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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Jefferson Davis Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast corner of Catoma and Montgomery streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Montgomery

VICINITY OF

2

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Alabama

01

Montgomery

101

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

☒ BUILDING(S)☒ PRIVATE☒ UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

☒ OTHER: Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William B. Moore, Jr.; J. W. Casey; and, W. S. Newell

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 270

CITY, TOWN

Montgomery

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

142 Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Montgomery

STATE

Alabama

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

Exterior:

The Jefferson Davis Hotel Building is a ten-story reinforced concrete structure with a brick and limestone exterior, of early 20th century Commercial Style with mixed Classical and Sullivanesque details. The building occupies the northeast corner of the intersection of Montgomery and Catoma streets in downtown Montgomery, Alabama. The first floor and mezzanine form an approximate square in plan while the second through tenth floors form a "L" configuration in plan, with one wing facing Montgomery Street and the other wing facing Catoma Street. The Montgomery Street elevation consists of seven structural bays, while the Catoma Street elevation consists of eight structural bays. As was typical of the period, the two street elevations are quite heavily ornamented, while the rear elevations are plain brick punctuated only by window openings.

On the street elevations, the surface treatment divides the structure into three distinct units: the first floor, mezzanine and second floor; the third through ninth floors; and the tenth floor.

The first floor facade is a series of segmental arches in cut limestone. The arches occur in each structural bay and are approximately twenty-four feet tall and ten feet wide. The arches have red brick infill (which appears to be original only in two bays) up to a decorative cut limestone panel of Sullivan inspiration. Above the decorative panel are three double hung windows, the center window being larger than the two flanking windows forming an a-b-a rhythm. On the Catoma Street front, two arches have a limestone infill rather than brick which is apparently original, being where the lobby stair climbs along the interior side of the wall. A flat steel post and joist canopy covers a small off street unloading area at the main door on the Catoma Street side which is in the fourth bay from the corner. The doors are glass and aluminum storefront and along with the canopy are recent alterations. On the Montgomery Street front, the entrance (also glass and aluminum storefront) is located in the center bay. The bays on each side have storefronts and entrances to restaurants that have been often redone over the years. These three central bays have a cantilevered marquee-balcony over them, which is accessible through doors in the center bay, from the mezzanine level. There appears to have been a former balcony, though the existing one of brick screenblock and glazed tile is an alteration. The first floor arcade is topped by a large cornice mold of approximately three feet in depth, the top of which is at the sill level of the second floor windows. The second floor windows are paired in each structural bay, with each pair being encased in cut limestone. Between each pair of encased windows is a decorative panel, which acts visually with the window encasements to form an ornamental band above the cornice, around the second floor. The third through ninth floors are red brick, punctuated only by windows (which continue to be paired in structural bays) in wood frames with limestone sills.

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At the ninth floor level, there are two false balconies, on each street elevation. The balconies have ornamental limestone panels for sides, rather than balustrades, and are supported by acanthus leaf brackets.

A cornice mold of cut limestone occurs between the ninth and tenth floors, above which the window encasements and decorative panels of limestone form a continuous ornamental band around the tenth floor, visually creating an architrave upon which the frieze and cornice rest. The frieze rests on a row of dentils topped by an egg and dart mold, and is composed of acanthus leaf brackets as triglyphs alternating with metopes of round medallions with a shield in the center. Above the frieze is a large cornice mold which tops the elevation.

The building has a built up flat roof with a parapet wall, and penthouse for the elevator equipment and services.

There are fourteen windows per floor on the Montgomery Street elevation on the second through tenth floors, arranged in seven pairs within the structural bays. The Catoma Street elevation is similar with sixteen windows in eight pairs. The windows are wood double hung in wood frames. The lower sash is a single pane of glass, while the upper sash is a six-pane divided light. The windows on the rear elevations are also double hung, but both sashes are single panes of glass.

INTERIOR:

The only notable interior space in the Jefferson Davis Hotel Building is the lobby. It faces Catoma Street, and features a full height coffered ceiling, and ornate stair to the mezzanine which forms a balcony on the right side. The columns in the lobby are square with chamfered corners and are plaster on marble bases, which match the marble floor.

The column capitals are stylized and of no particular order. The chamfered corners are an acanthus leaf topped by a scroll, while each side of the columns have a shield in the center, flanked by a vertical row of leaves, the stem of which ends at the top with scrolls of ribbons. The capitals are finished in a metallic gold color. The walls are panelized with applied molding on plaster, and a wainscot mold on most walls. The stair is marble with a marble wainscot along the wall, and a wrought iron baluster and an ornate cast iron newell post.

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The walls which separate the mezzanine from the lobby space at the rear and at the left have openings in them which are highlighted with plaster ornament. The opening at the center of the rear wall features a crest surrounded by garlands and scrollwork above a broken pediment which is supported by acanthus leaf brackets. The opening on the left wall features a crest emblazoned with JD and flanked by torches and scrollwork in plaster. The right side of the lobby has the mezzanine balcony, the edge of which is highlighted by ornate patterned moldings, similar to those in the ceiling coffers, which is a stylized acanthus leaf. An acanthus leaf bracket supports the edge of the mezzanine balcony at the columns.

The remainder of the first floor and mezzanine have been extensively altered and redone over the years so that neither the original layout or materials can be discerned. The hotel room floors, however, appear to have remained largely unaltered, with the exception of a lowered ceiling in the hallway to accommodate air conditioning. All the hotel rooms are virtually identical, with plaster walls, picture mold, single panel doors, and only the carpets appear to have been replaced over the years. There are transoms over the hallway doors, still visible (though not operable) from the rooms, but not the hallway, due to the lowered ceiling.

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 1927-1929 BUILDER/ARCHITECT architect: Frederick Ausfeld
builder: Hugger Bros. Const. Co.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rising ten stories, the Jefferson Davis Hotel was Montgomery's fourth major hotel and was among the earliest reinforced concrete structures in the city. It was designed by architect Frederick Ausfeld and built by the Hugger Brothers Construction Company from 1927-1929. The combination of its early twentieth century commercial style and its Classical and Sullivan-esque details characterized the decade's prevailing moods of modernity and lavishness. Located in the heart of downtown, only a few blocks from the State Capitol, the hotel became an important social and political gathering place.

During the prosperous decade of the 1920's, a group of local financiers foresaw that Montgomery had grown to need another major hotel, so in 1927 they formed the Capital City Hotel Company to implement their idea. Dr. S. D. Suggs served as President of the corporation, and other members included Walter L. Shepherd, Judge C. E. Thomas, and accountant Meyer W. Aldridge. Frederick Ausfeld, designer of the 1895 Schloss and Kahn Warehouse on Coosa Street, was selected to be the architect, and E. S. Hugger, of the popular Hugger Brothers building firm, the contractor. The financiers leased and later sold the structure to the Dinkler Corporation, a chain which operated hotels in many southern cities. When completed in 1929, the Jefferson Davis was the fourth large hotel in the city and the second to be constructed during that decade. It soon became a favorite stopping place for legislators and tourists who frequented the city.

The ten-story structure had an ornate lobby, a mezzanine, and 200 guest rooms. Local firms supplied much of the building materials, with the brick coming from the Jenkins Brick Company and the millwork, cement, lime, and plaster from the Southern Building Company. The most up-to-date engineering and mechanical equipment were used in the fireproof building, and particularly modern features were employed in the coffee shop, barber shop, and electrical system. Upon completion, the cost of the building was estimated to have been \$1,250,000.

In 1960, Montgomery businessmen H.O. Davis and Tine Davis purchased the hotel from the Dinkler Chain and spent approximately \$500,000 on remodeling and renovation work. However, the convenience of motels and the change in travel patterns proved too great a competition, and the hotel closed in 1975. It has recently been purchased by another group of businessmen who plan to begin renovating the structure in the near future.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Montgomery Advertiser. March 15, 1928; January 17, 1929; February 22, 1929; December 18, 1963; September 17, 1975; April 30, 1977; and, May 15, 1978.

Moore, William. Interview by Mary Ann Neeley, Fall, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 1/2 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Montgomery North Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 116 563670 35821010

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 6, part Lot 7, Block 11, East Alabama Plat.

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

Sally Moore and Mary Ann Neeley (Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Alabama Historical Commission

February 8, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

725 Monroe Street

(205) 832-6621

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Montgomery

Alabama 36130

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Miss B. Howard-Jr.

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

Feb. 9, 1979

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

3.13.79

DATE

2/26/79

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Neeley, Mary Ann. Proposed nomination form, Winter, 1978.

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Property Jefferson Davis Hotel

State Ala.

Working Number 2.13.79.283

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 2.14.79

HISTORIAN

1927-29 hotel significant for association with political & social life of Montgomery in the 1930s and for architectural values and as an example of early reinforced concrete construction in Montgomery.

ACCEPT
DUBIE 2/26/79

ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT AS ONE OF THE EARLIEST USES OF REINFORCED CONCRETE IN THE CITY. THE SHAPES REFLECT A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IN SKYScraper DESIGN — DECORATIVE ORNAMENTATION WAS BEING COMPROMISED FOR STRUCTURAL EXPRESSION

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT

H. B. 2/26/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back _____

Entered MAR 13 1979

Federal Register Entry

4-3-79

Re-submit _____



Jefferson Davis Hotel
Montgomery, Alabama, Montgomery
County

Paul Robertson, Summer, 1978
possession of photographer

View from south showing
Montgomery and Catoma streets
elevations.

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Jefferson Davis Hotel
Montgomery, Alabama, Montgomery
County

Paul Robertson, Summer, 1978
possession of photographer

View of Lobby.

Photo number: 2

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3

Jefferson Davis Hotel
Montgomery, Alabama, Montgomery
County

Paul Robertson, Summer, 1978,
possession of photographer.

View of mezzanine.

Photo number: 3

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Jefferson Davis Hotel
Montgomery, Alabama, Montgomery
County

Paul Robertson, Summer, 1978
possession of photographer.

Detail of capital.

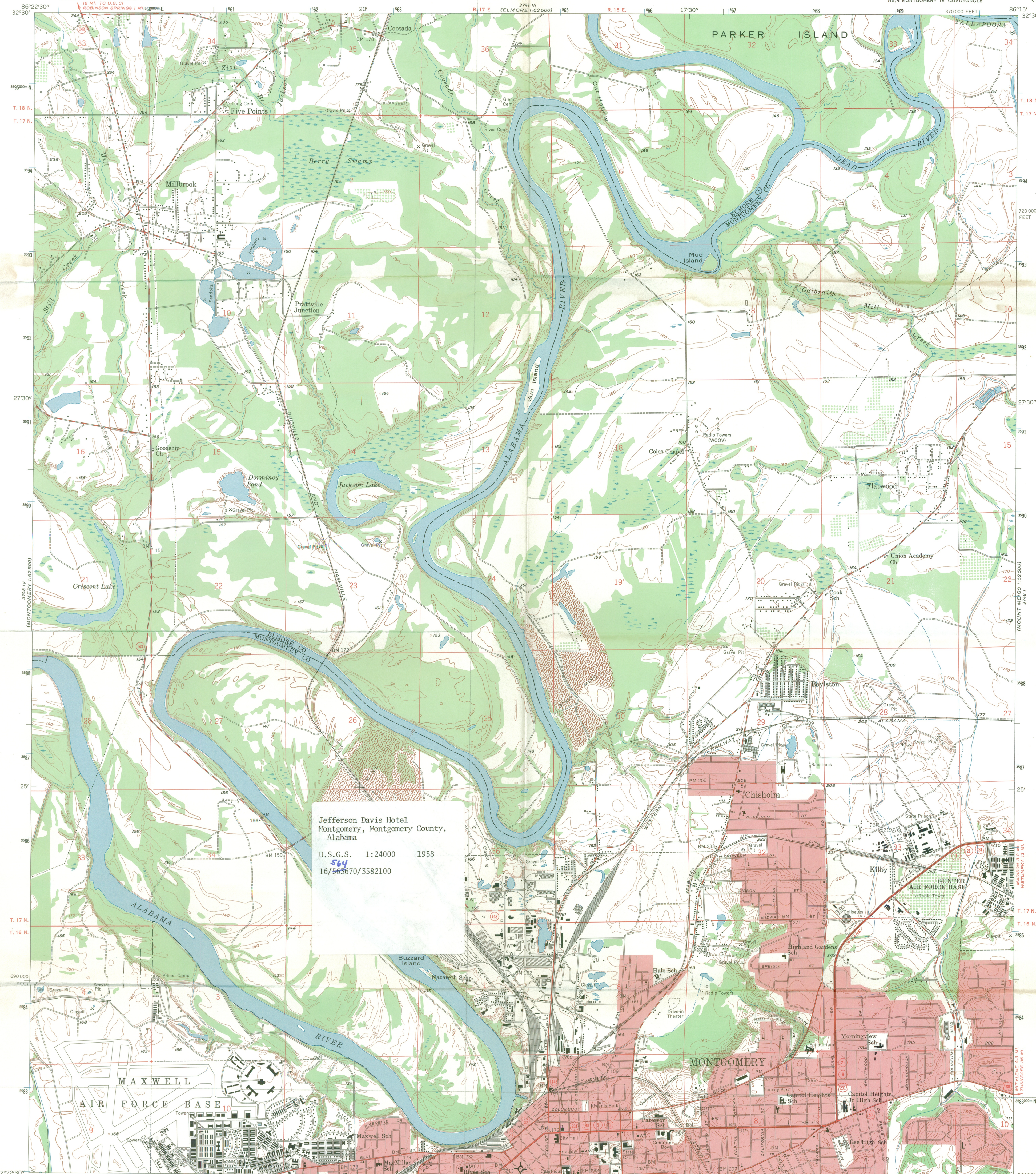
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MAR 13 1979

FEB 13 1979

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MONTGOMERY NORTH QUADRANGLE
ALABAMA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE 1/4 MONTGOMERY 15' QUADRANGLE



Jefferson Davis Hotel
Montgomery, Montgomery County,
Alabama
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Control by USGS and USC&GS

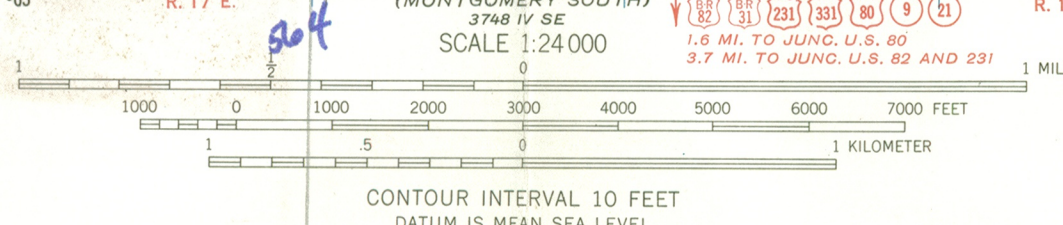
Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsch plotter

Aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1958

Polycyclic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Alabama coordinate system, east zone
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1958 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

MONTGOMERY NORTH, ALA.
NE 1/4 MONTGOMERY 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3222.5-W 8615.7/7.5

1958

AMS 3748 IV NE-SERIES V844



Montgomery North, Fla.

Montgomery North, Fla.
No 2th

July 25, 1978



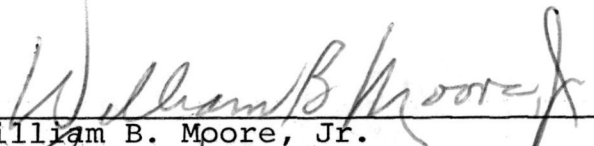
TO: Alabama Historical Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

FROM: WILLIAM B. MOORE, JR.
W. S. NEWELL and
J. W. CASEY
P. O. Box 270
Montgomery, Alabama 36101

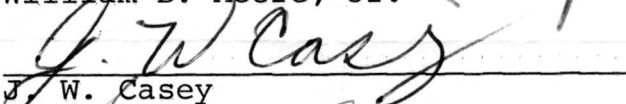
SUBJECT: Jefferson Davis Hotel, corner of Montgomery and
Catoma Streets, Montgomery, Alabama - Montgomery County

We are the owners of the above mentioned property and we understand that it has been proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. We have been provided with, have read, and understand literature explaining the National Register program and the effect on property if it is entered in the National Register of Historic Places.


As the owner of the property, we DO concur with the proposed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.



William B. Moore, Jr.



J. W. Casey



W. S. Newell

Date: July 25, 1978

LAW OFFICES
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TWELFTH FLOOR BELL BUILDING
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36101

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MAILING ADDRESS
P.O. Box 270

TELEPHONE 834-8480
AREA CODE 205

August 3, 1978



Alabama Historical Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Attention: Mr. W. Warner Floyd
Executive Director

Dear Members of the Commission:

The owners of the Jefferson Davis Hotel would like to petition the Alabama Historical Commission to begin proceedings to have the Hotel nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. As I understand it, our first request is to your Board to ask you to determine the eligibility of the property for nomination.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Owners' request that the property be nominated.
2. Some recent photographs, interior and exterior, of the property.
3. A few newspaper clippings taken from the files of the Montgomery Advertiser and Alabama Journal which bring to mind the nostalgic past of the Hotel.

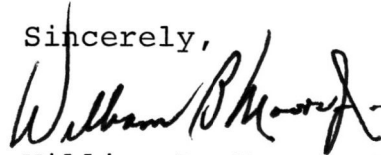
The Hotel is more than fifty years old. Much of the recent political history of the State of Alabama has been made inside its walls. In the 50's it was the favorite extracurricular meeting place of the legislators. It has been campaign headquarters for several

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gubernatorial candidates and over the years has been the temporary home of many public figures, movie actors, entertainers and people of national and international reputation.

In the event you see fit to nominate this property, we will furnish you all details and background information that you deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William B. Moore, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

William B. Moore, Jr.

WBMjr/sb
Encs.

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TWELFTH FLOOR BELL BUILDING
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36101

February 2, 1979

*Waiver
letter*
CHARLES A. STAKELY (1903-1965)
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MAILING ADDRESS
P.O. Box 270

TELEPHONE 834-8480
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Dr. William Murtaugh
Keeper of the National Register
National Register
Heritage, Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Attn: Mr. Bill Lebovitch

Dear Dr. Murtaugh:

I am one of the owners and I speak for all of the owners of the Jefferson Davis Hotel building, Montgomery, Alabama.

I am authorized by all of the owners to state that we are aware of the Tax Act implications of listing on the National Register, and we waive the right to a 30 day comment period.

Please expedite the nomination of the Jefferson Davis Hotel building to the National Register.

Yours very truly,

William B. Moore, Jr.
WILLIAM B. MOORE, JR.

WBM:MDS

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D **FEB 05 1979**

DATE ACTION TAKEN
INITIALS



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE

75 Spring Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

IN REPLY REFER TO:

F78(SER-PP)

FEB 10 1983

Ms. Carol Shull
Chief of Registration
Interagency Resource Management Division
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is correspondence from Mr. Mike Sullivan of the General Services Administration concerning the Jefferson Davis Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama (listed in the National Register March 13, 1979). Apparently, there is a question as to whether or not an adjacent structure is considered to be included within the boundaries of the official National Register Listing.

Although the letter was submitted to the Regional Office, we believe this to be an issue that should be handled by the National Register.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please send us a copy of your final determination.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Hartwig
Chief, National Register Programs Division
Southeast Region

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Mike Sullivan, Realty Specialist
Leasing Branch
Real Estate Division
General Services Administration, Region 4
75 Spring Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D

FEB 17 1983

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS



February 3, 1983

Mr. Paul Hartwig, Chief
Preservation Services Division
National Park Service, Room 1140
75 Spring Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: National Register of Historic Places
Jefferson Davis Hotel, Montgomery, AL

Dear Mr. Hartwig:

The Jefferson Davis Hotel, 348 Montgomery Street, Montgomery, AL, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 13, 1979. A two story office building, known as the Jefferson Davis Offices was constructed in or soon after the year 1963 and butts to the historic Jefferson Davis Hotel. There are no common entrances or mechanical systems between the two buildings.

We are trying to determine if the two story office building, constructed in or soon after 1963 should be considered historic. The General Services Administration has established a policy where historically significant properties are given the first opportunity to satisfy a requirement for leasing space to the Government.

Please provide this office with your official determination as to the Jefferson Davis Offices, 340 Montgomery Street, Montgomery, AL, being or not being:

1. listed in the National Register of Historic Places;
2. located in a historic district which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places;
 - A. if said building was specifically cited in the nomination of the district as being significant or contributing to the character of the district;
 - B. if said building is certified by the Secretary of the Interior as being of historic significance to the district; and
3. determined to be formally listed as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Sullivan

MIKE SULLIVAN
Realty Specialist
Leasing Branch
REal Estate Division

Patrick Andrews
3/4/83

Alabama

MAR 7 1983

Mr. Mike Sullivan
Realty Specialist
Leasing Branch, Real Estate Division
General Services Administration, Region 4
75 Spring Street SW.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 1983, concerning the Jefferson Davis Hotel, 348 Montgomery Street, Montgomery, Alabama, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Jefferson Davis Hotel, a ten-story reinforced concrete structure, was built between 1927-1929. According to the Alabama State historic preservation office, the two-story office building that abuts the Jefferson Davis Hotel, (currently known as the Jefferson Davis Offices, 340 Montgomery Street), was constructed in 1963 as a ballroom addition to the hotel. The boundary description of the National Register listed hotel includes the property at 340 Montgomery Street. The Jefferson Davis Hotel was listed in the National Register for its architectural significance, and for its historic association with the political and social life of Montgomery in the 1920's and 1930's. The National Register nomination form for the hotel does not mention the 1963 addition. As a modern addition to a historic building, the National Register does not consider the two-story building at 340 Montgomery Street to contribute to the significance of the Jefferson Davis Hotel, or to have historic significance of its own.

If we may be of further assistance in this matter, please contact the National Register at 202-272-3504.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull ((Sgd.))

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
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