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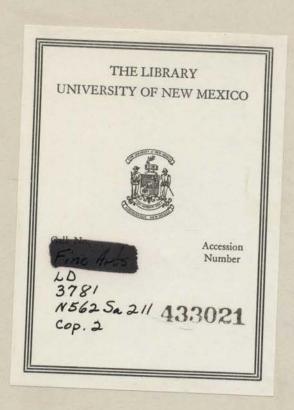
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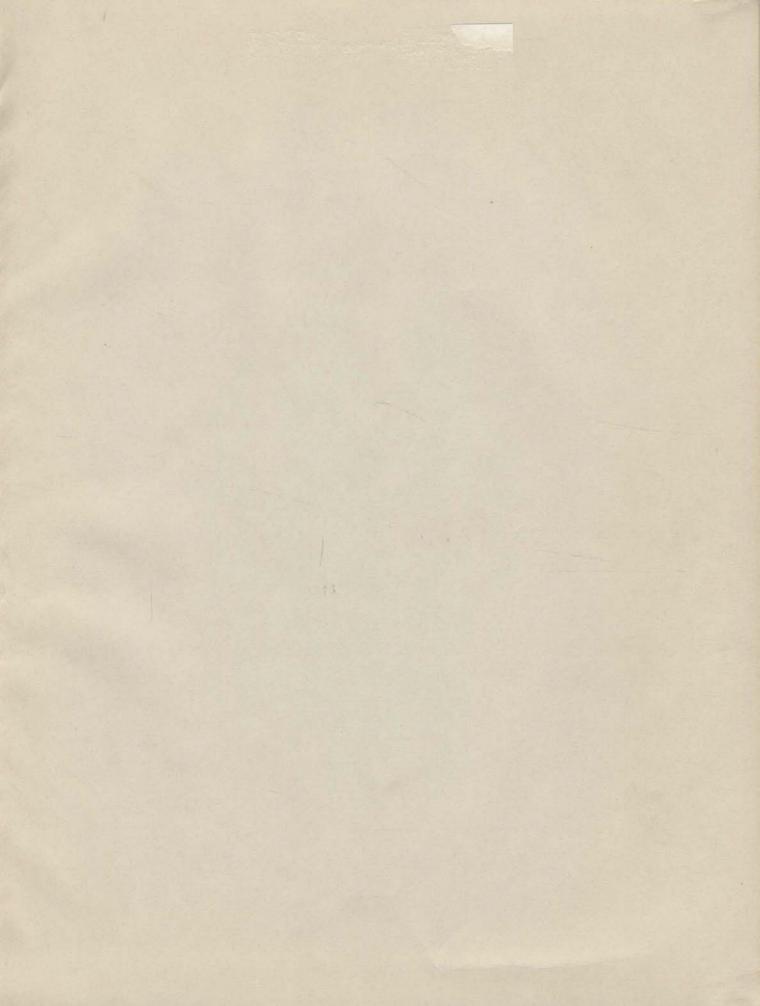
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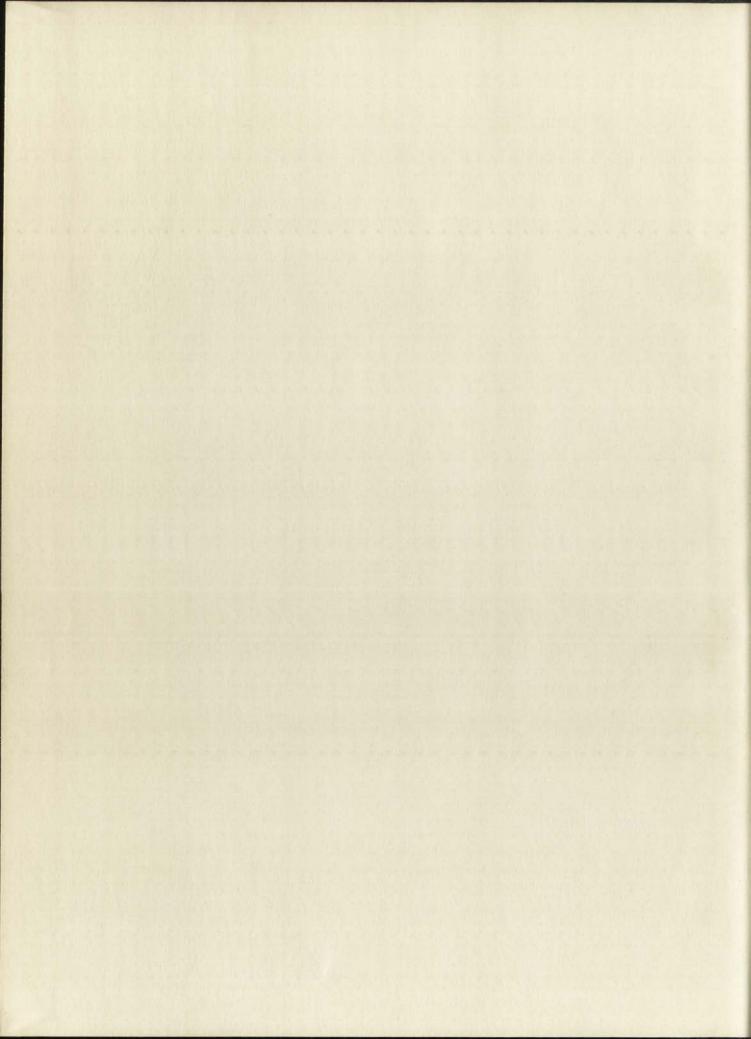
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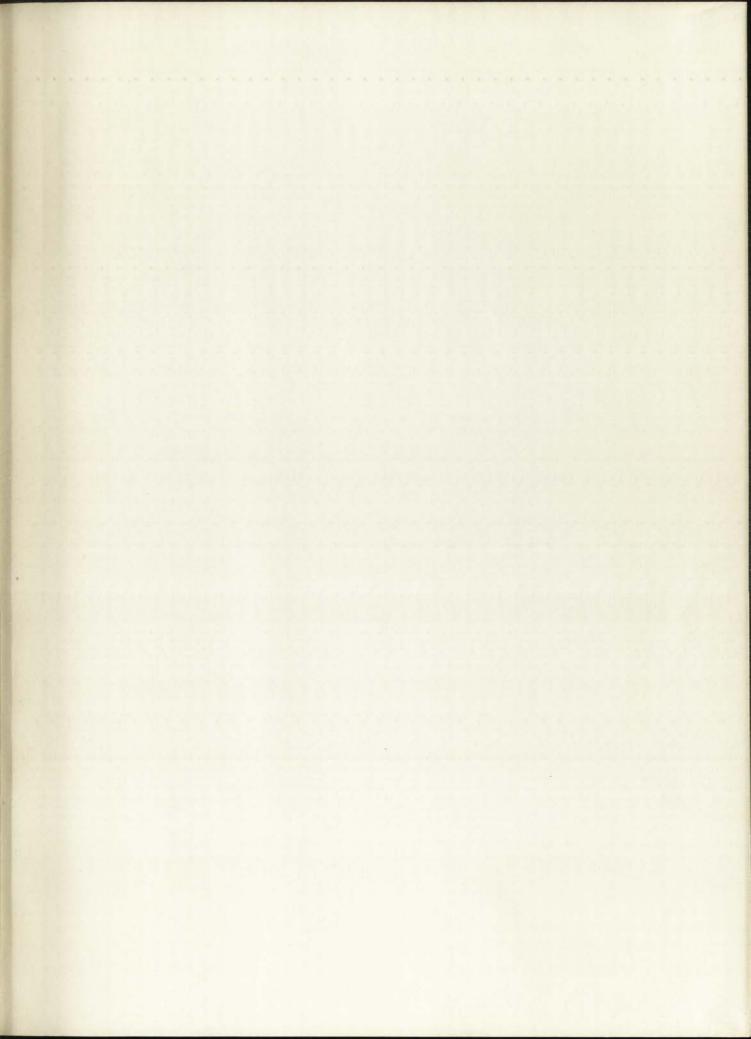


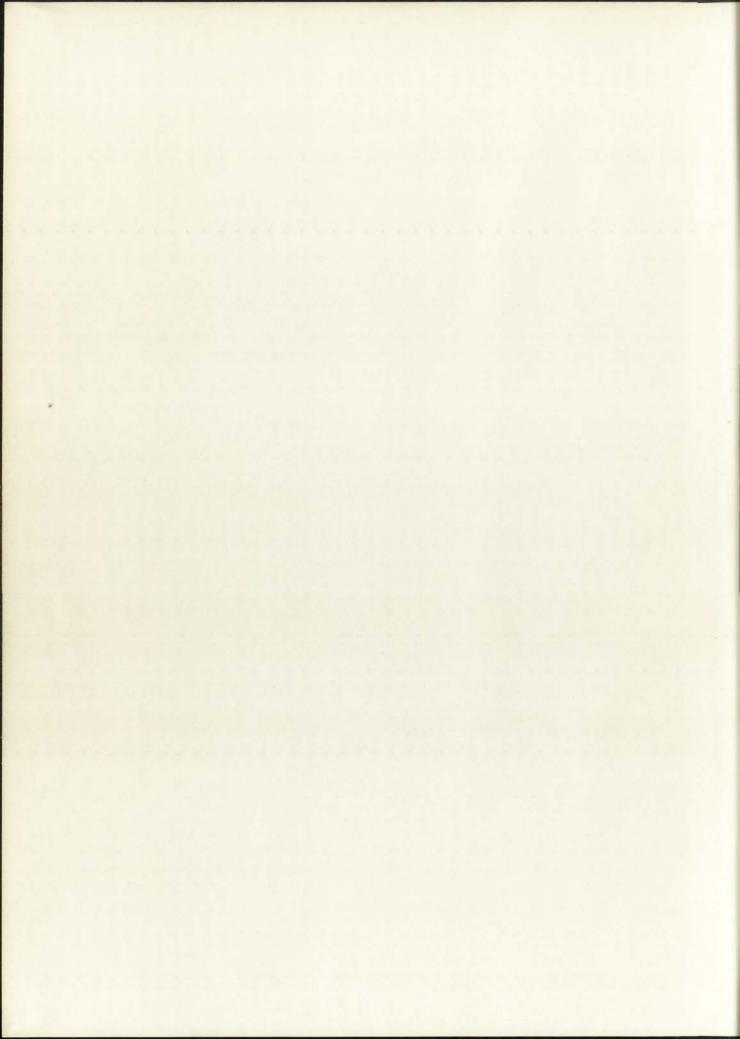
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A DESIGN PROGRAM

FOR A FRATERNITY HOUSE COMPLEX

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH CAMPUS

OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Submitted in partial fulfilment of
the requirements for the degree of
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INTRODUCTION

The problem is to provide facilities for nine fraternities on the south campus of the University of New Mexico.
The complex should have facilities for 300 men live-in.
Dining facilities for 360 men, with one central kitchen
should provide maximum space for special occasions. The
possibility of separate dining areas for each fraternity
with some type of removable partitions for large gatherings,
to be used by one or two fraternities at a time should be
investigated.

The individuality of each fraternity should somehow be expressed in the design of the building. Each fraternity functions more or less like the rest, so the requirements for one, with small changes, should serve the requirements of the rest. The close proximity of one house to another will make possible the sharing of facilities, such as a community laundry, coin-operated, with washers and dryers. Recreation facilities can be shared, they may be on an adjacent plot of ground owned by the university, to be shown in an overall plan by a different thesis.

Studying facilities should be of prime importance. Sleeping, dining, washing and toilet facilities should be as convenient as possible. The hotel atmosphere should consciously be avoided in an attempt to give the feeling of a home away from home.

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THE SITE

The University has provided about 10 acres on the south campus at the intersection of Cambridge Avenue and University Boulevard. The eastern portion of the site is bordered by a baseball field owned by the Heights Community Center. The southern portion is available to the University and will probably be used for parks or some type of recreational facility.

The terrain is very rugged, changing in elevation as much as thirty feet. Much of the land would have to be graded to be usable.

The desirable views are the Sandia Mountains, the city lights, the Sunport lights, the park to the west, and in the future the park to the southeast. The least desirable view is directly to the east.

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DESIGN DETERMINANTS

The design should somehow reflect the local University design, this is a requirement made by the University. There is much to be gained by making the complex in a closely knit arrangment instead of in mine large separate areas:

- 1. Provide more parking facilities.
- 2. Provide more open area for recreation.
- Lessen cost of installation and maintenance of heating and utilities.
- 4. Facilitate workability, (workability of central kitchen and laundry facilities).
- 5. Lessens total cost of building making it possible to use higher quality material
- 6. A unifying factor it should promote the feeling of unity which the Greek system is striving for.

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BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH FRATERNITY

- Formal Entry coat closet adjacent, ladies powder room
- 2. Living Room formal receiving room
- 3. Meeting Area chapter meetings room, privacy being essential
- 4. Chapter Office
 security room for storage of important materials
 paraphernalia for initiations, chapter business etc.
- 5. Housemother's Room
 sitting room, bedroom, bath, closet storage, smalkitchenette private entrance should be located in quiet area.
- 6. President's room
 sitting room, study room, bedroom
- 7. Dormitory
 two man rooms, sleeping and studying facilities
- 8. Bathrooms adequate washing facilities should be provided
- 9. Dining centralized facilities for feeding total number of members
- 10. Recreation room
 for games and social functions
- 11. Kitchen
 serving total facility
- 12. Laundry room
 washers, dryers, lounge

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SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS

Type of Space	Area in Sq. Ft.	Total Sq. Ft.
Entry	100	900
Meeting Room	500	4500
Chapter Office	150	1350
Housemother's room	400	3600
President's room	200	1800
two-man dormitory	300	43200
bathrooms	400	3600
dining	500	4500
kitchen	2400	2400
laundry	1000	1000
mechanical equipmen	c 00	600
TOTAL		67,450

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FUNCTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL SPACES

Entry Room

Provides main entrance to house, should have an adjacent coat closet. Leads to main receiving area in living room.

Living Room

Main receiving area for guests. Allow as little through traffic as possible. One section devoted to display area for trophies etc.

Recreation

A general romper room for noisy activities with space for games etc.

Chapter Office

Mainly a security room for storage of important material and paraphernalia for documents and business files.

Housemother's room

A room for the housemother with sleeping and sitting area and a small kitchenette.

President's room

A large one-man room, with bedroom and study area.

Dormitory

Two-man rooms with at least one bathroom for every six men.

Bathrooms

There should be a ladies room adjacent to the living room and a men's room for guests.

Dining

Adjacent to central kitchen, each fraternity should have its own special place.

Recreation Room.

The dining might possibly be converted to a large recreation space to be used by several fraternities at a time for large gatherings.

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The definition of a study room taken from:

A REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES LABORATORIES

- A small room where one may study alone or with one or two other students.
- 2. A place being used exclusively for study at least at the time.
- 3. Freedom from distractions of movement and noise caused by other people.
- 4. Freedom from distractions of noise from physical sources: eg., telephones, plumbing, clanking radiators, typewriters etc.
- 5. Good lighting.
- 6. Temperature and ventilation under personal control.
- 7. Easy access to books and other study materials.
- 8. Comfortable chairs, adequate desk space and book shelves.
- 9. Some chance to relax, wear easy clothes, etc. for smokers freedom to smoke.
- 10. Decor and furnishings which are plain but not ugly, definitely not plushy or arty.

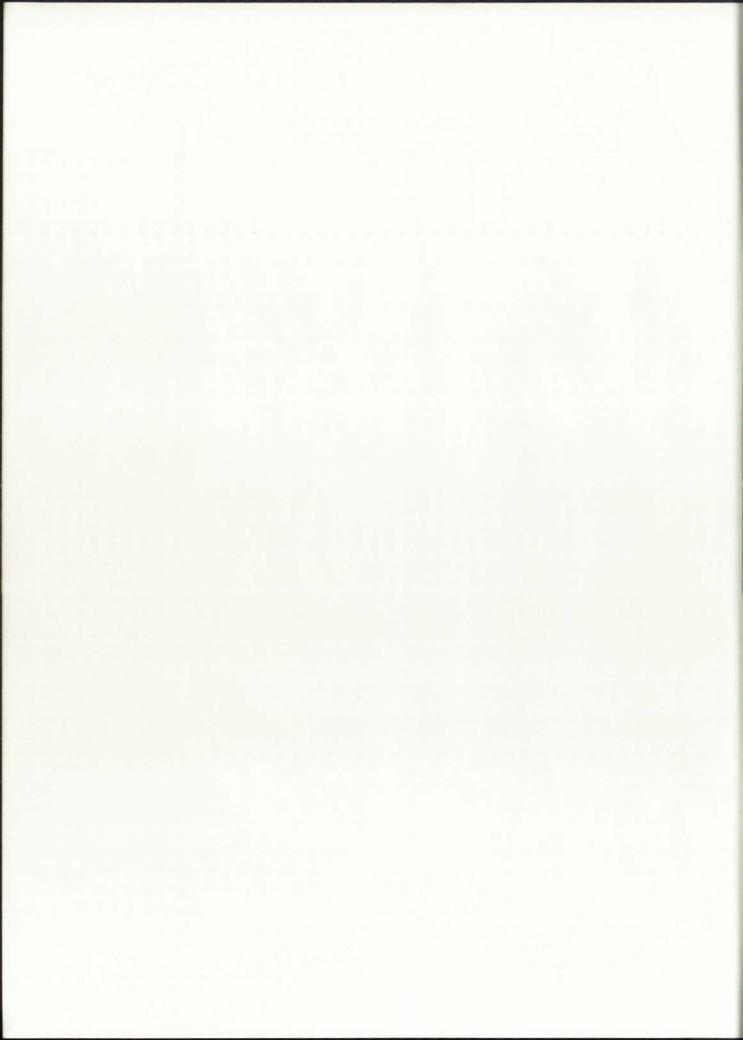
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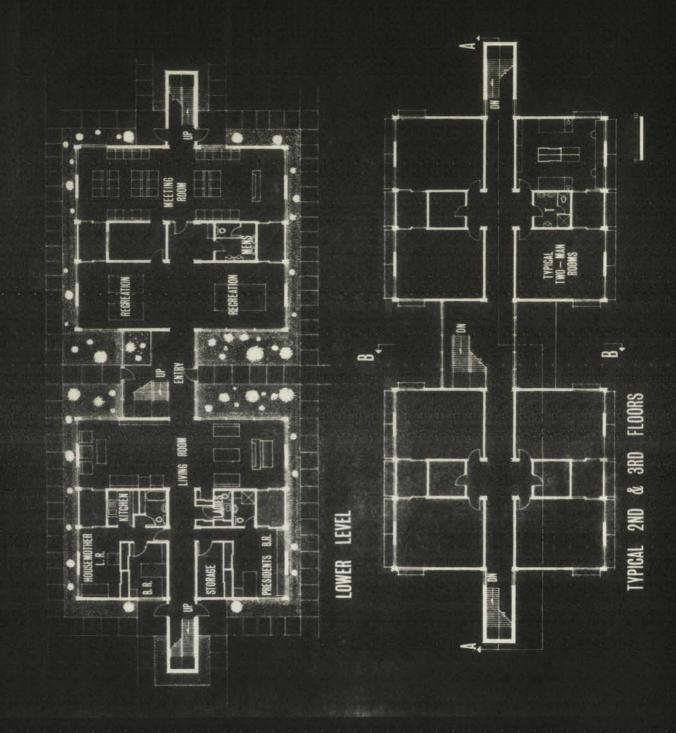
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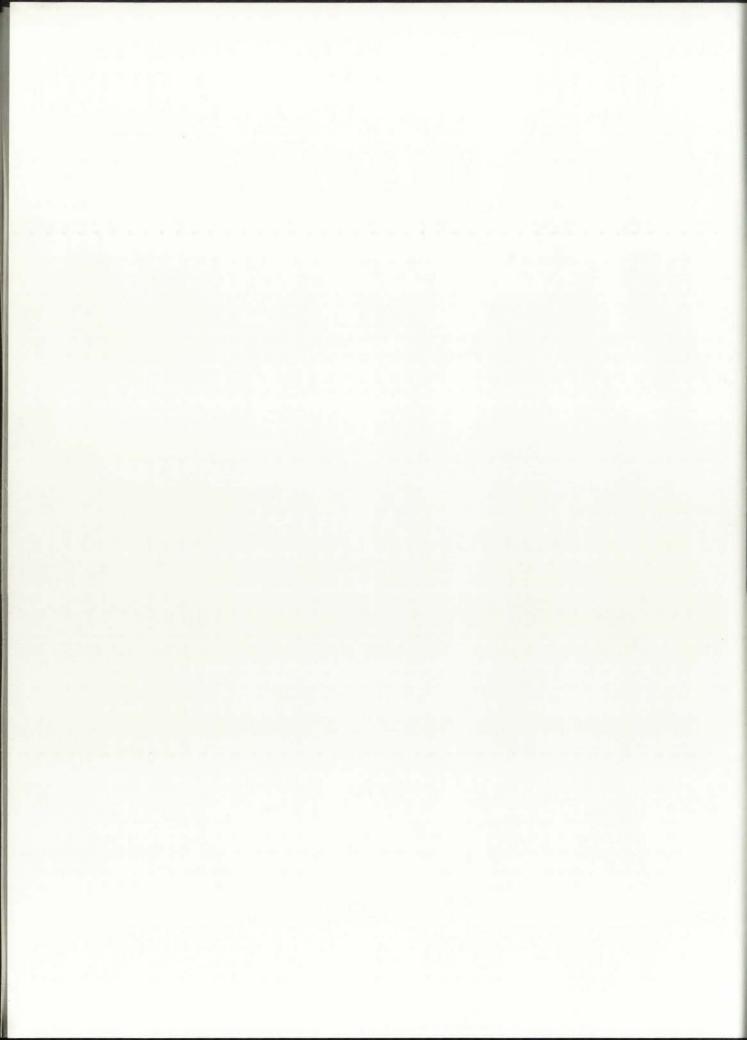


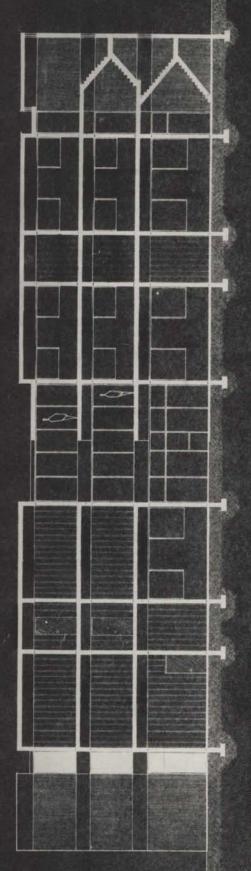
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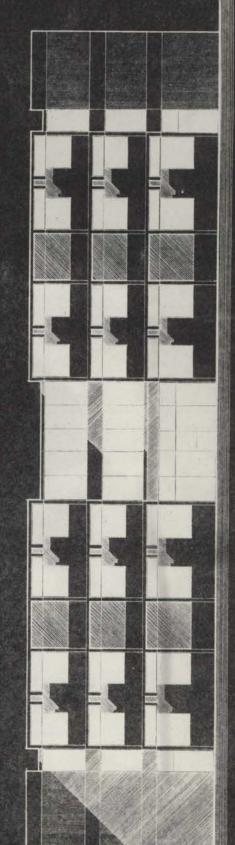








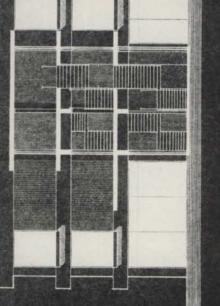
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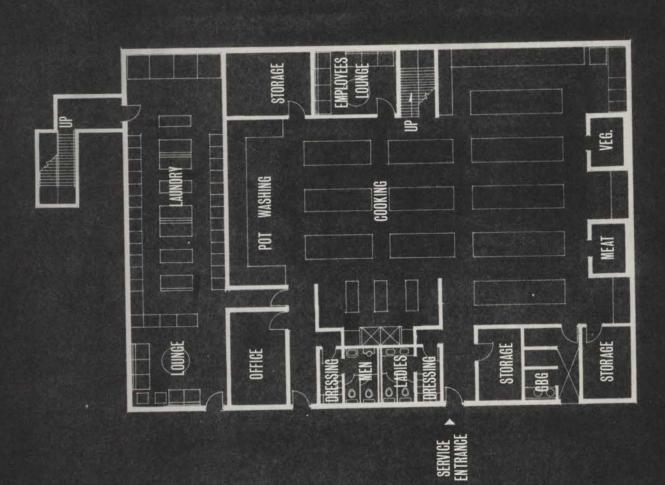


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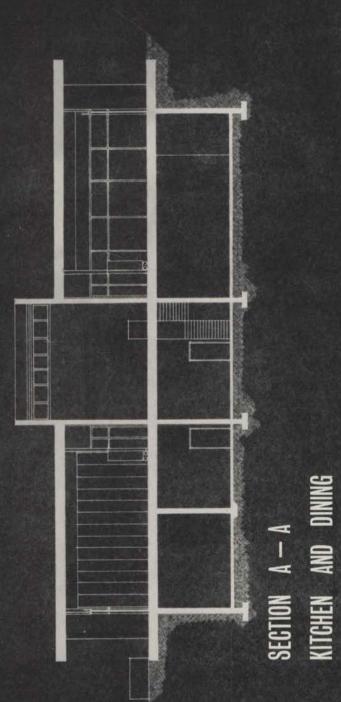


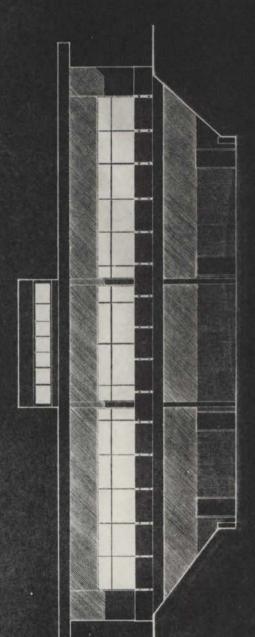


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