

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

historic WINSTON CHURCHILL APARTMENTS

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 5475 Cabanne _____ not for publication

city, town St. Louis _____ vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Missouri code 29 county City of St. Louis code 63

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial/Apts.
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name MELVIN DUBINSKY AND ASSOCIATES

street & number 721 Olive Street

city, town St. Louis _____ vicinity of _____ state Missouri 63101

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis City Hall (Copy attached.)

street & number Market Street at Tucker Boulevard

city, town St. Louis _____ state Missouri 63103

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title VISITATION LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date 1974 _____ federal _____ state _____ county local

depository for survey records COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CDA)

city, town St. Louis _____ state Missouri 63101

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 building known as the Winston Churchill Apartments is a U-shaped red brick building eight stories high, which was constructed in 1927. Designed by the St. Louis architecture firm of Hall and Proetz, the building is located on the northeast corner of Cabanne and Belt Avenues in the west end of St. Louis. Through the use of a recessed entry, projecting wings that form the sides of the U, and a conscious effort to blend into the existing neighborhood, in spite of its height, the building represents an important development in St. Louis apartment building design.

The land upon which the building was constructed is a corner lot measuring 170 feet along Cabanne Avenue, and 202 feet along Belt to a right of way that formerly served as a trolley line. The building is situated at the sidewalk. This setback is in line with the earlier large single family houses that were constructed at the time that Cabanne Road was laid out for development during the 1880's.

The building faces a large city park that was once the site of the Visitation Academy and Convent. The once fashionable area has lost numerous buildings since 1940.

The Winston Churchill was constructed for middle and upper income people interested in living in one of St. Louis's most exclusive areas. Its setback, materials, non-institutional detailing at the first two levels and yard-like setting are all successful attempts to harmonize with its surroundings--in spite of being more than twice as high as any other building on the street.

Symmetrically divided into two projecting wings, the recessed entrance at the center of the U-shaped plan forms the main focal point of the primary facade. The entrance is marked by cut limestone enframements and restrained classical ornamentation. The drama of the entrance is heightened by the steps and wide sidewalk leading from the street to the front door. Facing the front of the building, the eye is carried up to a decorative pediment stone and brick "cap", that--if built today--would probably be called Postmodern.

Decorative elements which tie the Cabanne elevation with the west (Belt) elevation include the cut limestone facing which extend from ground level to above the second story windows, limestone sills, multiple-light windows, and ironwork railings.

The building measures 167 feet across the widest side (rear), and 143 feet along each side.

Windows above the first level are double-hung, wood sash, that appear to be original. An early architectural rendering (attached) shows multi-light windows and shutters, but there is no indication that these were ever installed.

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In all other respects the building appears very much as it does in the rendering. No major alterations have occurred.

The west elevation, located on the sidewalk line at Belt Avenue, contains an entrance into the 90-car garage, and a small confectionery. Materials are a continuation of the primary facade: cut limestone base, red brick continuing to the top of the building, wood window sash, limestone sills, brick and limestone pediment cap.

The north and east elevations are unadorned. A small wooden addition has been added to a second story apartment.

The interior of the building, both in the public spaces and individual units, was designed to appeal to potential tenants of the middle- and upper-middle incomes. The first floor includes an exceptionally spacious lobby with two elevators, fireplace, terrazzo floors, and restrained but gracious paneling. The wing to the left once contained a tearoom and dining area for residents and passersby, part of which is now used as a storefront confectionery accessible from Belt Avenue. The other wing contained a large meeting room. The three-room and studio apartments remain essentially unchanged, and still retain most of their original features, including oak flooring and wide base moulding.

The building is constructed of concrete forms, floors and walls, with 12" brick curtain walls. It is structurally in good condition.

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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1927 **Builder/Architect** HALL & PROETZ & ASSOCIATES

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Winston Churchill Apartments on the northeast corner of Cabanne and Belt Avenues are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C, and are significant in the category of Architecture. The building is a well-preserved example of St. Louis apartment house design during its transition from traditional to modern. Designed in 1927 by the well-known St. Louis architecture firm of Hall and Proetz, the building is distinguished by its restrained classical ornamentation, use of indigenous materials, and successful blending of an eight-story building into an area of single family residences.

The Winston Churchill Apartments are located in the Cabanne district of the city's Central West End, an area historically defined by Kingshighway, Martin Luther King Drive, Delmar Boulevard and Union. In 1877, Dr. J. S. Cabanne built a road from Union to De Hodiamont north of Delmar, dedicated the strip and its improvements to the public, and prepared for development of large houses for some of the city's finest families. The architectural styles included Gothic, "St. Louis Tudor", Italian Renaissance, and Georgian in the same mix that is found on other Central West End streets.¹ Shortly after the building's construction, the area's residents began moving westward as population patterns changed, and many of the earlier buildings were demolished.

Among the architects who were earning respected reputations for residential and apartment design was the firm of Hall and Proetz, most notably Victor Proetz, who formed a partnership with Ralph Cole Hall in 1924 and continued an active practice for ten years.² Proetz's concern with residential design carried through to interior design, furniture, and the decorative arts, which culminated in exhibits held in New York and St. Louis beginning in 1937. A catalog accompanying the New York show also discussed Proetz's desire to "form a₃ transition between the spirit of the past and that of today."³

The catalog describes the firm's work as "domestic," and the adaptation of native forms which was developed so skillfully by him and his partner, Ralph Cole Hall, in their residence work has had an extremely happy effect upon the more recent domestic architecture of the whole St. Louis area."

After 1937, Proetz broadened his repertoire and produced over two thousand designs for furniture, textiles, ceramics, lighting fixtures, glass, etc., while continuing his architectural practice in several American cities and in London.⁴

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Clayton, Mo.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The Winston Churchill Apartments are located in St. Louis City Block 3866 and are situated in lots 29, 30, and 31 in Block 3-N of Cabanne's Subdivision. The building runs 170 feet along Cabanne and 202 feet along Belt.

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 CAROL B. COREY

organization FOURSQUARE PRODUCTIONS date 09/30/84

street & number 3612 North 19th Street telephone (314) 241-5374

city or town St. Louis state Missouri 63107

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *John Karel*
John Karel, Director & Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
title Division of Parks and Historic Preservation date 2-22-85

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Melores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 4-4-85

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

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Ralph C. Hall attained somewhat of an international reputation after ending the partnership in 1934. After World War II he became Chief of the Department of Design for the State Department in Washington, D.C., and designed embassies in Peru, Iran and Rome. Locally he is credited with the design of Country Day School and the Peabody Coal Building.

The Winston Churchill Apartments appeared in St. Louis at a time when apartment living had become accepted and popular, with the Central West End offering the widest variety of styles and sizes to choose from in the city. There was considerable resistance to the idea of apartment living around the turn of the century, since efforts at multi-family living at that time consisted of row houses and flats--a form that many St. Louisans found unpleasant and ugly.⁵

The building was named for popular St. Louis author Winston Churchill, who wrote several best-selling novels. He had no personal connection with the building.

Footnotes

¹West End Word. 15 September 1984.

²St. Louis Globe-Democrat. 15 February 1977.

³Architecture and the Decorative Arts. St Louis City Art Museum. p.8.

⁴Ibid.

⁵St. Louis Builder. December, 1904, n.p.

⁶New York Sunday News. 5 October 1947.

⁷St. Louis Globe-Democrat. 27 October 1946.

⁸Ibid.

⁹St. Louis Globe-Democrat. 1 March 1947.

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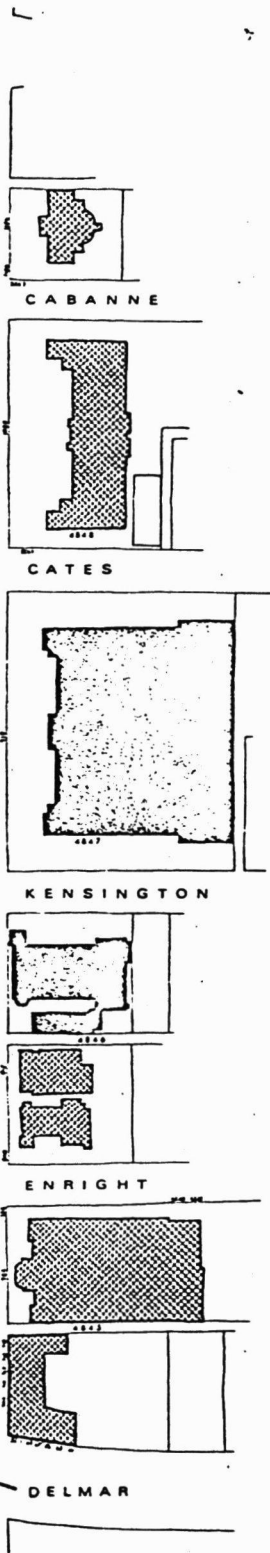
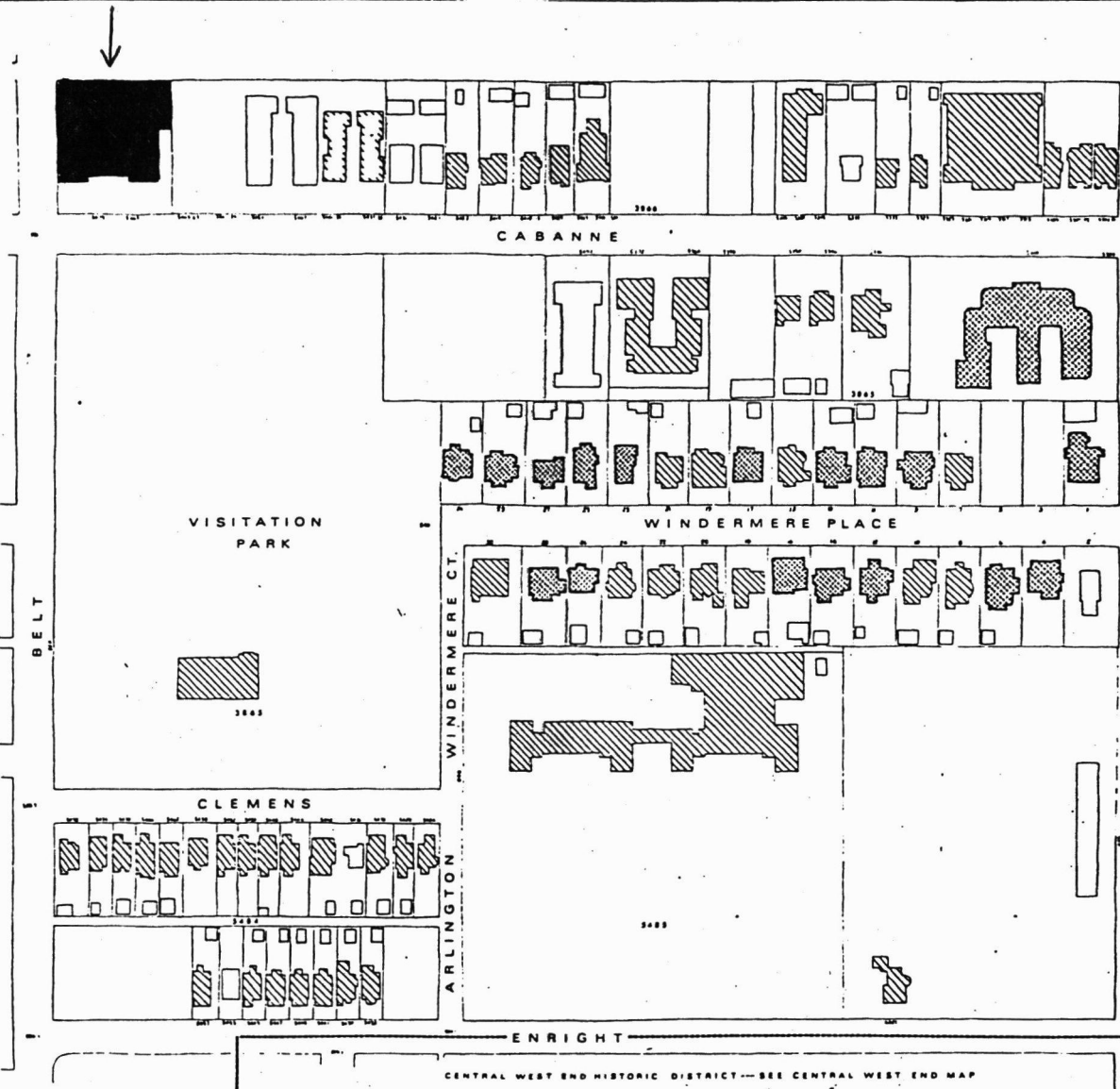
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 5475 CABANNE AVENUE
 ST. LOUIS CITY, MISSOURI



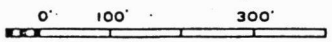
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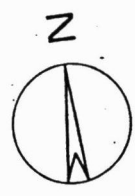
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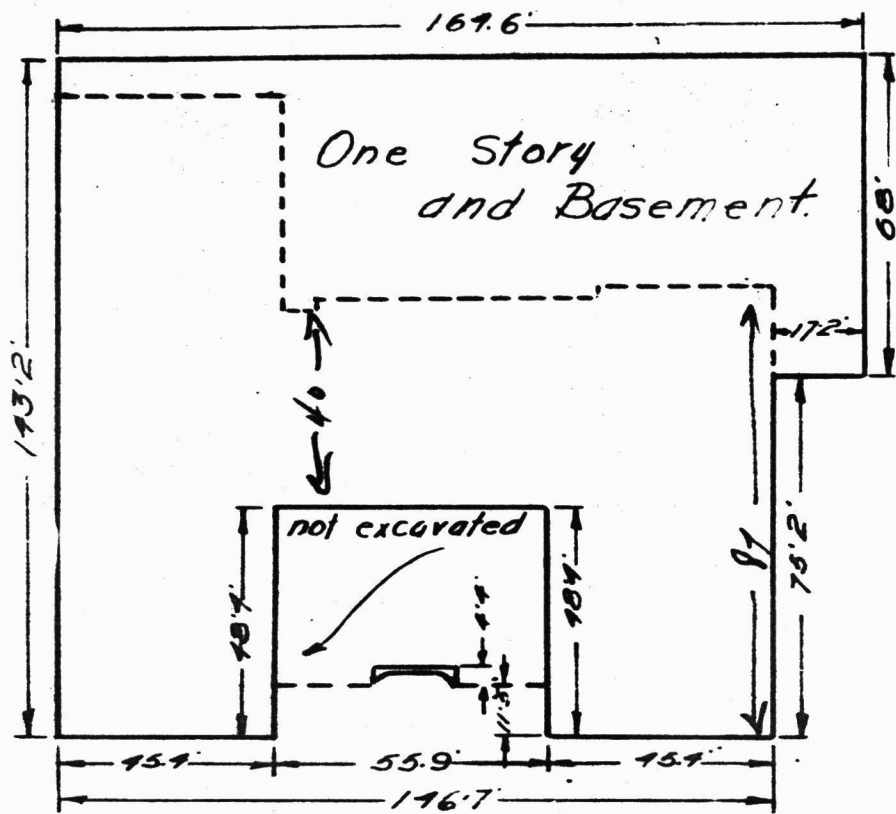


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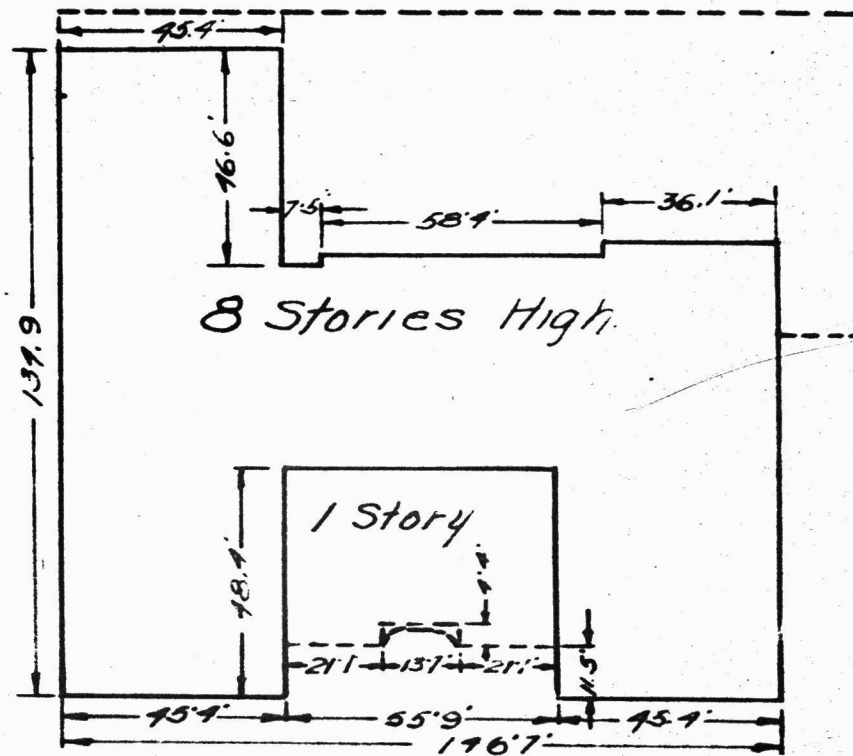
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Basement Plan



Typical Plan

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 ST. LOUIS CITY, MISSOURI
 (Perm. 561.6)

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Winston Churchill Apartments
St. Louis (Independent City)
MISSOURI

Working No. MAR 7 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/21/85
Action: ACCEPT 4-4-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
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

- 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

- 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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St. Louis, Missouri

Photographer: Carol Corey

Date: Sept., 1984

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St. Louis, Missouri 63107

View of street from east



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View of front and side from west



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View of front elevation, facing north



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Center portion, front elevation



REI'S
FOOD SHOP

FAITH GRAINS
CO.

NO
STREET
CROSS ONLY

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View of rear, facing south



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Side elevation facing west



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Northwest corner

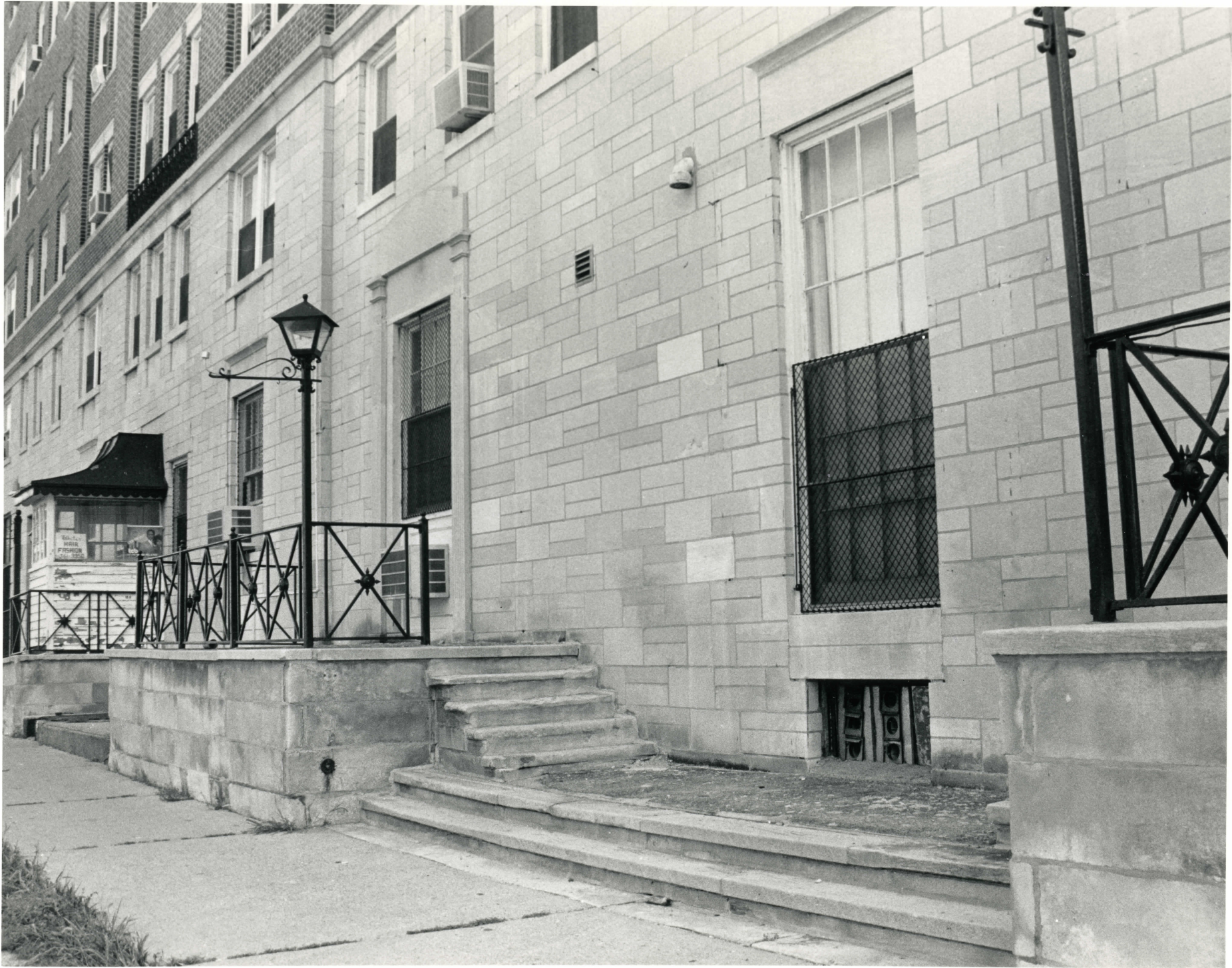


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View of main entry door



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Lower level, side elevation, facing east



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First floor lobby



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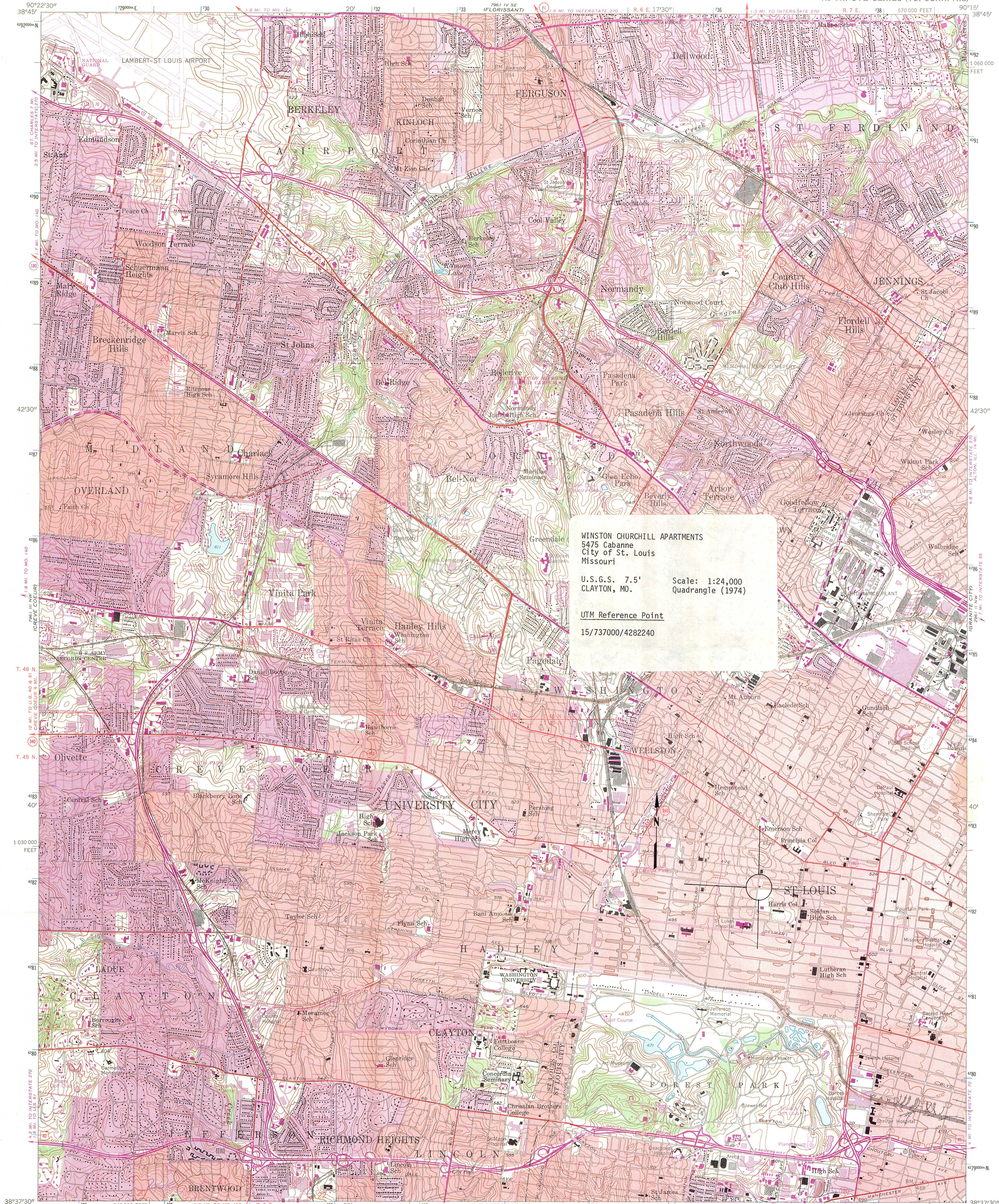
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First floor lobby



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City of St. Louis
Missouri

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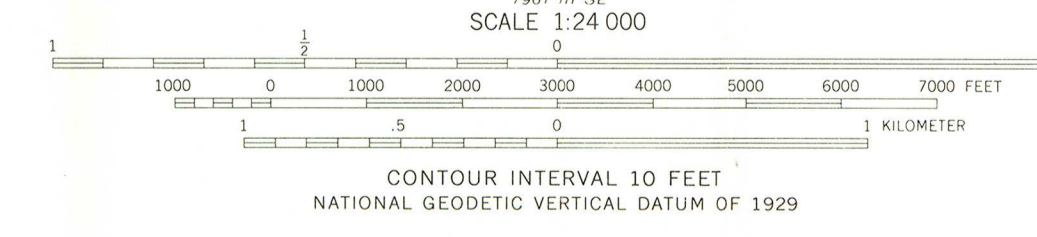
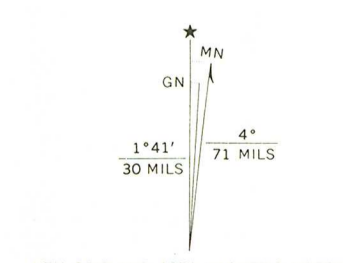
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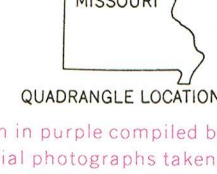
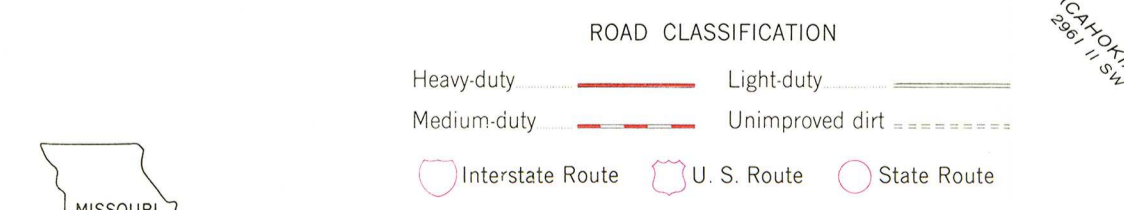
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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ROLA, MISSOURI 65401
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February 25, 1985

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register Branch
Interagency Resources Division
National Park Service
1100 L Street, Room 6209
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Carol:

Enclosed please find the following submission from Missouri for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

WINSTON CHURCHILL APARTMENTS
5475 Cabanne
St. Louis, Missouri

This nomination was approved by our State Review Board, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, on November 16, 1984, and has been signed by Missouri's Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, John Karel. All owners and appropriate elected public officials were notified and provided forty-five (45) days to comment on the above proposed nomination in accordance with Section 60.6 (c) 36CFR60, interim regulations, using the exact notification format recommended by the National Register. No objections, notarized or otherwise, were received for the above referenced nomination.

If there are any questions concerning this submission, please contact James M. Denny of my staff at 314/751-4096.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF PARKS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

B. H. Rucker
Assistant Director

BHR:meb

Enclosure

John D. Ashcroft Governor

Rec'd 3/7/85