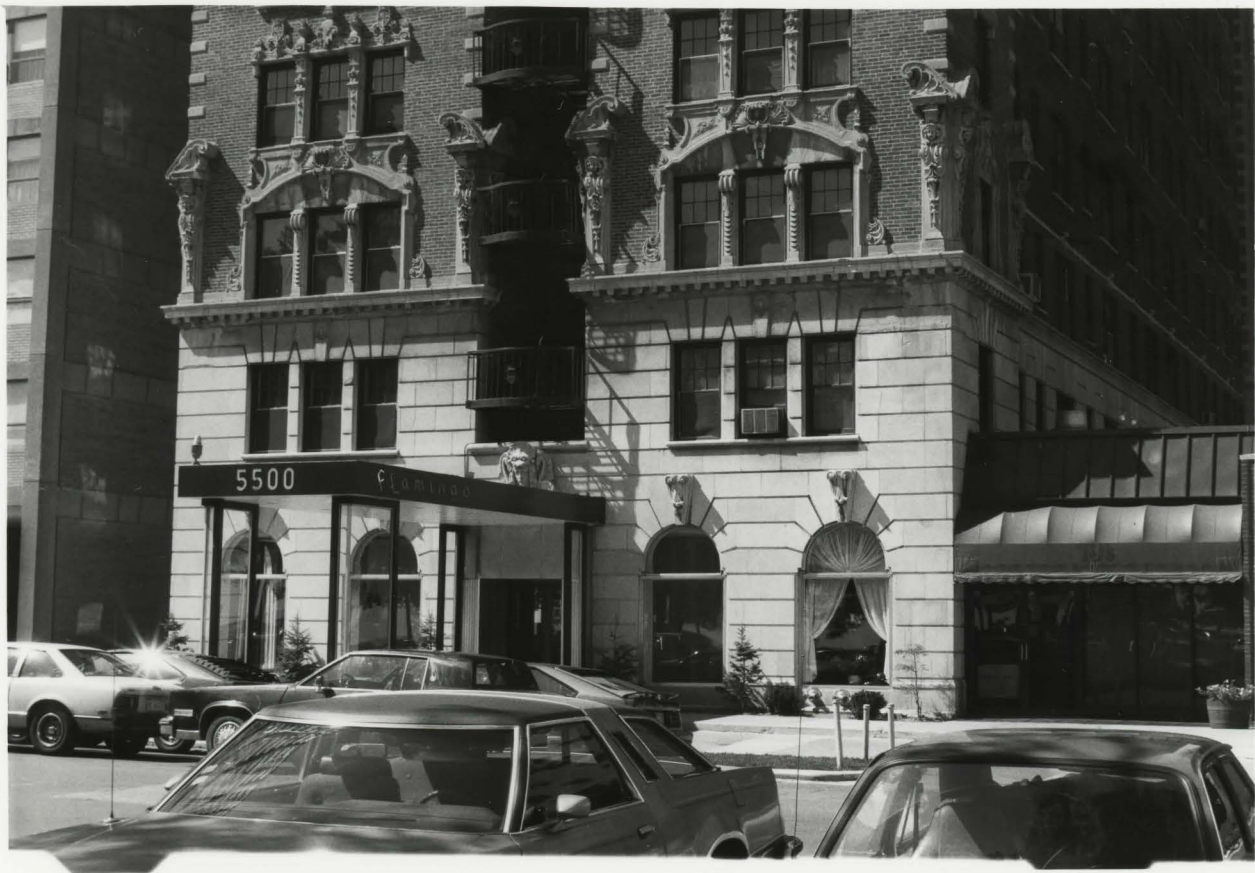
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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IL; September, 1985. Negative in posses-  
sion of photographer.  
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5500-5520 So. Sh. Dr. Perspective View

Camera Facing; SW



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Camera Facing: SW

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Flamingo-On-The-Lake Apartments

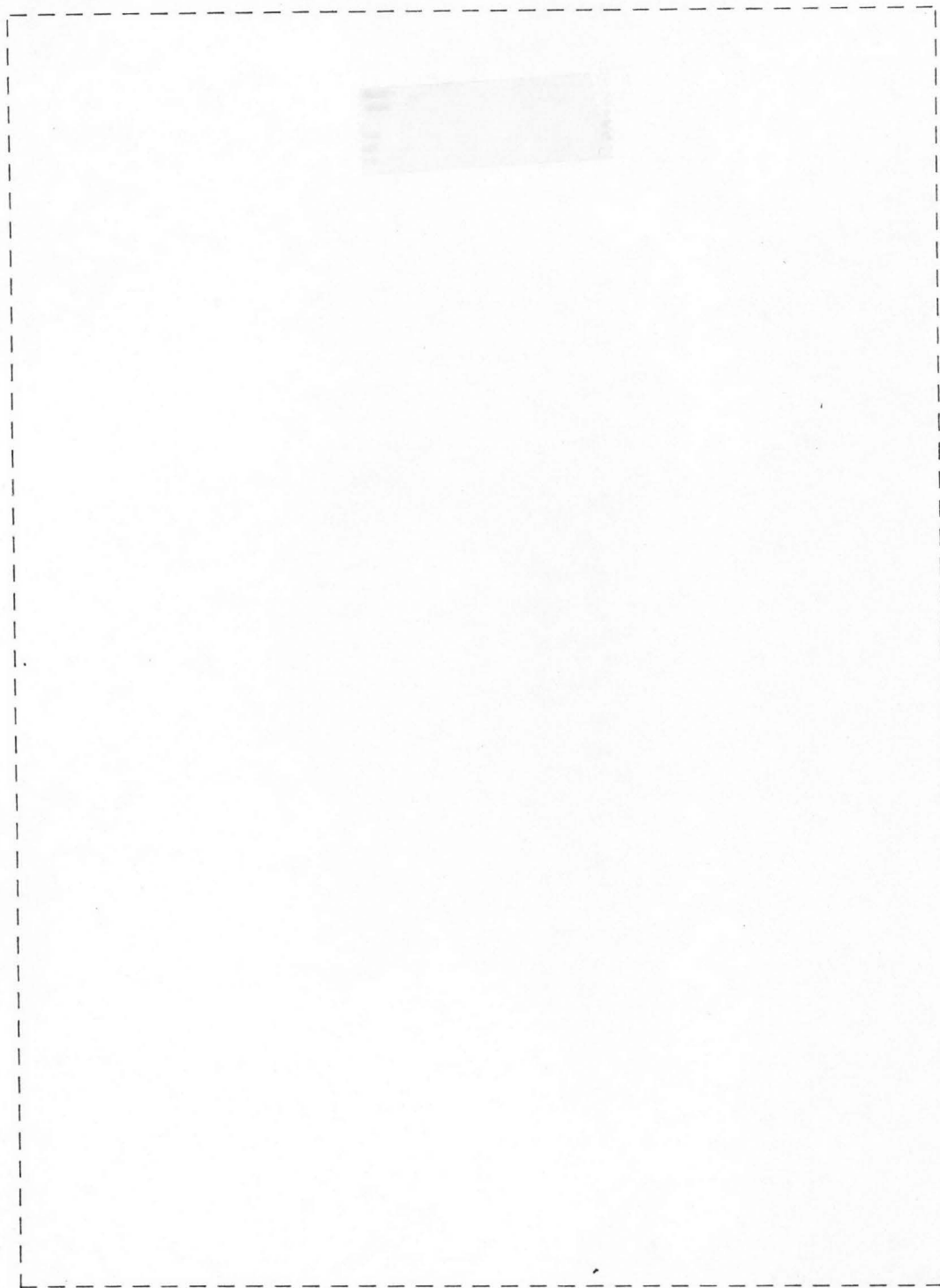


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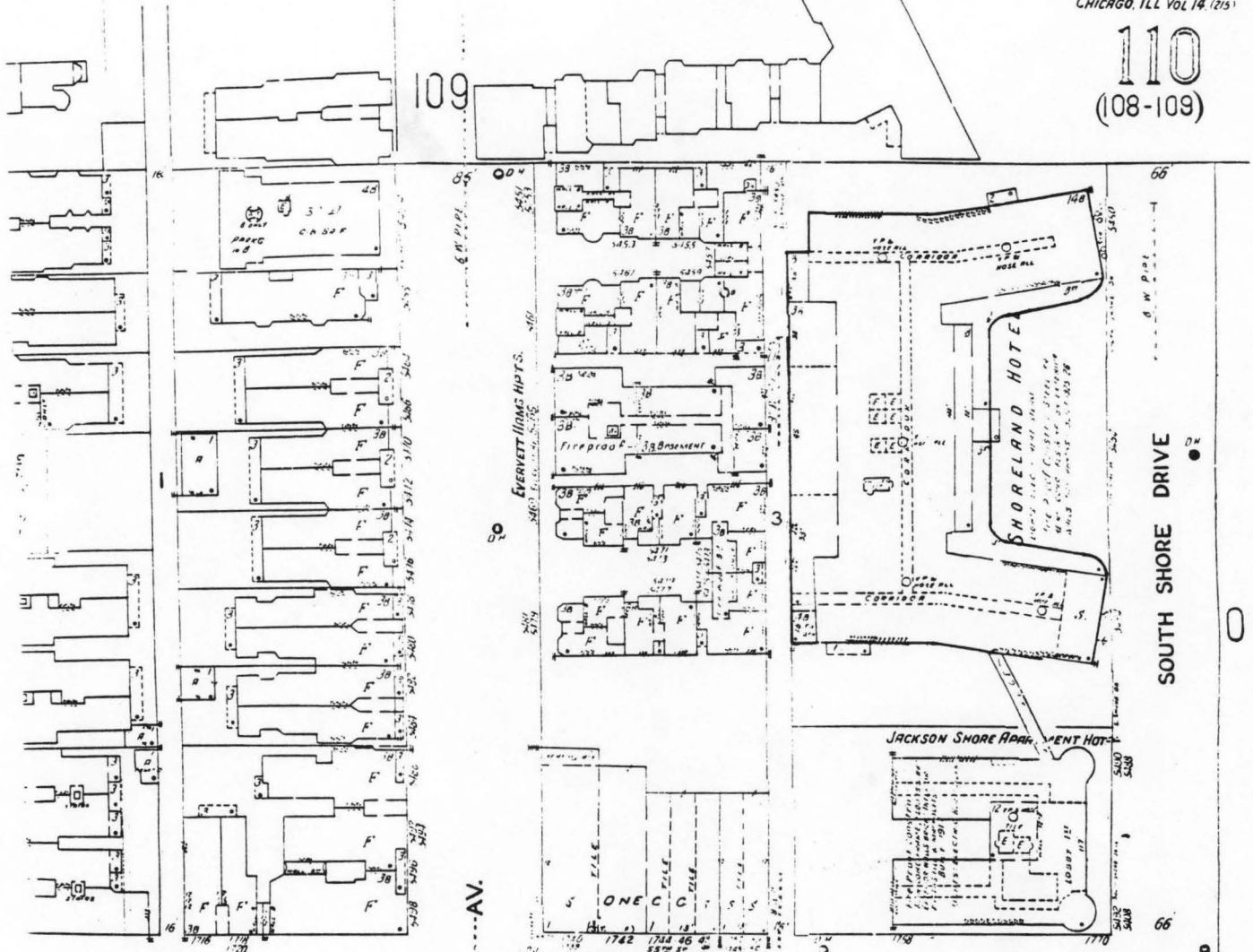
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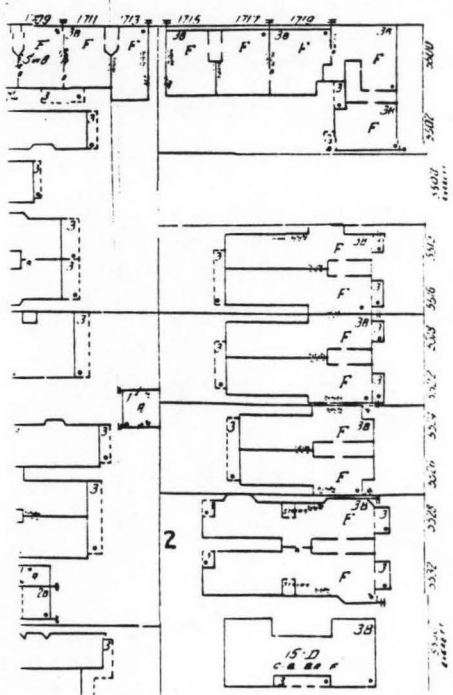


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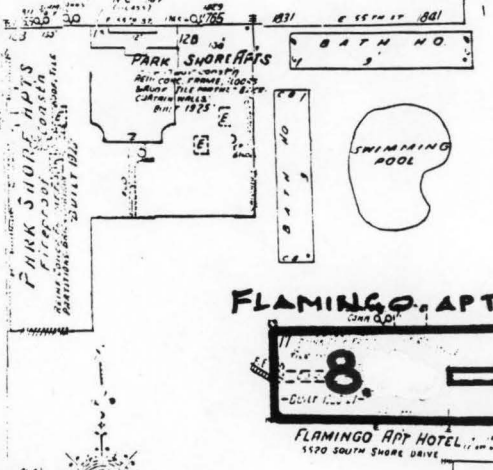
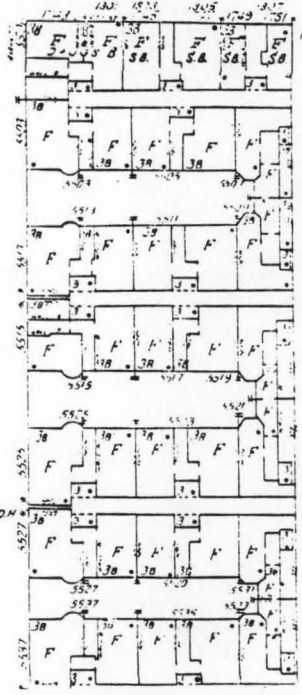
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SOUTH SHORE DRIVE



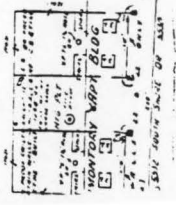
EVERETT



PARK SHORE APTS.

FLAMINGO APT HOTEL

1170 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE



Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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