**United States Department of the Interior**  
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**INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET**  
16. Plaza Hotel

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<td>Address:</td>
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| Owner: | Mr. Mike Dipp, Jr.  
P. O. Box 55  
El Paso, Texas, 79940 |

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<th>Architect/Builder:</th>
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**Physical Description:**
The Plaza Hotel, located at Mills and Oregon Streets, is composed of a two story trapezoidal plan block attached to a rectangular fifteen story hotel tower topped by a smaller three story central block. Construction is of brick and concrete. Decoration on the first two floor facades, extending around the entire building, consists of simplified pilasters, stylized geometric Art Deco spandrels, and polychromatic roundels. A simple cornice crowns the two story portion. Contrast is achieved with the use of red brick for the tower, and light cast concrete embellishment of fluted vertical and horizontal bands. An increased use of ornament is found on the uppermost three story portion, with concrete stylized geometric spandrels and banding. The tower is roofed with green terra cotta tile. Alterations to the exterior are minimal, and primarily on the street level.

**Statement of Significance:**
Built for Conrad Hilton as the El Paso Hilton Hotel, the present Plaza Hotel is significant as one of El Paso's early high-rise structures from the office of Trost and Trost. The style is Art Deco, and the exterior remains largely unaltered from its original form. Hilton, born in San Antonio, New Mexico in 1887, rose to international recognition as founder of one of the world's most successful hotel chains. Emerging from the service as a WW I Army officer, young Hilton purchased the town hotel in Cisco, a west Texas oil boom town. From that modest start, he built a chain of hotels around the world that fifty years later boasted 188 Hiltons in 38 U. S cities and 54 cities abroad.

The El Paso Hilton was the eighth hotel opened by Hilton. City directories indicate that Hilton resided in the hotel during the 1930's. Though he did not reside permanently in the city, he had many lifelong friends there and was a generous contributor to various civic and charitable projects over the years. His mother lived in the hotel until 1947 and he visited the city frequently until 1963 when the hotel was sold and the name changed.

**Geographical Data:**
| Verbal Boundary Description: | Mills, Survey, Block 5, Lot 28 |
| Acreage: | Less than one |
| UTM Reference: | 13/3514441/359059 |
Property

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的更具体的信息。有关这些建筑物的讨论，

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