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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hotel Phillips

AND/OR COMMON

Phillips House Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

106 W. 12th Street

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Kansas City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF #5 Hon. Richard L. Bolling

STATE

Missouri 64105

CODE

29

COUNTY

Jackson

CODE

095

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George T. Slaughter, Joel Burr Jr., and William J. Cooley

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Sunn Hotels 106 West 12th Street

CITY, TOWN

Kansas City

STATE

Missouri 64105

__ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Office of Recorder of Deeds
Jackson County Courthouse, Kansas City Annex

STREET & NUMBER

415 East 12th Street

CITY, TOWN

Kansas City

STATE

Missouri 64106

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE (1)

Landmarks Commission of Kansas City, Missouri Survey

DATE (2)

Kansas City Registry case #0002-D FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Landmarks Commission of Kansas City, Missouri

CITY, TOWN

City Hall-26th Floor East
414 East 12th Street Kansas City

STATE

Missouri 64106

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Phillips House Hotel, 106 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, is a twenty story (plus lower level), skyscraper structure constructed of steel and brick and designed in the Jacobethan style. Constructed in 1929-1931, the primary facade faces south, secondary facade faces east. The north and west facades are unarticulated.

EXTERIOR

Over-all dimensions

The building is rectangular in plan and massing consisting of twenty stories including a mezzanine and lower level. Seventy-five feet of the building and tract line Baltimore Avenue and 138.25 feet line 12th Street with grade level rising from Baltimore to 12th Street.

Construction Materials and Colors

The hotel tower is of steel frame construction faced with common bond pressed brick with buff colored terra cotta tiles and sculptural ornamentation on the mezzanine through twentieth floor. The first story is faced with polished mottled brown marble.

Openings

The surface of the structure is articulated by a series of decorated bays arranged symmetrically. The east facade consists of a triple center bay having three windows on each floor united by terra cotta facing, flanked by a single bay on either side. The triple bay is supported by an arch covering the mezzanine and third floor and terminates in a quadruple window with arch and projecting sill at the nineteenth and twentieth stories.

The south facade is articulated in a similar manner. From west to east it consists of two undecorated bays, a double bay united by terra cotta facing, a single undecorated bay, double decorated bay, a single undecorated bay, a double decorated bay, two undecorated bays - schematically: A A B A B A B A A. Supporting arches and terminating arches and sills are as described for the east facade.

All windows are double hung sash windows, one over one floors four through twenty, nine over nine on mezzanine and second floor.

The entrance is located in the center of the south facade and is modern.

Decorative Details

The surface is richly decorated with molded buff colored terra cotta panels consisting of the following:

1. Quoining on floors four through eighteen.

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(3) Missouri State Historical Survey
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City

State

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2. Entablature surmounting the third floor consisting of one double arch on the east facade and three double arches on the south facade supported by pilasters with decorated capitals. These arches are of Jacobethan style with an S-curves terminating in a point. The relief sculpture of the arches and the tympana is deeply molded and includes a woman's head, scallop shells, and a crest with the monogram HP as well as a wealth of curvilinear motifs.

Also part of the entablatures are rectangular panels with a diamond surrounded by vegetal motifs and a cornice supported by brackets.

3. Flower boxes under second story windows.
4. String course moldings between seventeenth and eighteenth and eighteenth and nineteenth floors.
5. Cut corners with sculptural decoration.
6. Decorative arches on twentieth floor with pilasters and an elliptical, projecting window sill.
7. Rectangular panels of vegetal motifs on window spandrels floors four through eighteen.
8. Two flag pole holders on south facade.

Cast metal decoration consists of the following:

1. Interlace pattern on window mullions of mezzanine and third floor.
2. Rectangular panels set into entablature above third floor with an urn in the center flanked by Chimeras on either side.
3. Projecting decorative elements at southeast corner alternating floors three through nine.

The hotel consists of 450 guest rooms, lobby, restaurants and banquet room.

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Lobby

The lobby is a two story high space supported by rectangular columns which are covered with antiqued decorative plaster painted to imitate wood set into tan, polished marble. The ceiling is covered with black glass which reflects the columns and gives the appearance of a much loftier space than the actual two stories. A double staircase leads to the mezzanine level with balcony and metal and wood railing surrounding the lobby on three sides. Entrance is from between the two staircases. Above the arched entrance is a pedestal supporting a gilt statue of a winged female figure. Walls are covered with recessed walnut panels, on second level, marble on first. Decorative features include triple walnut arch behind desk with mailboxes and clock set into carved wood panels on west wall, polished brass elevator doors and post box on east wall, and multiple cylinder chandeliers.

Banquet Room

A banquet room is located on the west mezzanine level. Decorative features include beaded crystal chandeliers and molded plaster wall and ceiling decoration.

Restaurant

A restaurant called the "Sir Loin Room" is located on the lower level, richly decorated with walnut wall paneling and ceiling beams in a modified Jacobethan style.

ALTERATIONS

Exterior

Entire first floor has been remodeled including entrance to the hotel and the addition of a store on the Baltimore Avenue facade.

Interior

Marble lobby floor has been covered by carpeting. Blue formica covered panels were added below mezzanine floor to accommodate light fixtures. All guest rooms have been altered.

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CONDITION

The condition and maintenance of the exterior, lobby and restaurant are excellent. The banquet room has cracked paint and plaster on the ceiling. All guest rooms are being remodeled.

PRESENT STATUS

At present the guest rooms are being remodeled. There is no immediate threat of demolition to the hotel, but various plans for the redevelopment of 12th Street may affect it.

SITE

The hotel is located on the Northwest corner of Baltimore Avenue and 12th Street on a sloping site. To the west is a surface parking lot, to the north is a three story commercial structure. This location is in the heart of Kansas City's central business district.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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SPECIFIC DATES 1929-1931

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Elmer R. Boillot & Jesse F. Lauck

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Phillips House Hotel is architecturally significant because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and period in the development of the architecture in Kansas City. When built, in 1931, it was the tallest hotel in Kansas City.¹ The decade of the 1930's was a period of growth in Kansas City's central business district and the skyline visible today was formed largely at that time by the construction of its skyscrapers. All of these were richly ornamented with sculptural decoration, many with molded terra cotta. The Phillips House is a particularly fine, well preserved example of that type and period in the formation of Kansas City's architecture. The richness of the exterior sculptural decoration is not surpassed by other buildings constructed at that time and the lobby, with its innovative use of black reflective glass to enhance the space, is unique in Kansas City. The hotel has been placed on the Kansas City Registry of Landmarks (case #0002-D).

HISTORICAL DATA

Charles E. Phillips commissioned the architectural firm of Boillot & Lauck to design the hotel in 1929.² Phillips, president of the hotel company, had come to Kansas City when he was 15 from his farm home in New Cambria, Missouri.³ He was responsible for the construction of a number of large apartment buildings in the Country Club District⁴ in Kansas City and many of these were designed by the firm of Boillot & Lauck.

Phillips built his hotel on the site of the old Glennon Hotel which had housed President Harry S. Truman's haberdashery; the Glennon was razed to make room for Phillips' new hotel⁵ which was built to serve the convention business. The property had originally been leased to Phillips on January 22, 1929 for a term of 99 years, until January 31, 2028 by Louis Oppenstein of the firm of Oppenstein Brothers. The Hotel Phillips opened its doors on February 23, 1931 as the tallest hotel building in Kansas City. At that time it also was distinguished for having a radio receiver in every room.⁶ It closed April 30, 1971 and was remodeled at a cost of \$500,000. It reopened October 10, 1972 as the Phillips House, still part of the Oppenstein firms's holdings. On May 3, 1976 Rockhurst College took title to the Phillips House as a gift from the Oppenstein Brothers Charitable Foundation.⁷ Rockhurst continued guest facilities in the hotel and used it for evening courses and seminars, but these were not well attended. An October, 1977 the College sold the property to its present owner. The hotel is now closed and plans for its reopening are not certain.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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2. Kansas City Times, 15 February 1931.
3. Kansas City Star, 23 March 1941.
4. Kansas City Times, 5 February 1972.
5. Kansas City Times, 19 October 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Kansas City ; Mo - Kan

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 11, 12, 13, Block 20, Ashburn Addition, a subdivision of Kansas City, Missouri.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Joan L. Michalak, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

(Historic Kansas City Foundation)

DATE

18 April 1979

home STREET & NUMBER

4540 Pennsylvania Ave.

home TELEPHONE

816-753-5096

CITY OR TOWN

Kansas City

STATE

Missouri 64111

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

Fred A. Laffer

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources, and State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 5-7-79

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

acting Charles H. Murray

DATE 6-4-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William H. Abraham

5-16-79

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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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ARCHITECTS

Elmer R. Boillot and Jesse F. Lauck of the architectural firm of Boillot & Lauck were well known in Kansas City at the time they were commissioned to design The Hotel Phillips. They executed many high-rise apartment buildings of steel and brick including "The Walnuts" (1929-1930) in a Jacobethan style; Unity Village (1927-1929), a complex of Italian Renaissance style buildings in the Kansas City suburb of Lee's Summit; and a number of high-rise apartments on the Country Club Plaza which were named for poets: "Longfellow", "Lowell", "Carlyle", "Field", and "Browning" and which were commissioned by Charles E. Phillips and designed by Boillot and Lauck in the 1920's.⁹

The Hotel Phillips has been designated a local Landmark in the city of Kansas City, Missouri. It is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places because it has particular historic, aesthetic, and architectural significance. The qualities enumerated above, present in The Hotel Phillips, display integrity of design, location, setting, materials and workmanship that reflect the community's history, aesthetic values and architecture. It embodies distinctive characteristics of a type: the luxury skyscraper used in hotel design; a period: the 1930's when much high-rise building occurred in Kansas City which formed its present day appearance and skyline; and method of construction: the steel frame tower, sheathed in brick with terra cotta embellishment of exceptional quality.

The survey of Missouri's historic sites is based on the selection of sites as they relate to theme studies in Missouri's history as outlined in "Missouri's State Historic Preservation Plan." The Hotel Phillips, therefore, is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an example of the theme of "Architecture".

FOOTNOTES

1. Mrs. Sam Ray, "Hotel Phillips...tallest in 1931," Kansas City (Missouri) Times, 5 February 1972.
2. Building Permit No. 15562 dated 1929, City Hall - 18th Floor South, 414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106
3. Ray, op. cit.

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4. Ibid.
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6. Kansas City (Missouri) Star, 15 February 1931.
7. Roberts, op. cit.
8. Kansas City, A Place in Time, Landmarks Commission Members of Kansas City Missouri, 1977, p. 248.
9. Kansas City (Missouri) Star, 3 April 1927, p. 1D; Kansas City (Missouri) Star, 17 November 1929, p. 1D.

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Department of Natural Resources, Office of Historic Preservation
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Jefferson City
314/751-4096
Missouri 65102

Property

Hotel Phillips

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State

Mo. (Jackson)

Working Number

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TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

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CONTROL

OK 5.10.79

HISTORIAN

*Structure is significant for its
gaulethman styled exterior design - interior
detail details (especially the calligraphic sculpture -
are outstanding. -*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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Bratham
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National Register Write-up

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View of exterior from southeast.

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View of exterior from southeast.



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View of south facade.

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Detail of mezzanine and third floor
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Ornamented bay of south facade.



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Detail of terra cotta embellishment,
south facade.



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Detail of entablature showing metal panel
with Chimeras, south facade.



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View of female statue, mezzanine level of
lobby.



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General view of desk, lobby, north wall.



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General view of lobby looking east.



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General view of "Sir Loin Room" restaurant.



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Banquet room.



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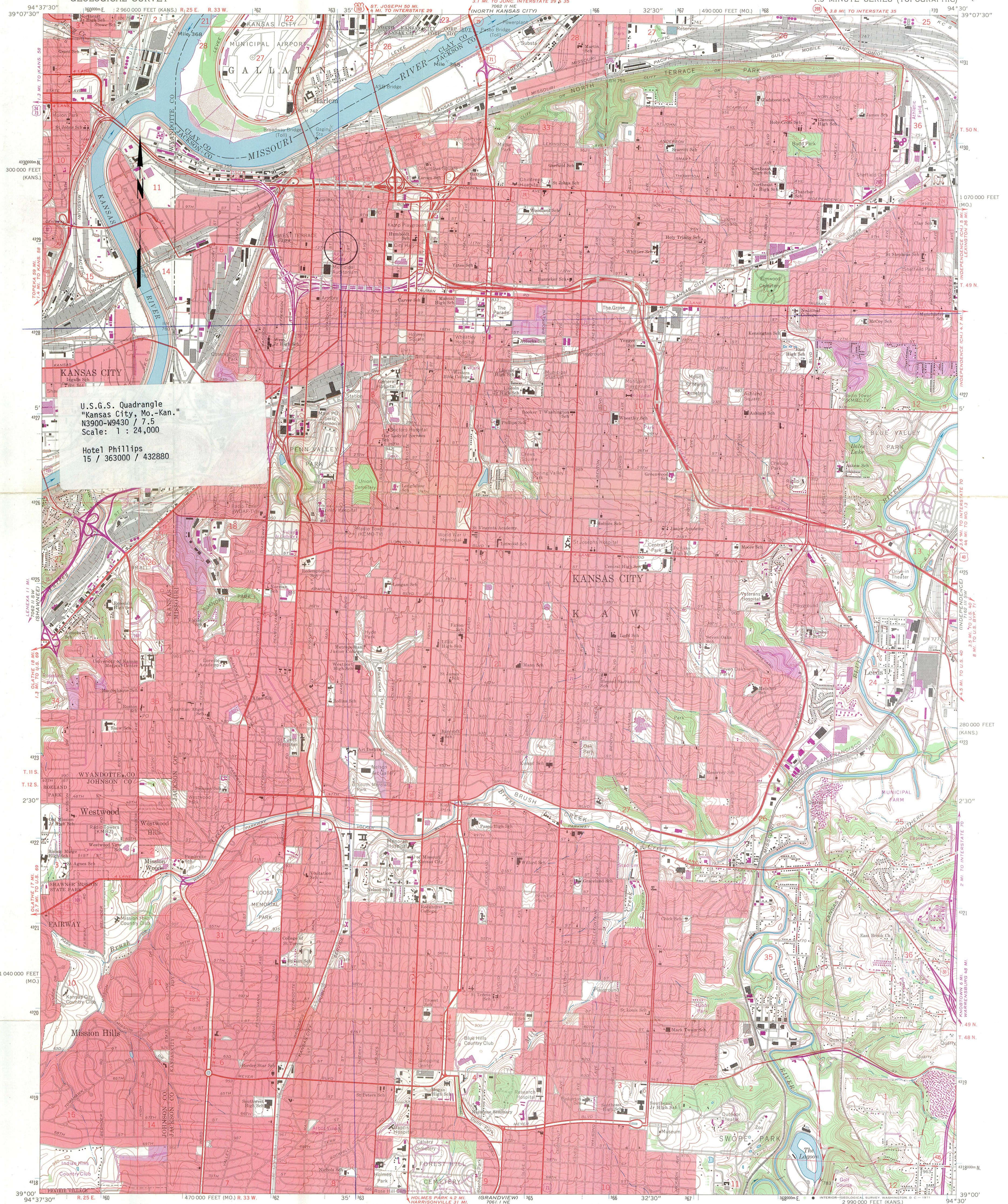
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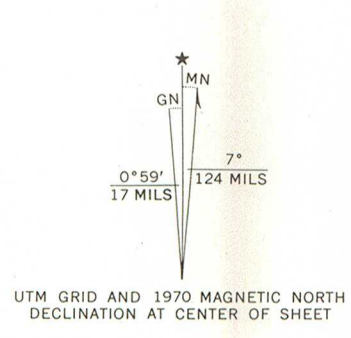
Detail of chandelier, lobby.

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Dr. William J. Murtagh
National Register of Historic Places
Historic Conservation & Recreation Service
Pension Building
440 G Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

Office of Historic
Preservation

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I would like to take this means of letting you and your Committee know that we are fully aware of the contents of the National Register Nomination Form and aware of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 for properties in the National Register.

We are asking for the act of notification to be waived as we are very anxious to start immediately on extensive refurbishing of the Phillips Hotel. Kansas City is in dire need of the hotel space and we are presently ready, willing and able to start work on the refurbishing of this building, as soon as we have received notification of its having been registered by your office.

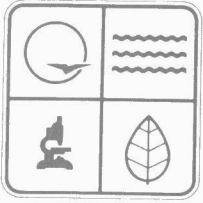
We will appreciate your efforts and consideration in placing this property up for immediate nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.

Cordially,

PHILLIPS HOUSE HOTEL

G. T. Slaughter
President and Owner

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 (314) 751-2479

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Attn: Bill Lebovich

Dear Bill:

Please find enclosed one (1) completed National Register Inventory-Nomination Form for:

HOTEL PHILLIPS

and related data approved by Missouri's review board, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. This form is signed by Fred A. Lafser, State Historic Preservation Officer, and this site is thereby formally nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Enclosed is a letter from the owner of this property waiving his right of notification from the Keeper of the National Register. This is done to make it possible to expedite this nomination in your office. It is of utmost importance to our preservation effort that this property be enrolled on the Register as soon as possible in order that the owner may apply for benefits under the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION


Orval L. Henderson, Jr.
Program Supervisor

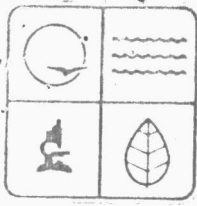
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Enclosures: as stated

cc: G.T. Slaughter
Jane Flynn
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Division of Parks and Recreation
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HOTEL PHILLIPS

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Enclosed is a letter from the owner of this property waiving his right of notification from the Keeper of the National Register. This is done to make it possible to expedite this nomination in your office. It is of utmost importance to our preservation effort that this property be enrolled on the Register as soon as possible in order that the owner may apply for benefits under the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Orval L. Henderson, Jr.
Program Supervisor

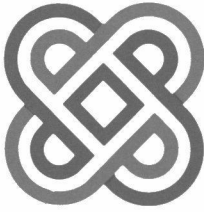
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May 8, 1979

William Lebovitch, Chief of Review
National Register of Historic Places
Historic Conservation and Recreation Services
The Pension Building
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Handwritten note:
Phillips
Hotel Phillips

Dear Bill:

The State Office should be sending to you, hopefully today, the nomination form for the Phillips House Hotel. I am requesting that this be processed with utmost haste. The owners are in the process of developing restoration plans for the building that stands to be in excess of \$5 million.

This in and of itself is exciting, but there is even more to the story. We are in the process of negotiating with the owners of four other downtown hotels, of National Register caliber, with the idea of doing a theme form. However, much of the success of all this hinges on the Phillips activities and they are laying back until the building is securely a part of the Register.

This can be one of the most positive things to have happen in the CBD and we need your help in doing it.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

JANE F. FLYNN
Administrator

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE RECD MAY 15 1979

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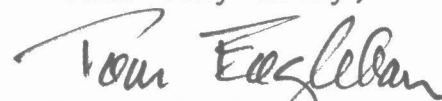
Mr. Chris T. Delaporte, Director
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Delaporte:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter which Mr. Orval L. Henderson, Jr., Program Supervisor for Missouri's Office of Historic Preservation, forwarded to Dr. Murtagh concerning the Hotel Phillips' nomination to the National Register.

Anything you can do to expedite this nomination would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,



Thomas F. Eagleton
United States Senator

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May 28, 1979

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and
Recreation Service
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Attn: Bill Lebovich

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Your agency has before it a request by the City of Kansas City and the State of Missouri that the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, be nominated to the National Register. I strongly endorse that request.

The Phillips Hotel was built in 1929 for Charles E. Phillips on the site of the Glennon Hotel, which housed Harry Truman's haberdashery. When it opened on February 23, 1931, the hotel was the tallest building in Kansas City and boasted of "a radio receiver in every room." The hotel was closed for remodeling in April, 1971, re-opened as the Phillips House in October, 1972, and sold to its present owners in 1977. The Phillips House is not only significant for its historical value, but also for its future worth to the growth of Kansas City. Located less than a block from the new convention center, the preservation of the hotel is vital to the rebirth of the downtown area.

Kansas City declared the Phillips Hotel a historic landmark in July, 1978. The Missouri State Office of Historic Preservation approved the application May 7 of this year. I urge you to act favorably and save this hotel for future generations to enjoy.

It is of utmost importance that action on this request be expedited so that the new owners may begin their renovation work. Your immediate attention to this case will be appreciated.

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May 28, 1979
Dr. William Murtagh

Please keep me advised of any action you take with regard to the Phillips Hotel.

Sincerely,



John C. Danforth

cc: Missouri Office of Historic
Preservation

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Hotel Phillips

Kansas City
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Honorable John C. Danforth

Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton
Honorable Richard Bolling

State Historic Preservation Officer
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Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Eagleton:

Thank you for your inquiry of May 22, 1979, on behalf of Mr. Orval Henderson concerning the nomination of the Hotel Phillips, Jackson County, Missouri, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to inform you that the Hotel Phillips was entered in the National Register on June 4, 1979. Enclosed is a leaflet which describes the National Register program.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely,

CHRIS T. DELAPORTE

Chris Therral Delaporte
Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Fred A. Lafser, SHPO, State Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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