

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

OHP

historic Security Trust and Savings

and/or common Security Pacific Bank

2. Location

street & number 6381-85 Hollywood Boulevard

N/A not for publication

city, town Hollywood

N/A vicinity of

congressional district 24

state California 90028 code 06 county Los Angeles code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u>X</u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u>X</u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u>X</u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u>X</u> N/A	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Questmark Associates I, Ltd. (Mark Nissenbaum, President)

street & number 16633 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 1020

city, town Encino

N/A vicinity of

state CA 91436

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Los Angeles County Hall of Records

street & number 511 W. Temple Street

city, town Los Angeles

state CA 90012

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic/Cultural Resources

(Tax Certification, Part I, 12/10/82)

has this property been determined eligible? X yes no

date 1979

 federal X state county local

depository for survey records Hollywood Heritage; State Office Historic Preservation

city, town P.O. Box 2586, Hollywood

state CA 90028

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Security Trust and Savings building is a seven story class A steel reinforced masonry office building designed in the Renaissance Revival tradition. The structure has retained its historic integrity; there has been little alteration, with the exception of replacement of doors in bank and office lobby entrances. All design elements are visible; signage is being changed to renew historic integrity. The exterior is gray terra cotta with terra cotta ornamentation. The building is vertical in massing. A band of dark marble anchors the structure to the street. The street level facades (on Hollywood Boulevard and on Cahuenga) are composed of outsize glass windows slightly recessed between wide pilasters. Entrances to the bank portion of the structure are recessed and highlighted with fluted columns. The Cahuenga entrance has an ornately decorated cornice with medallions and garlands supported by brackets. The Hollywood Boulevard entrance has been stripped of its cornice to accommodate a sign. There is an ornamental stringcourse which separates the street level from the office floors above, dividing the structure into specific use zones. The intermediate office floors have pairs of windows banded vertically, culminating in a decorative double arch. Thin twisted columns separate the double hung windows, which are slightly recessed. Each pair of arched windows is capped with a stone arch set with a round medallion. Decorated capitals top the fluted columns. Beneath each office window is a rectangular panel, each bordered with terra cotta cast in a classical motif. Capping the structure is a flat roof with deep projecting eaves. Prominent cornice decoration include a series of sculpted lion heads punctuating the roof line, cerulean blue tile under the eaves at each corner of the structure, carved brackets and stylized floral medallions recessed between the brackets. The "rope" effect of the twisted columns is maintained in this area by two horizontal bands. The classical motif of the panels below the office windows is repeated in a horizontal band below the brackets. This area contains some of the richest detailing on the building.

The interior has been extensively remodelled several times in the 1940's, 50's, and 60's. The bank lobby has been modernized, but original marble floors, freestanding columns (covered), and stairway to the vault area are intact. The office lobby is being restored to the original banded marble walls and high ceiling. Brass mail chute and office directory case are intact. The lobby retains its original marble floor. Elevators have been remodelled. The office floors are currently undergoing renovation. Former remodellings have been removed. Elevator lobbies and stairways will remain intact. Interior renovation is proceeding, using original materials wherever feasible. The work is being carried out according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☐ 1800-1899	☒ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1921

Builder/Architect John & Donald Parkinson

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Security Trust and Savings is one of the major banking edifices on Hollywood Boulevard. Designed to accommodate the financial transactions of the growing community and the burgeoning entertainment industry, the institution played a substantial role in the economic development of Hollywood by providing the facilities for studio payrolls, real estate syndications, and financial backing for motion pictures. Visually, it is one of a handful of high rises erected along this famous thoroughfare, and the first highrise office building to be completed. It is representative in quality and design of the Second Renaissance Revival, a style believed by local business interests to exude stability and distinction, one which would attract depositors and investors. Designed by the renowned Los Angeles firm of John and Donald Parkinson, the structure has retained its integrity with minor alterations to the Hollywood Boulevard bank entrance. Unlike many Hollywood buildings, there has been no renovation of the street level facade.

The site is part of the property of the original Hollywood ranch, purchased by the founders of Hollywood, H.H. and Daeida Wilcox, in 1887. It has been the site of a functioning banking institution since 1905 when local businessmen G. Greenwood and E.O. Palmer started the Hollywood National Bank. In 1921 the bank was absorbed by Los Angeles based Security Trust (now Security Pacific), which became the first downtown bank to open a branch office in Hollywood. Greenwood stayed on as manager, and Security brought needed capital to a growing Hollywood and maintained a high profile in community affairs, sponsoring civic activities and disseminating educational and historical promotional pamphlets about the area. The institution's commanding presence in the community was matched by the visual prominence on the Boulevard of the imposing design created by the Parkinsons. The firm, schooled in the classical tradition and known for their innovation and attention to detail, provided a distinctive, but not flamboyant, structure which exuded stability and prosperity and was filled with classical ornament and fine materials. Marble was used liberally on both exterior and interior, as were heavy brass fixtures and cerulean tile. Other distinctive Parkinson and Parkinson contributions include Bullocks' Wilshire (1928), Pacific Coast Stock Exchange (1929), Title Insurance (1929), and Union Passenger Terminal (1934-39). In addition to its banking functions, the building has provided office space for the entertainment industry and the community's medical professionals.

9. Major Bibliographical References

E.O. Palmer, History of Hollywood, (LA:Cawston Pub., 1937).
Gebhard & Winter, Architecture in Los Angeles, (Peregrine Smith, 1977).
In the Valley of the Cahuengas (LA: Security Trust, c. 1925)
Bruce Torrence Historical Collection, Pacific Federal Savings.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.3 acre

Quadrangle name Hollywood

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A 11 377 460 37 74 1210
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification MB 5546, page 005, parcel 010
Portions of lots 11 and 12, block 20 of Hollywood as follows: Beginning at
sw crnr lot 12, thence east along so line thereof 104 ft.; north parallel
with west line of block 20, 125 ft; west parallel with south line lot 12
(see attached)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries N/A

state N/A code county N/A code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Christy Johnson, consultant

organization Questmark Associates I, Ltd.

date November 1, 1982

street & number 16633 Ventura Blvd., #1020

telephone (213)851-8854; 986-2040

city or town Encino

state California 91436

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

K. Ellison

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6/30/83

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 8/18/83

for *Delores Byers*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

FHR-8-300A
(11/78)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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CONTINUATION SHEET

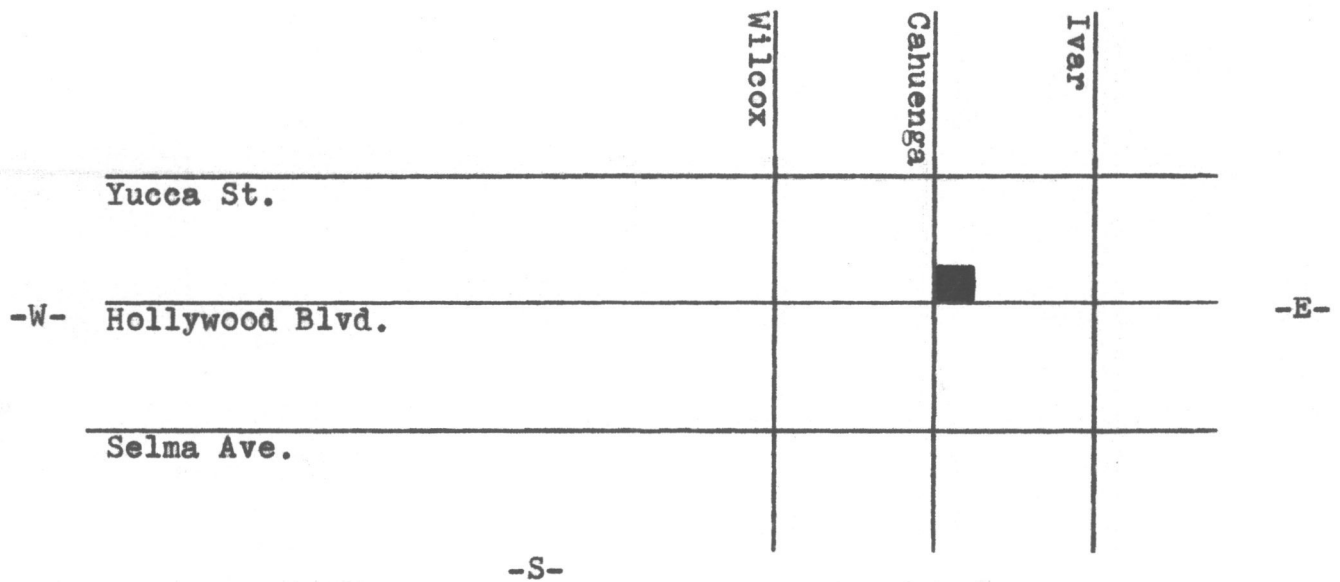
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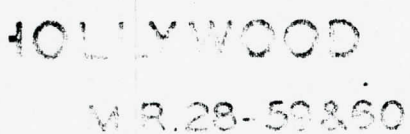
Verbal boundary description, cont.: 104 feet to the west line of said lot 11; thence south along the west line of said lots 11 and 12, 125 feet to the place of beginning. Building occupies its historic lot.

LOCATIONAL SKETCH MAP: HOLLYWOOD SECURITY TRUST & SAVINGS
6381-85 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90028

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P. O. BOX 3544, NAVA, CALIFORNIA 94359
 Direct Location: 2602 Laurel Road, (707) 755-6210
 Toll Free (800) 451-7150 • California (909) 761-4000



SECURITY TRUST AND SAVINGS BUILDING
6381-6385 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Security Trust and Savings
Los Angeles County
CALIFORNIA

Working No. JUL 20 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 8/18/83 9/3/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 8/18/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the

National Register

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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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

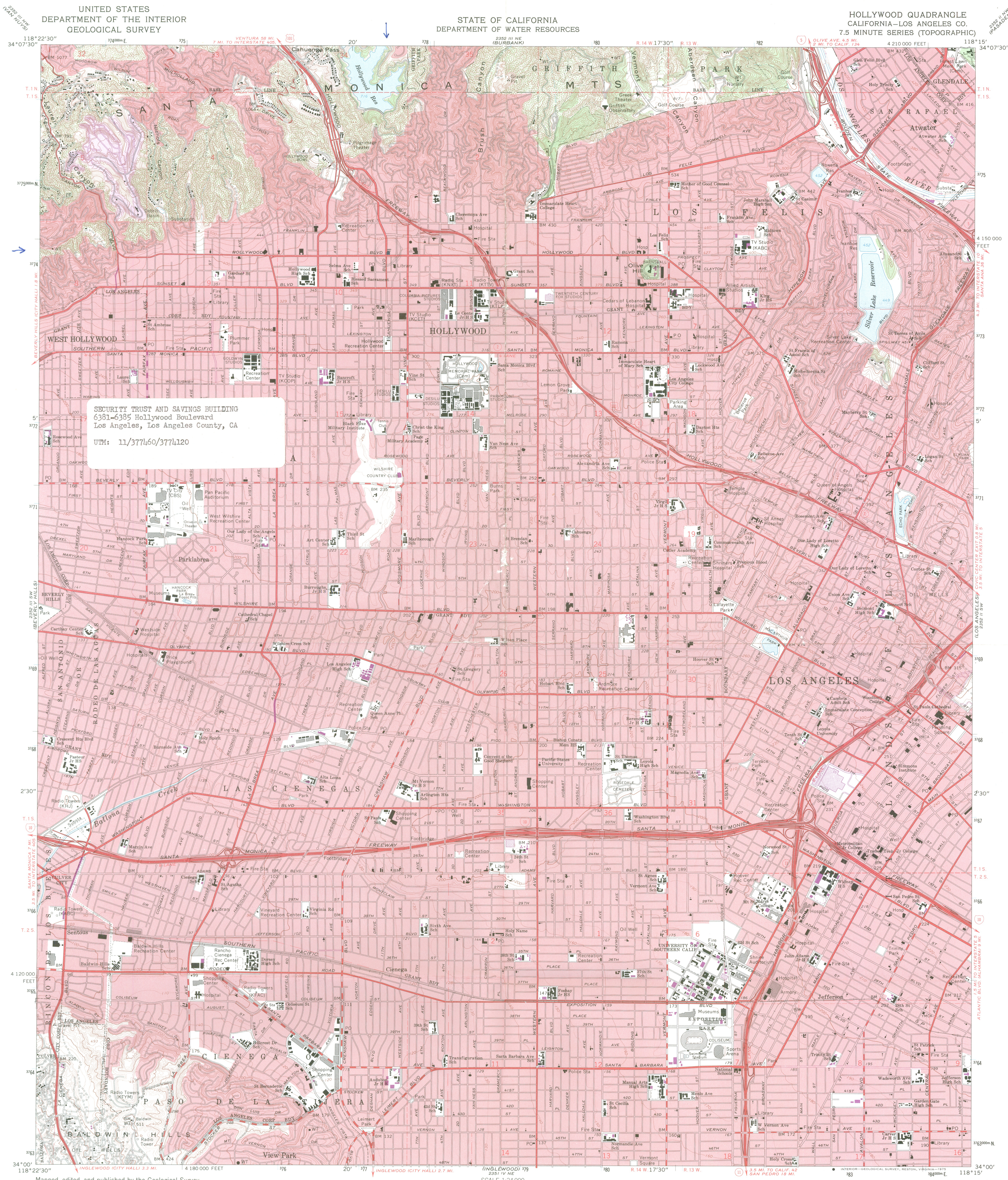
- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet





SECURITY TRUST AND SAVINGS BUILDING
6381-6385 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA
UTM: 11/377460/3774120

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Los Angeles City and County
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1966
Supersedes map surveyed 1923-25, revised 1953
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on California coordinate system, zone 7
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 11, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
A portion of the south half of this map lies within a subsidence area
Vertical control based on latest available adjustment

UTM GRID AND 1972 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

0°44'
13 MILS

15°
267 MILS

SCALE 1:240,000

1 1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 10-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
N3400—W1815/7.5

1966
PHOTOREVISED 1972
AMS 2352 III SE—SERIES V895

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1972. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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December 10, 1982

Mr. Mark Nissenbaum
President, Questmark Associates I, Ltd.
16633 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 1020
Encino, California 91436

Re: Security Trust and Savings Bldg., 6381-85 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
(Los Angeles Co.), CA. (Project No. 0228-82-CA.)

Dear Mr. Nissenbaum:

The Office of Cultural Resources has made a preliminary determination that the above property appears to be meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If the property is subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and if actually listed in the National Register, then it will qualify as a "certified historic structure" for purposes of the provisions contained in section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976, sections 701(f) and 315 of the Revenue Act of 1978, and sections 212 and 214 of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981.

Obtaining "certified historic structure" status is the first step toward qualifying for tax incentives to encourage the rehabilitation of historic structures. These incentives apply only to structures that can be certified as meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Please refer to the enclosed material for information on the new 1981 tax provisions.

If you have not yet completed Part 2 of the Historic Preservation Certification Application, describing your rehabilitation plans, the enclosed copy should be completed and mailed to your State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for preliminary review prior to review at the Federal level. Instructions for filling out the application are on the form itself. Enclosed are the Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation. Specific questions concerning documentation required to certify rehabilitation work should be addressed to your SHPO.

Please be advised that this letter constitutes a preliminary notice of the property's significance. Certification of the property as a "certified historic structure," however, is contingent on nomination to and actual listing in the National Register. The nomination process involves review by the State Review Board, SHPO, and the National Park Service. It is possible that additional documentation may be requested during review of the nomination.

Sincerely,

(s) Margaret Pepin-Donat

Margaret Pepin-Donat
Chief, National Register Programs

Enclosures (3)

cc:

WASO-NR, w/o enc

SHPO-CA, w/o enc

OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

POST OFFICE BOX 2390

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95811



916-445-8006

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
1100 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We are submitting the Security Trust and Savings building for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The property is located in Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Knox Mellon".

Dr. Knox Mellon
State Historic Preservation Officer

KM:jc
Enclosures

