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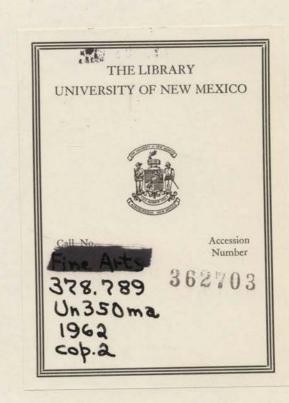
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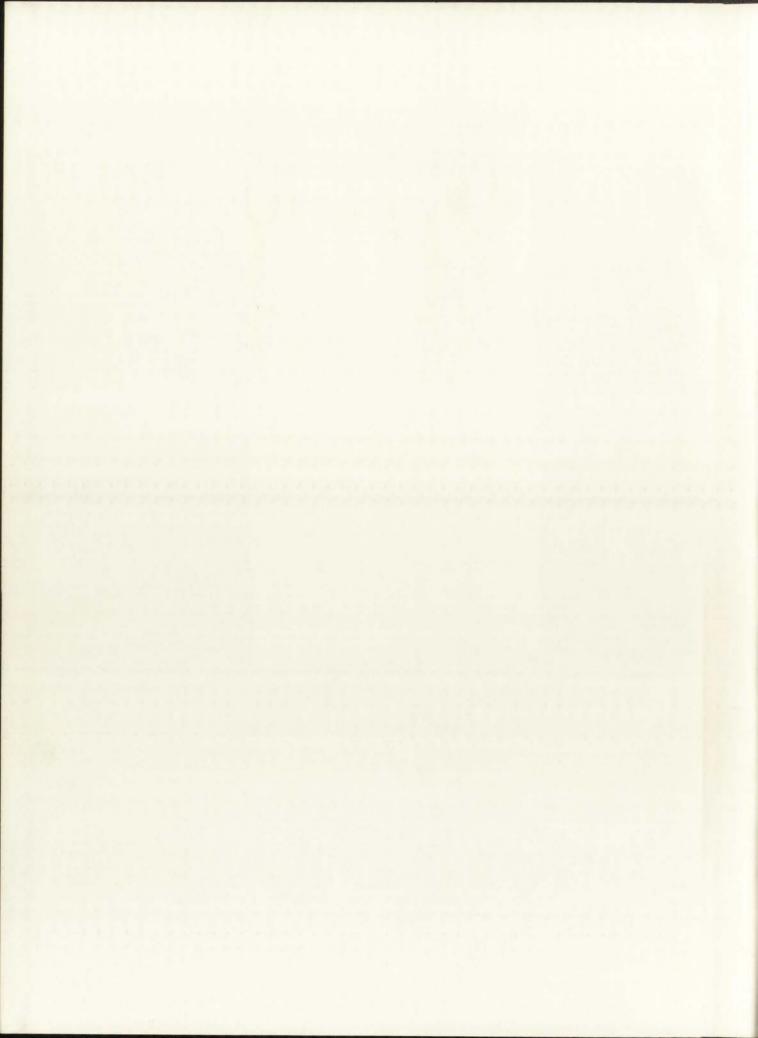
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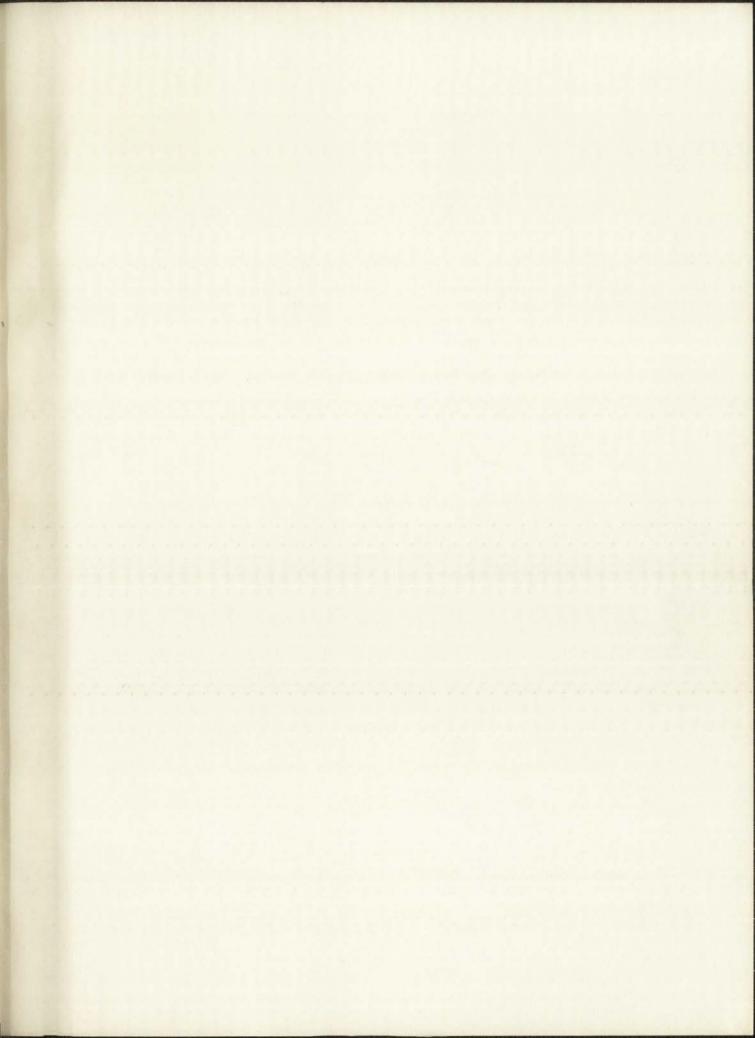


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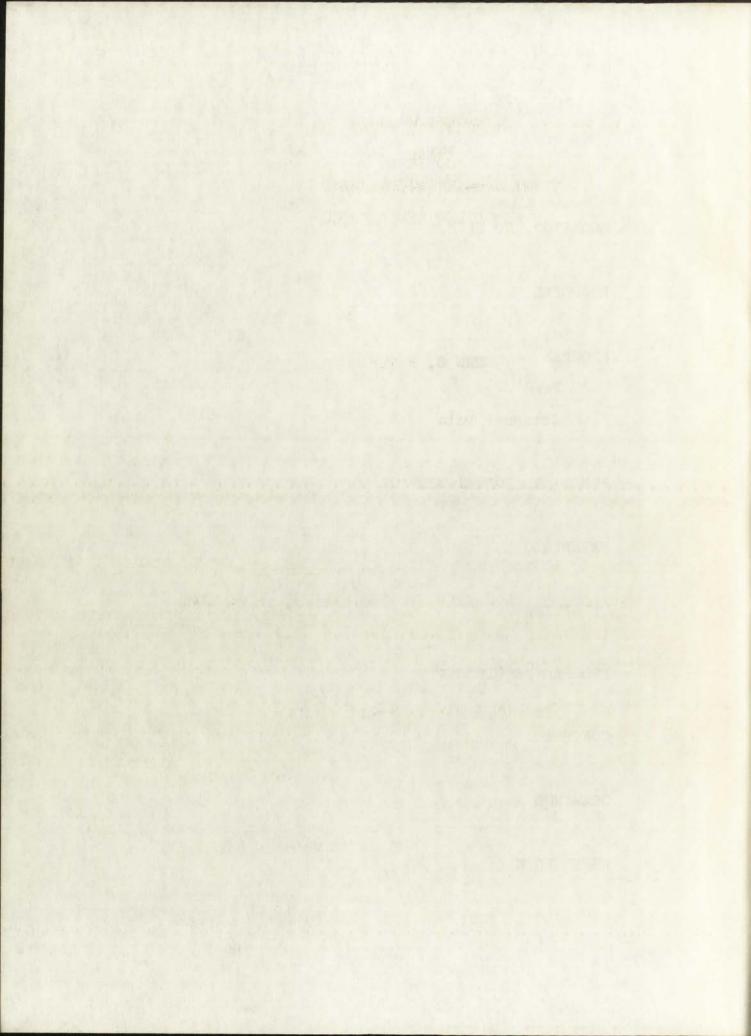
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A MOUNTAIN RESORT

FOR

MOUNT WHEELER DEVELOPMENT CO.
RED RIVER, NEW MEXICO

BY

JOHN C. MCKINLEY

BACHELOR'S THESIS

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SITE

The vicinity in which the site is located is a few miles southeast of the town of Red River, New Mexico. This is a wilderness area of thick Douglas Fir trees spotted with groves of Aspen. The mountains and the valleys are almost virgin land.

The site elevation is approximately 9400 feet above sea level, and the top of the mountain ridges are about 11,500 feet above sea level.

The access to the site is a narrow dirt road which follows closely to the Red River. The Red River originates near the top of Mount Wheeler, which lies five miles to the south of the site.

Ski trails will start from the site and lie south, up the face of Bull of The Woods Mountain. Beaver dams will provide dammed water to the west of the building complex, about 800 feet away.

Nearby towns include Taos, Raton, and Eagle Nest.

Supplementary information regarding other towns can be found on drawing No. 1 at the end of this report.

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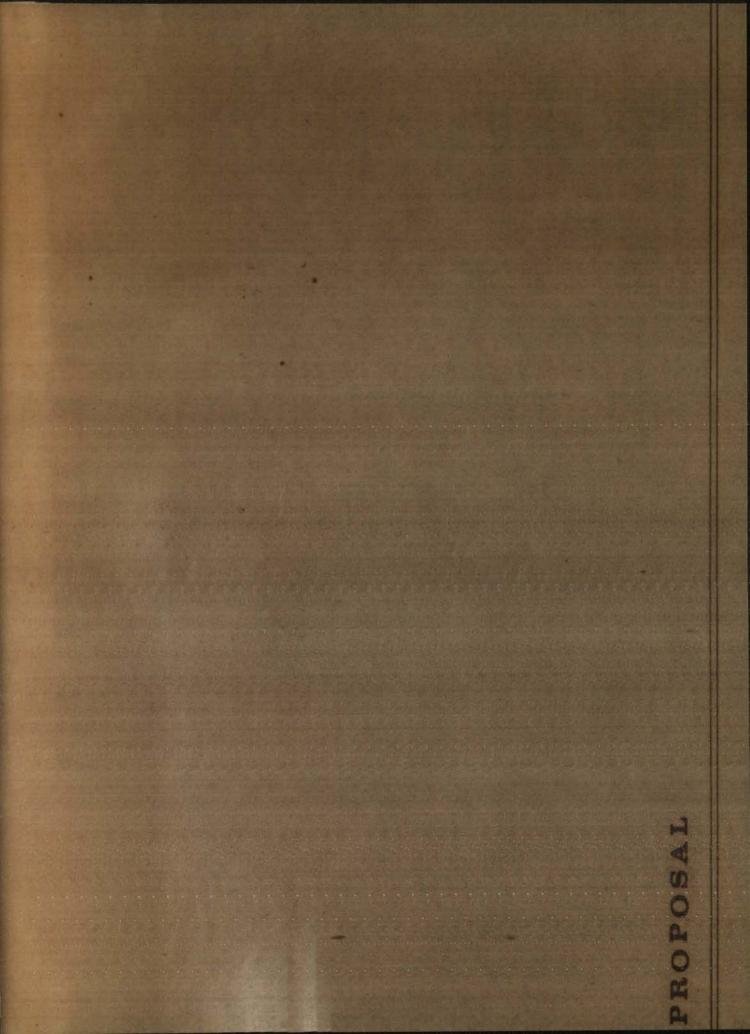
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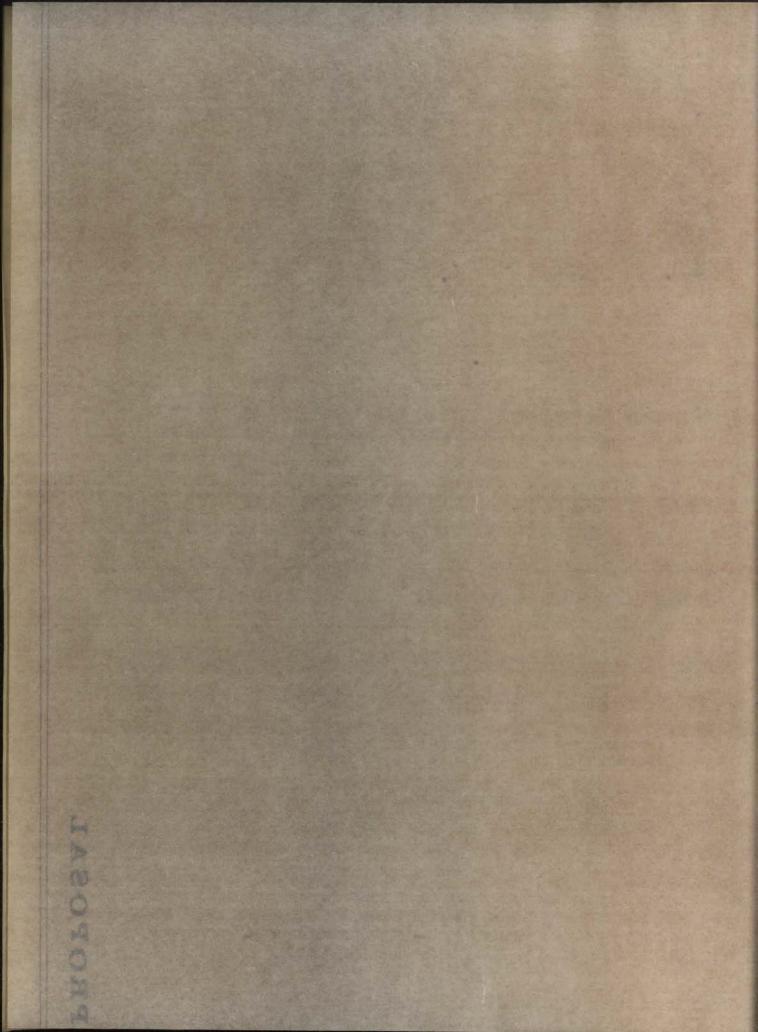
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BACHELOR'S THESIS PROPOSAL

BY

JOHN C. MCKINLEY

TITLE

A Mountain Resort

LOCATION

Red River, New Mexico

PROPOSAL

The Red River area is rapidly developing into a vacationer's and sportsman's resort. People are coming to this area and staying for one or two weeks at a time. My client wishes to develope new facilities to be able to take advantage of the growing popularity evident in this area. The architectural design problem will consist basically of lodges, restaurants, warming houses, and a terminal building.

It is the purpose of this thesis to gather and formulate all of the necessary information concerning the feasibility of such a project. Finally, the lodge complex will be designed so that it best suits the nature of the problem.

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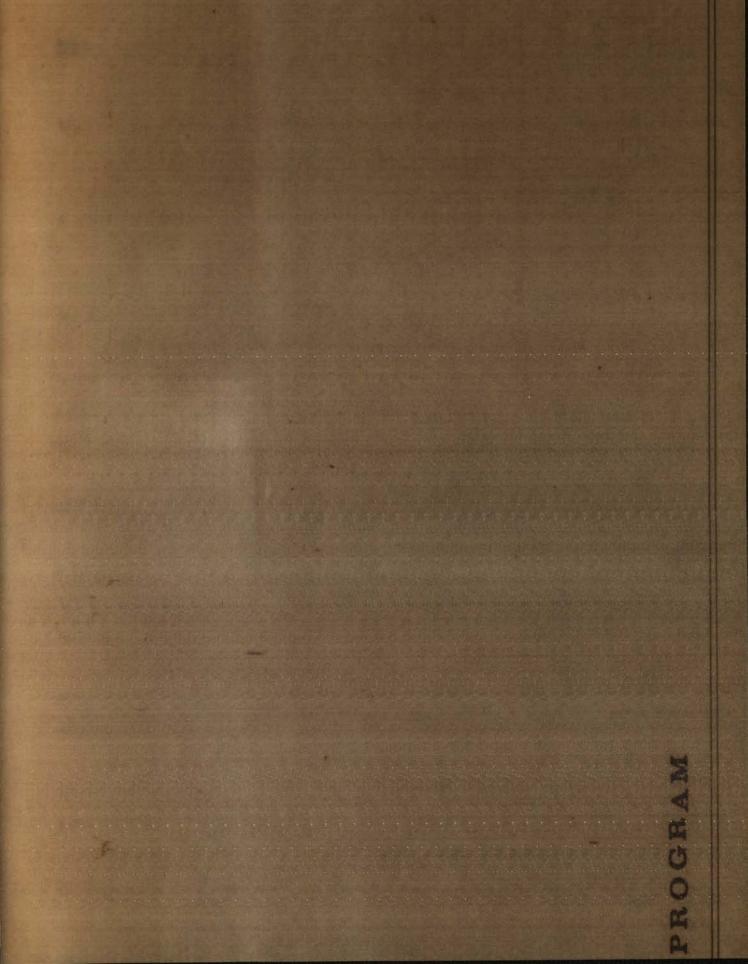
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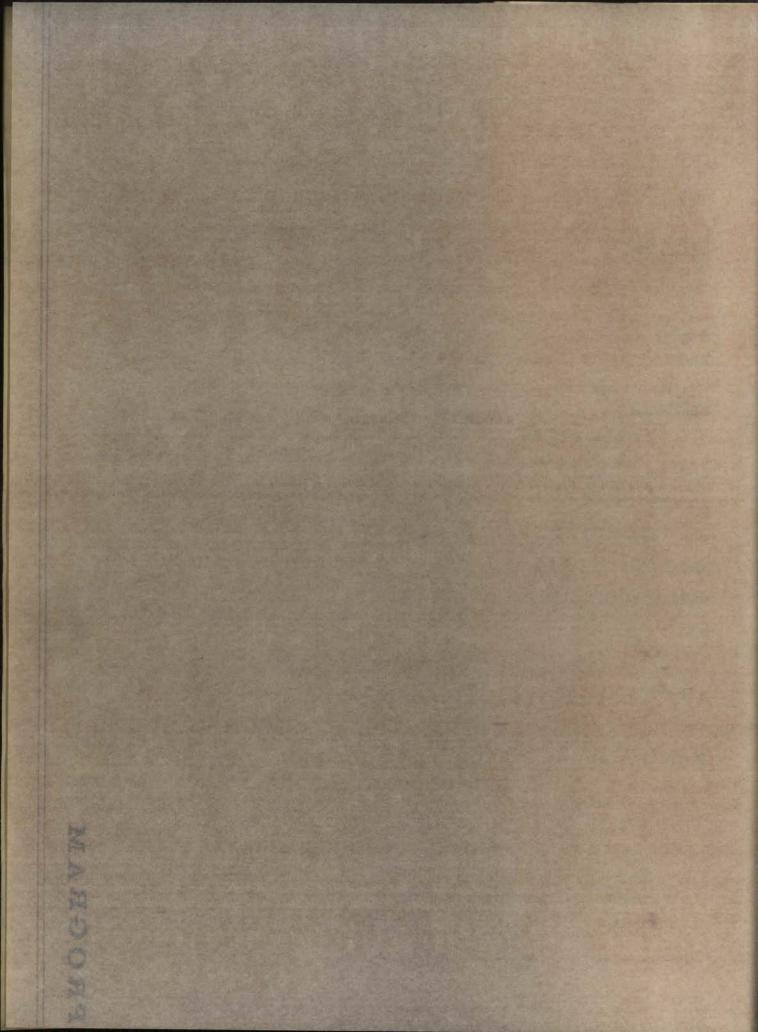
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NEED

The Red River vicinity enjoys a tourist trade, upon which the town's economy and existence depends.

In the 1959-60 ski season Red River had 4200 skiing days. In the 1960-61 ski season Red River had 5600 skiing days. In the 1962-63 ski season Red River had 11,000 skiing days.

A skiing day implies one skier on a particular day.

Each year this one sport has increased due to the popularity of the area. In 1962-63 the total number of tourist was 195,000. On July fourth Red River had 30,000 tourist.

There are only accommodations for about 3,000 people. These accommodations are not all first class. About 1,500 of the accommodations are first class, while the rest are of very poor quality.

With these figures in mind, my client wishes to develope a new area, but not in the actual town of Red River.

The new area is southeast a few miles and located at a higher elevation and it boasts a much heavier snowfall. This additional snowfall will provide better skiing and a longer skiing season.

At the present ski lift in Red River, weekends total 650 people skiing daily. During the week local enthusiasts number about 150 per day.

By developing the new area it will be possible to offer the local and out of state ski clubs excellent skiing facilities and accommodations.

During the summer the area offers a retreat to the mountains in a remote area as yet tucked away by itself.

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SEASONS

This area enjoys a strong contrast in seasonal weather. Summers are very mild, although a few hot days occur. The temperature varies from 70° to 85°.

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FUNDS

Funds for this endeavor have been arranged by the client.

He has privately financed this project through an Insurance

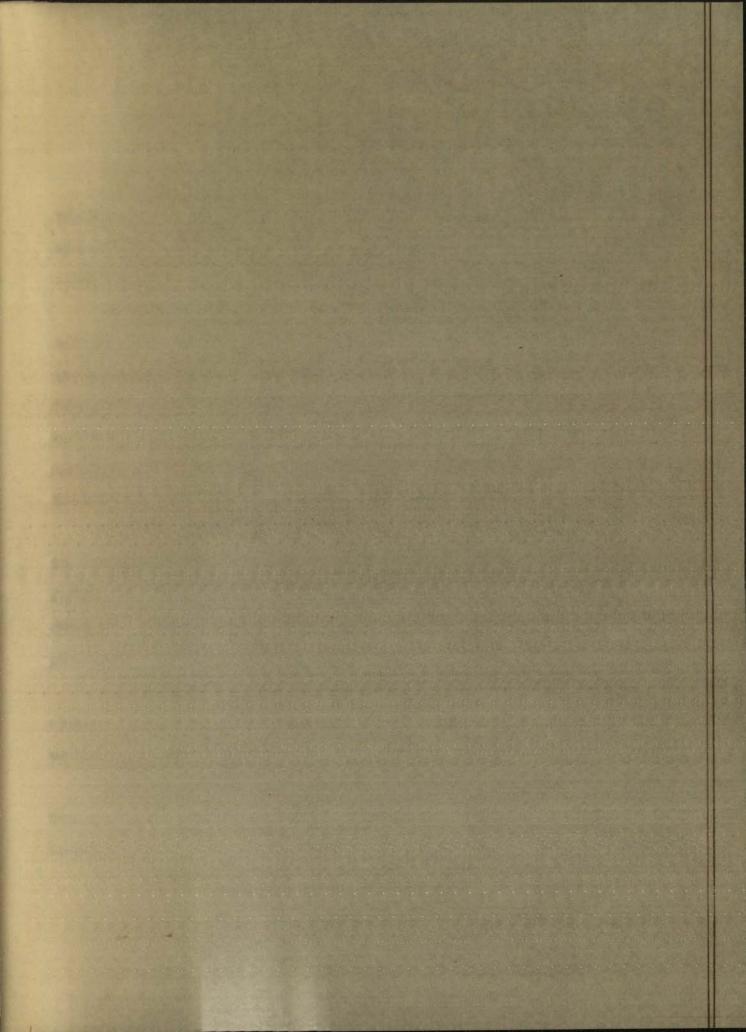
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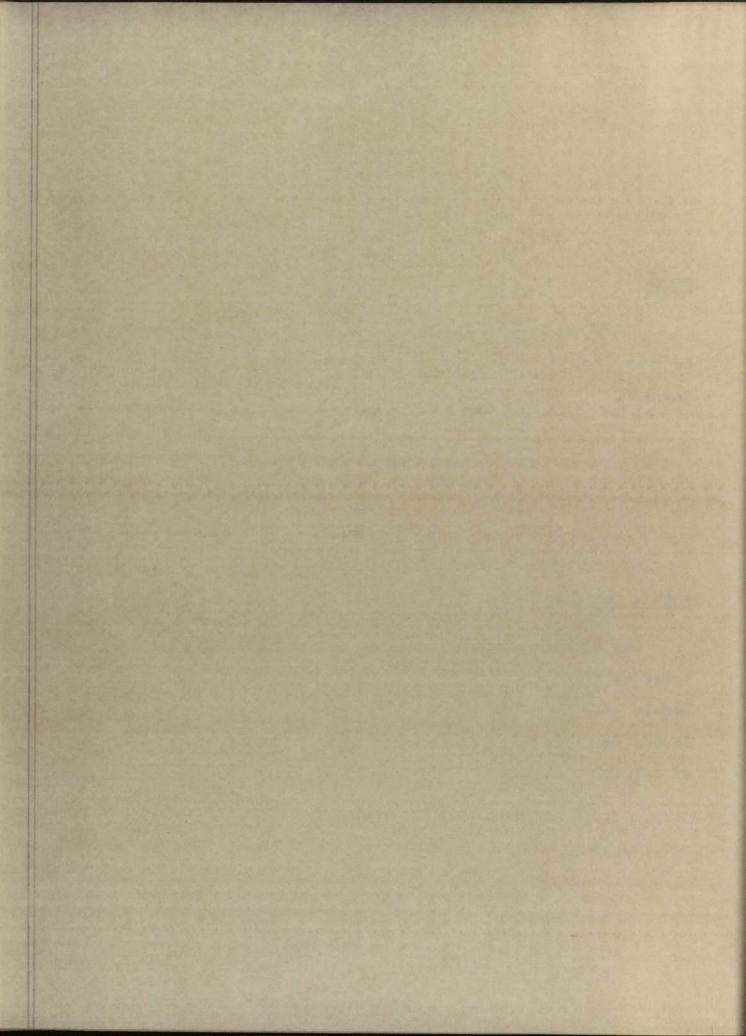
FOREST SERVICE

The Forest Service must approve design of the warming house at the top of the lift. Permission must also be obtained before clearing of forest areas. The main concern of the Forest Service is the problem of erosion control and cutting of existing timber.

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The materials for construction, especially the exterior siding and roofing will receive extreme weathering. The materials chosen must be able to provide low maintenance and durability.

It has been found that wood siding and wood shingles do not weather well, as they have been used. The "Hondo Lodge" in the Taos ski valley is built of logs stacked and joints filled with stucco. The roof is of wooden shingles. These materials as they have been used did not provide durable and maintenance free construction. Therefore it may be assumed that such construction is not feasible.

The Ruidoso Lodge designed by Victor Lundy, A. I. A., is of laminated wood structural members and steep wood shingled roofs. The buildings are slightly elevated from the ground. Stone walls are used in exposed conditions. Window walls are placed back under deep over hangs of the roof.

The laminated members are considered to be a good fire risk. The cost of fire insurance to an extent will dictate materials to be used.

Large precast concrete members are questionable outside the limits of Red River, because of accessibility to building locations. ant . Deligations or antique to a continue of the continue of

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The stone is available at the site. The roughout lumber is available at saw mills in the vicinity.

The weatherproof materials are the most difficult to choose. Past experience has shown that only extremely durable roofs last, therefore I chose lead roofing with flat seams.

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ELECTRICITY

Available from the Kit Carson Rural Electric Company of Taos, New Mexico.

HEAT SOURCE

Liquified petroleum to be used in Restaurants and Terminal Buildings.

Electric Heat is to be used in the Lodge units and warming house.

WATER SOURCES

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River

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

RESTAURANT AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE

Lounge	800 sq. f	t.
Toilets	200 sq. f	t.
Restaurant	1000 sq. f	t.
Cafeteria - Coffee Shop	800 sq. f	t.
Managers quarters	800 sq. f	t.
Clothing display	800 sq. f	t.
Lobby	200 sq. f	t.
Office	100 sq. f	t.
Mechanical (downstairs)	400 sq. f	t.
Laundry (downstairs)	200 sq. f	t.
Kitchen	800 sq. f	t.

TERMINAL BUILDING

Ski rental shop	600	sq.	ft.
First aid room	200	sq.	ft.
Ticket office	300	sq.	ft.
Employees dormitory	800	sq.	ft.
Lift equipment housing (downst	airs)	
Mechanical room (downstairs)			
Toilets	150	sg.	ft.

LODGES

36 Cabins 375 sq. ft. each

Toilets (Heating Unit above)

Visitor dormitory 600 sq. ft.

Cafetaria - Coffee Man

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WARMING HOUSE AND RESTAURANT AT TOP OF LIFT

Cafeteria 800 sq. ft.
Kitchen 300 sq. ft.

Toilets 200 sq. ft.

Outdoor warming area 400 sq. ft.

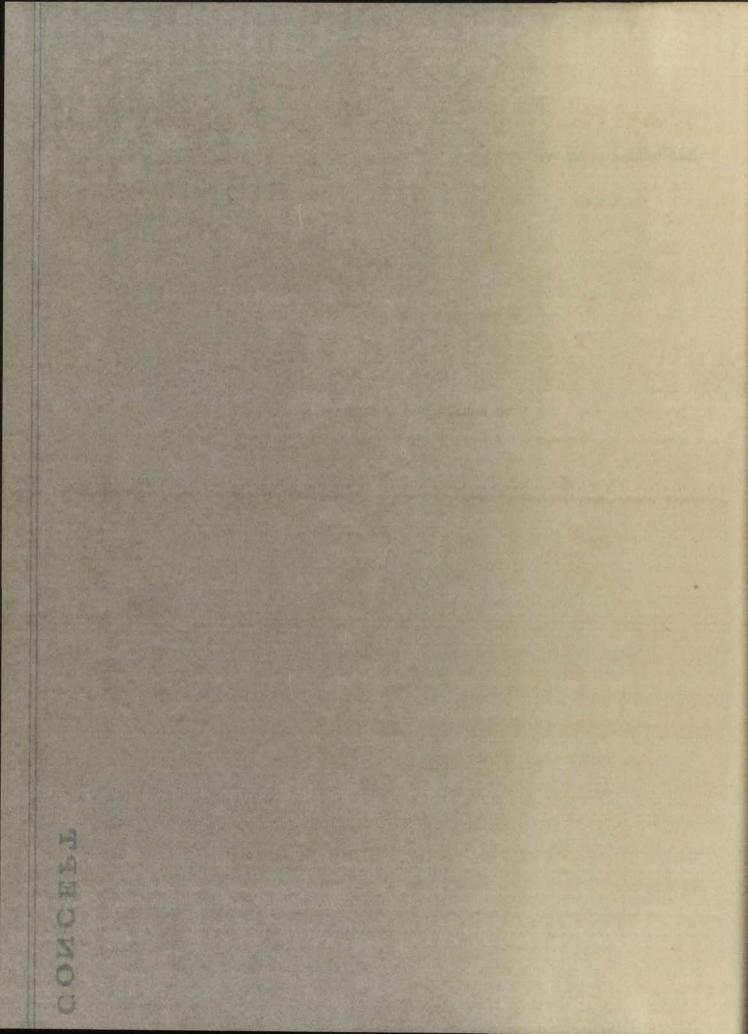
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CONCEPT

This site is situated in rather a unique location, in that the complex will be located by itself in a spectacular wilderness area. I propose that the buildings should be congruous with the area; that if the buildings are to be part of the valley, they must belong to the slopes. This can be done only by moving the buildings as the slopes move, and as a result, the buildings flow together naturally. That is, if a unity is to tie the buildings together, then that unity must come from the terrain.

The unity of the mountains is their ridges folding into each other with the valleys in between being enclosed by the mountain's mass and height.

The view is overwhelming, bold, and of massive scale. Some-how I believe that to capture the full intensity of the view, I must break it down into more intimate experiences shielding the onlooker through enclosures which must provide a strong sense of shelter, and in this way the view will then become measureable. The view can be decimated, captured in glimpses, and then as the spectator emerges from the enclosive; he will become part of the outdoors and the view becomes the surroundings.

The materials to be used are rough, heavy of texture, and left natural. The materials of the area: rough cut lumber and stone are the major materials and are bold enough to establish a character of the valley and lend to the atmosphere of being sheltered.

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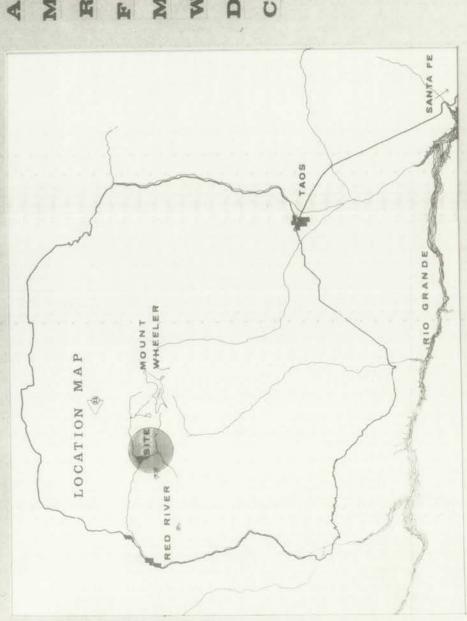
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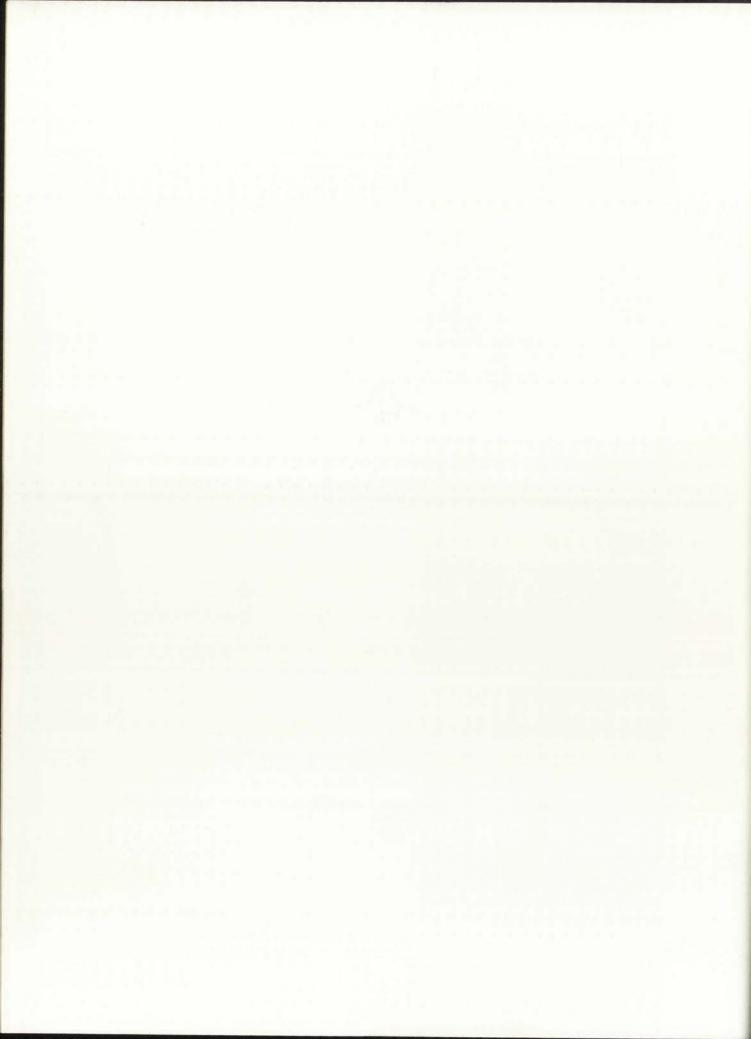
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GENERAL

SITE PLAN

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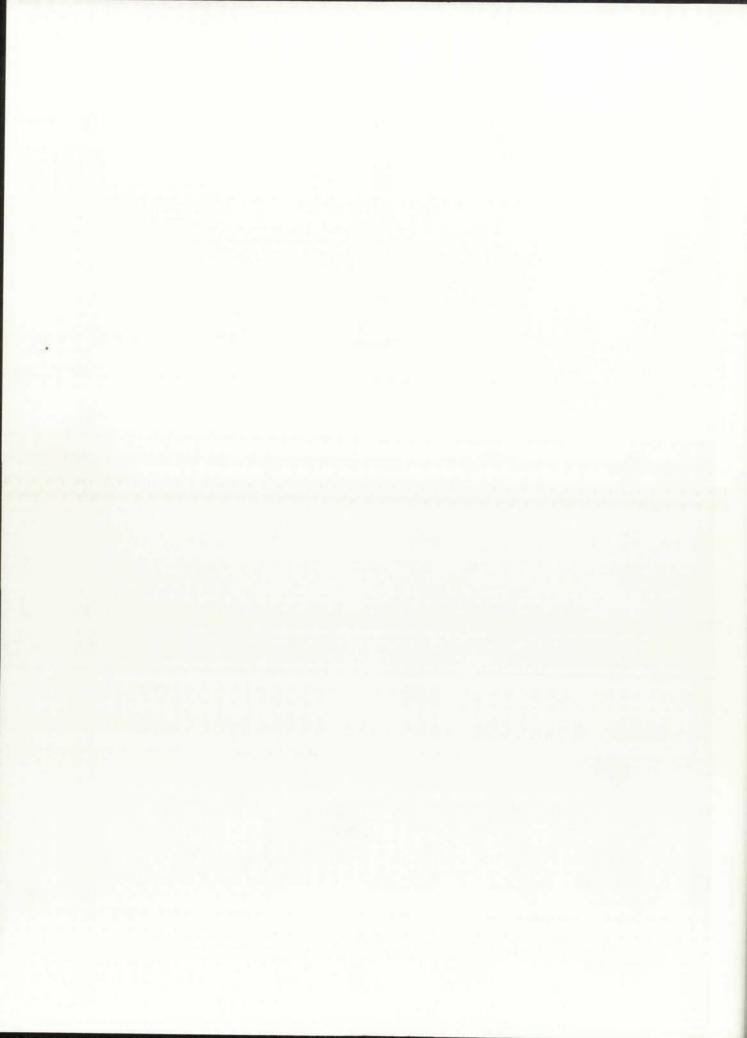
LEGEND

- ROAD
- PARKING
- STREAM 0
- BEAVER DAMS
- REGISTRATION RESTAURANT (D) (D) (M) (M)
 - LODGE UNIT
- TERMINAL BUILDING
- LIFT (4)









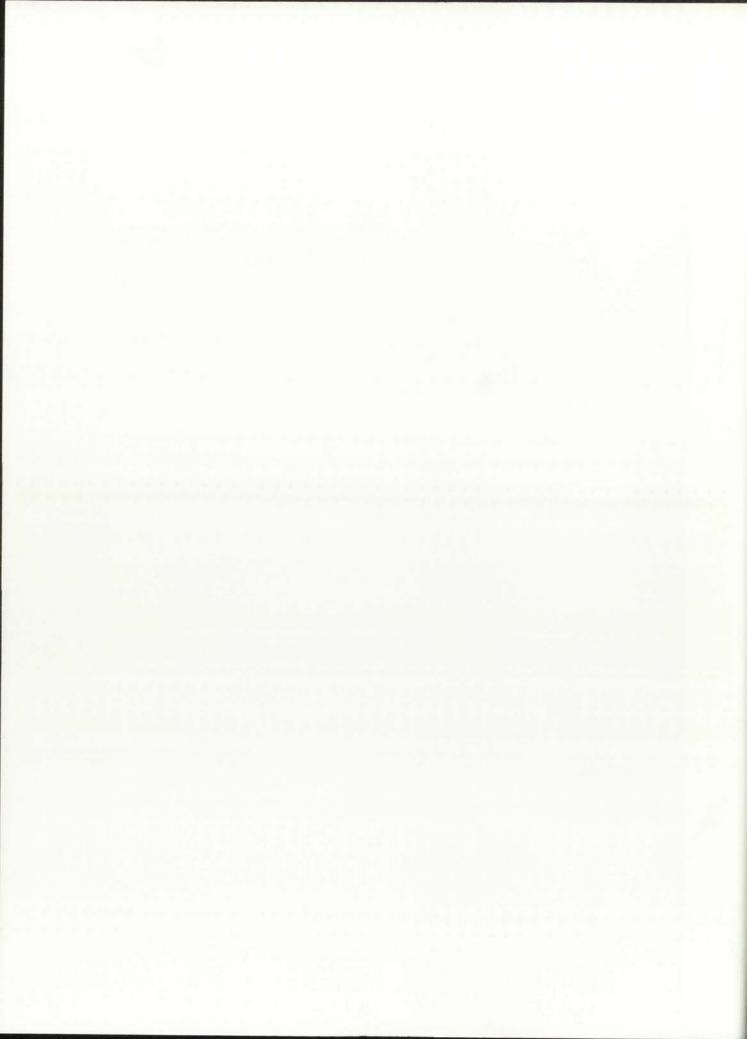
WARMING HOUSE AT TOP OF LIFT

SCALE 18=1

LEGEND

- OUTDOOR WARMING AREA
- 2 ENTRANCE
- CAFETERIA
- KITCHEN
- 5 EMPLOYEE TOILETS
- 6 PUBLIC TOILETS
- FIREPLACE







HOUSE ELEVATIONS WARMING

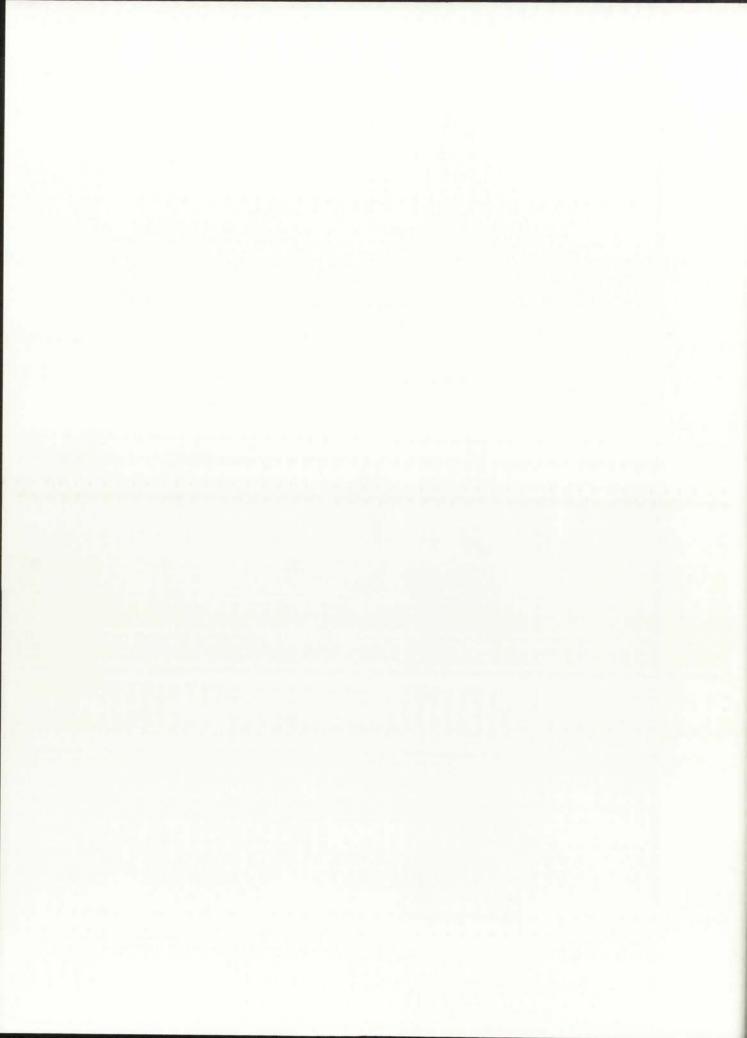
SCALE

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ELEVATION SOUTHWEST

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION





TERMINAL BUILDING

SCALE 1.8=1-0

LEGEND

LOBBY

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SKI RENTAL

SKI STORAGE

TICKETS

LIFT OPERATOR

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SKI REPAIR

PUBLIC TOILETS

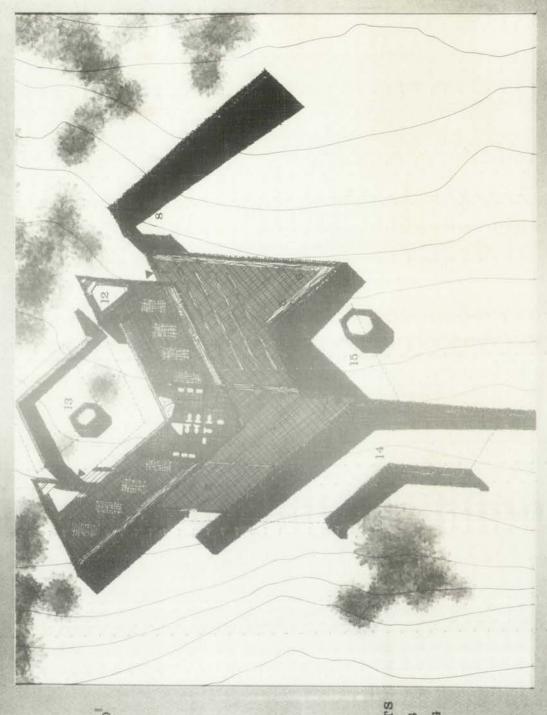
EMPLOYEE TOILETS 10

EMPLOYEE BUNKS RECESSED SEATING

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14 GARAGE

15 ENTRANCE







TYPICAL LODGES

SCALE 1/8=1-0

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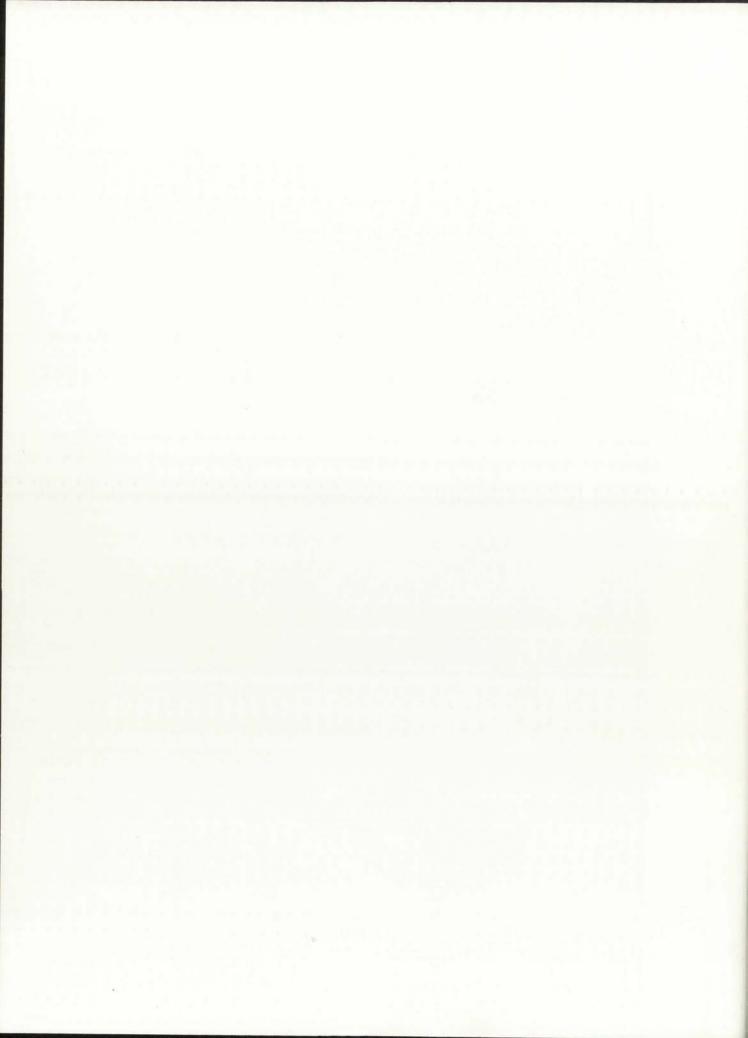
SLEEPING AREA

2 BATH

3 RECESSED SEATING

FIREPLACE

5 CLOSET



LODGE UNIT SECTION

SCALE 1.2 = 10

MATERIALS

ROOF

a WHITE NEOPRENE PLASTIC

6 3 LAYERS 1x SHEATHING

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WALLS

d MONOLITHIC STONE & CONCRETE

FLOOR

(e) WATERPROOF MEMBRANE

F CONCRETE SUBFLOOR

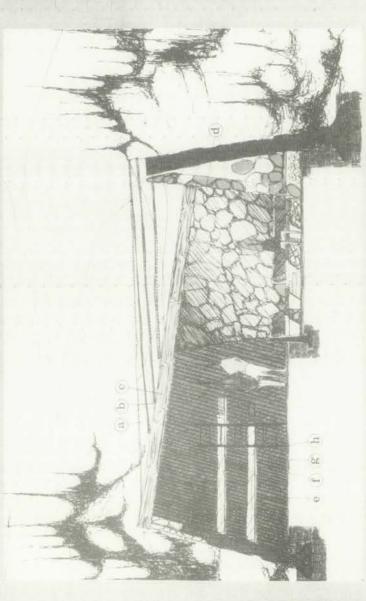
(g) SAND CUSHION & BRICK

HEAT

ABOVE FURRED BATH CEILING







DORMITORY SECTION

SCALE 1/2-1-0

MATERIALS

ROOF

- a WHITE NEOPRENE PLASTIC
- (b) 3 LAYERS 1x SHEATHING
- © 3 x 14 JOIST

WALLS

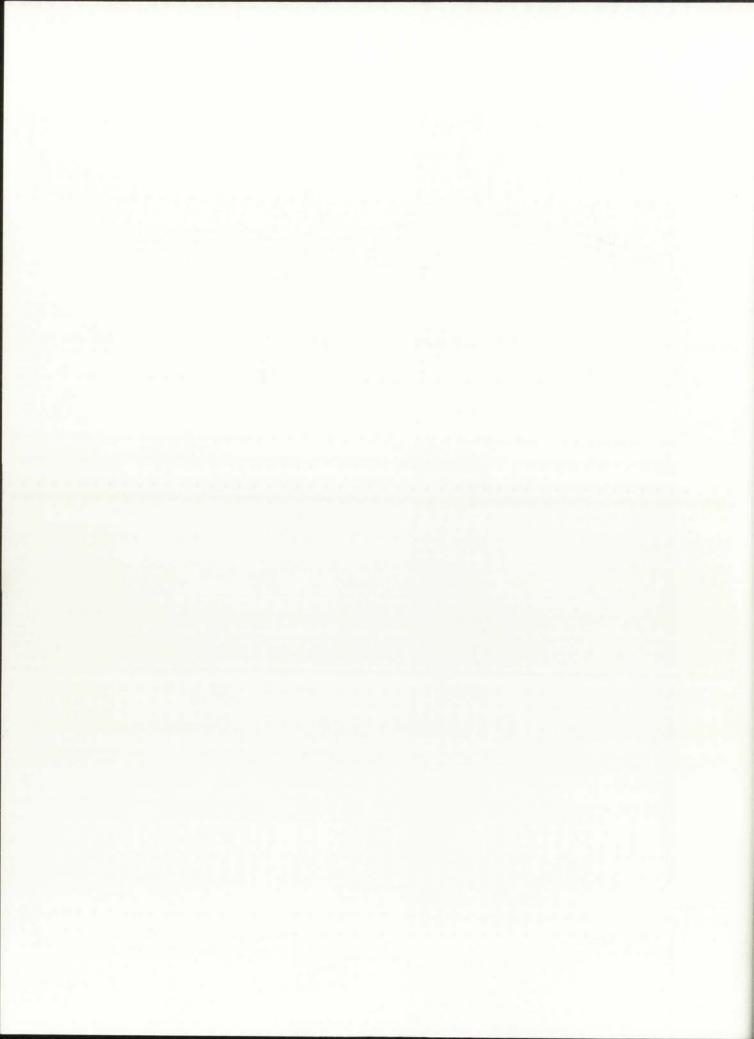
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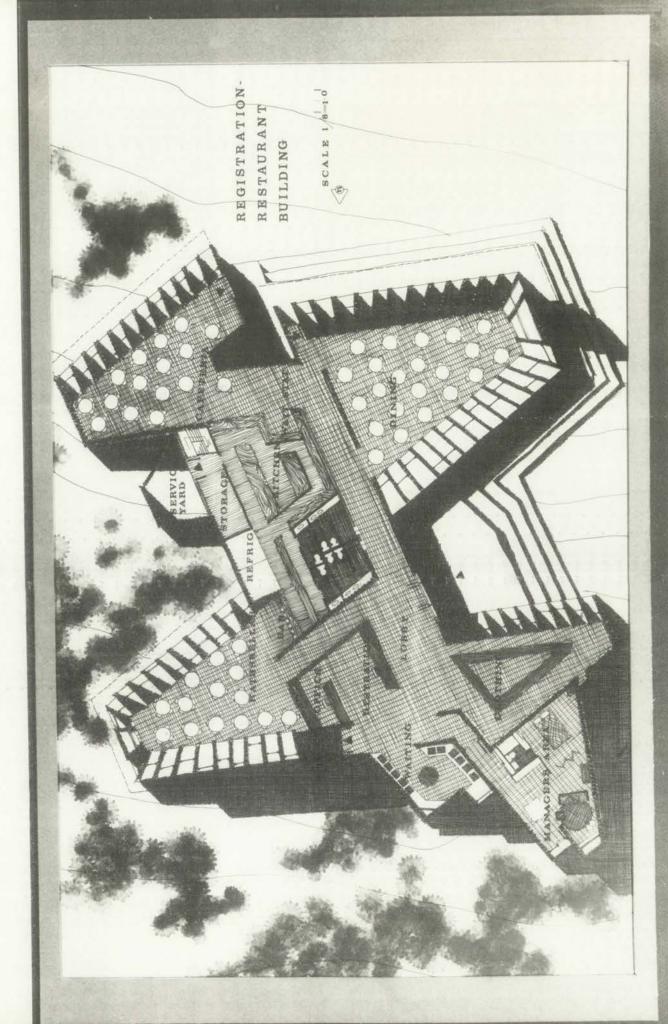
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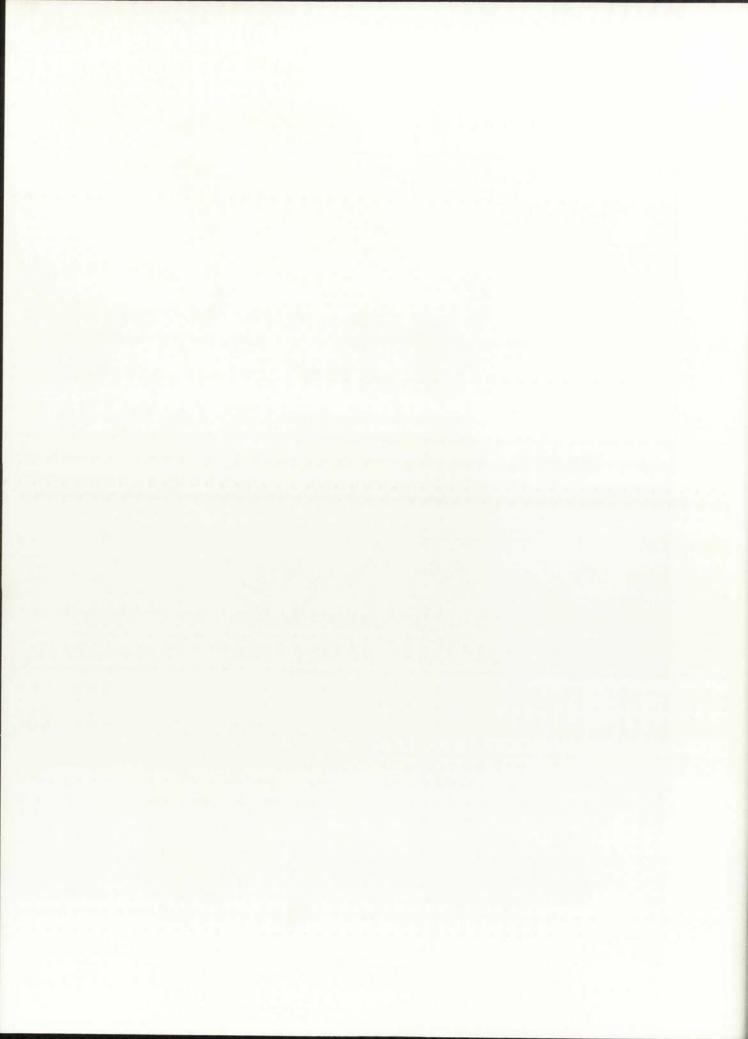
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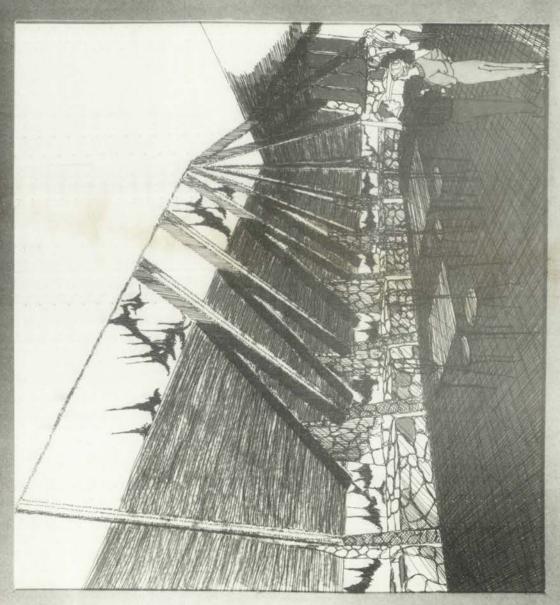
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PERSPECTIVE OF DINING ROOM







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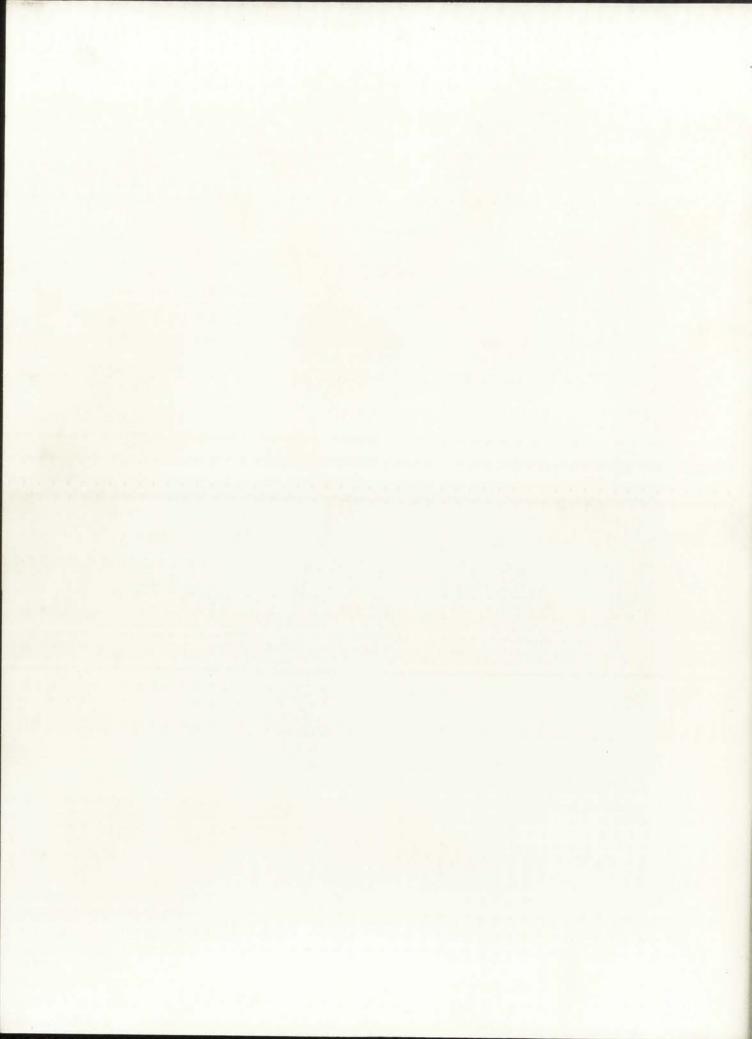


ROOM

SCALE 3.4-1-0

MATERIALS

- a MONOLITHIC S & C
- GLAZING
- © WATERPROOFING
- d CONCRETE SUBFLOOR
 - (e) BRICK
- PLASTIC ROOF
- 4x8 PLANKS
- 2.3x18 BEAM
- BOLTS STEEL SADDL
- 3.4x20 BEAMS
- 1 GLAZING



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