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Mr. Gary Gill, Director State of Hawaii Office of Environmental Quality Control 235 S. Beretania Street #702 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Negative Declaration for Restoration of Old Lahaina Courthouse T.M.K. 4-6-01:9, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Gill:

Maui County has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on January 23, 1997. The County has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the next *Environmental Notice*.

We have enclosed a completed Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA). Most of the comments received on this project were on the Special Management Area Permit and Historic District Application. These letters have been answered, and, where necessary, changes have been made in the Final EA. In addition, your office commented directly on the Draft Environmental Assessment. The comments in your letter have been responded to by our consultant, Spencer Mason Architects, but their responses are summarized as follows: Comment 1 has been addressed by the inclusion of figures 1 and 2 (pages 3 & 4); comment 2 by adding to section 4.4 on the Special Management Area; comment 3 by adding to the project summary in section 1.2; comment 4 by adding to section9; comment 5 by adding to section 3.3.6; and comment 6 by adding to section 8.

Please call Mr. Jeff Chang, at (808) 243-7217 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

RICHARD H. HAAKE Managing Director

cc: Jeff Chang, Dept. of Management David Blane, Planning Director Henry Oliva, Parks & Recreation Director Spencer Mason Architects (consultant)

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Final Environmental Assessment

Old Lahaina Courthouse

Prepared for the County of Maui

SPENCER MASON ARCHITECTS

March 1997

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1 **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

1.1 Location, Existing Use, and Land Ownership

The County of Maui proposes to restore the Old Lahaina Courthouse, which is located in Lahaina at the makai side of a block bounded by Front Street, Canal Street, Wharf Street and Hotel Street (T.M.K. 4-6-01:9). Except for the Courthouse, the entire block serves primarily as a public park. See Figures 1, 2, and 3 for location maps.

The main entry elevation of the building faces Wharf Street, which is adjacent to the waterfront. On the mauka side of the building is a very large, picturesque Banyan tree that has spread to occupy most of the park. On the opposite side of Canal, Front and Hotel streets are a school, various retail buildings and the historic Lahaina Inn.

The land and building are owned by the State of Hawaii but were put under County of Maui control by Executive Order 16-2, issued on August 24, 1912. Under that Executive Order the County was authorized to use the building for "uses and purposes of the County." The current uses in the building include gallery space and offices for the Lahaina Art Society, offices for the Lahaina Town Action Committee, a Visitors' Center, a field office for the construction managers responsible for overseeing the current work on Front Street and vacant offices on a portion of the second floor.

Future use of the building is proposed to be museum/display space, offices and community meeting space. Specific occupants of the building after restoration have not been finalized.

1.2 Summary of Proposed Action

The two-story rectangular masonry building was first built in 1859 as a Court and Custom House. Major changes to the building occurred in 1925 when, among other changes, the makai and mauka entry porticos were added, the interior was entirely replaced and a new roof structure and mission tile roofing were installed. Since 1925 there have been relatively few changes to the building.

It is expected that the restoration project would begin in December 1997 and end in October 1998. The proposed project includes:

- Restoring the exterior and interior of the building to its c. 1925 appearance to the maximum extent possible.
- Structural improvements to increase its seismic resistance.
- All new electrical and plumbing systems.

- Installation of a new handicap ramp and elevator to make the first and second floors fully accessible.
- Revisions to the exterior grounds to remove parking from the front of the building and to improve landscaping.
- Refinishing all interior and exterior surfaces of the building.

1.3 Design Concept

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The exterior of the building will be repaired and repainted. The choice of colors will be based on an analysis of existing paint samples. The existing asphalt shingle roofing will be replaced with a clay mission tile matching the pattern of the roofing installed in 1925. Jalousie windows and window air conditioning units will be removed. Doors and casement windows will be restored. The temporary wood wheelchair ramp on the makai side will be removed and a new ramp will be constructed on the mauka side of the building. Some of the limbs of the Banyan tree nearest to the building will be pruned to keep them from damaging the building.

Air conditioning and electrical equipment will be removed from the exterior of the building and placed inside the building in a small existing storage room.

The interior will be restored. An elevator will be added in one corner of the building, accessible from the central hall. New toilet rooms will be installed on the second floor and the original toilet rooms on the first floor will be renovated to allow for handicapped accessibility.

2 DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

2.1 Physical Environment

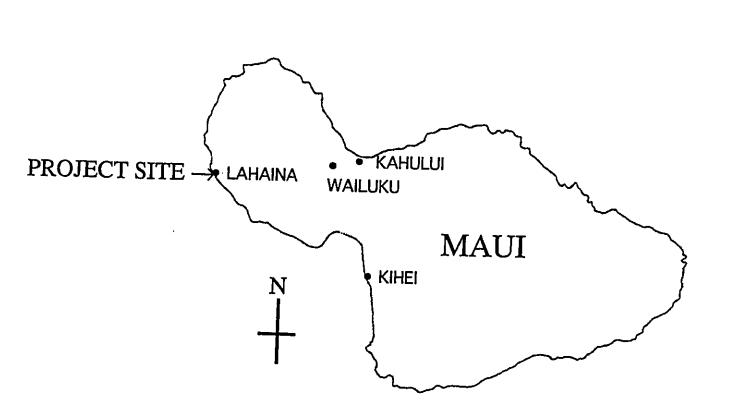
2.1.1 Existing Land Use Designations

The State land use classification of this site is Urban. The lot on which the Courthouse sits is zoned Historic District I by the County. The Community Plan Designation is Parks.

The Old Lahaina Courthouse is an historically significant building that is within the Lahaina Historic District which was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962.

The proposed project is essentially a repair project. The project involves no significant change of use nor will it add any floor area to the existing structure.

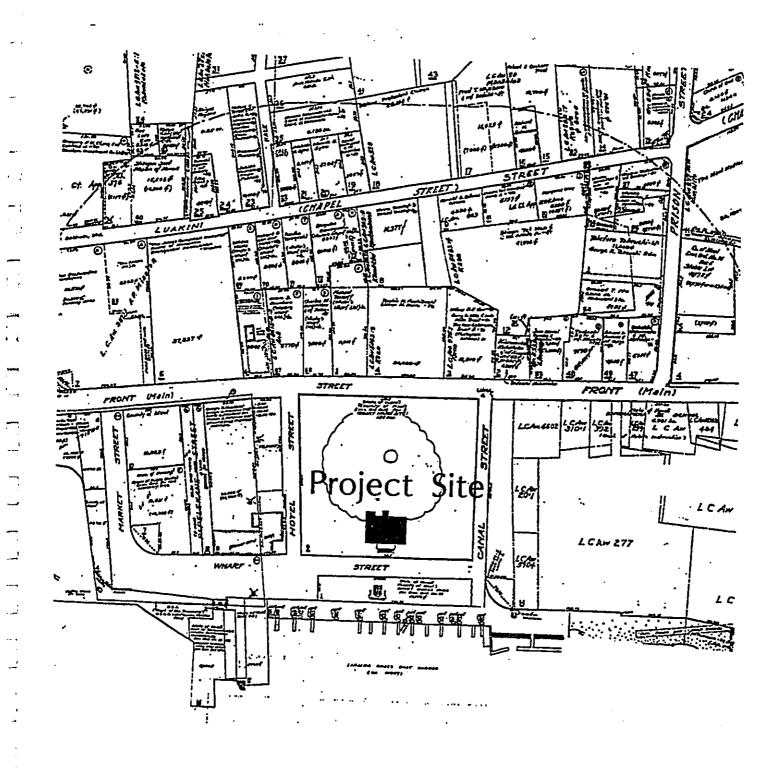




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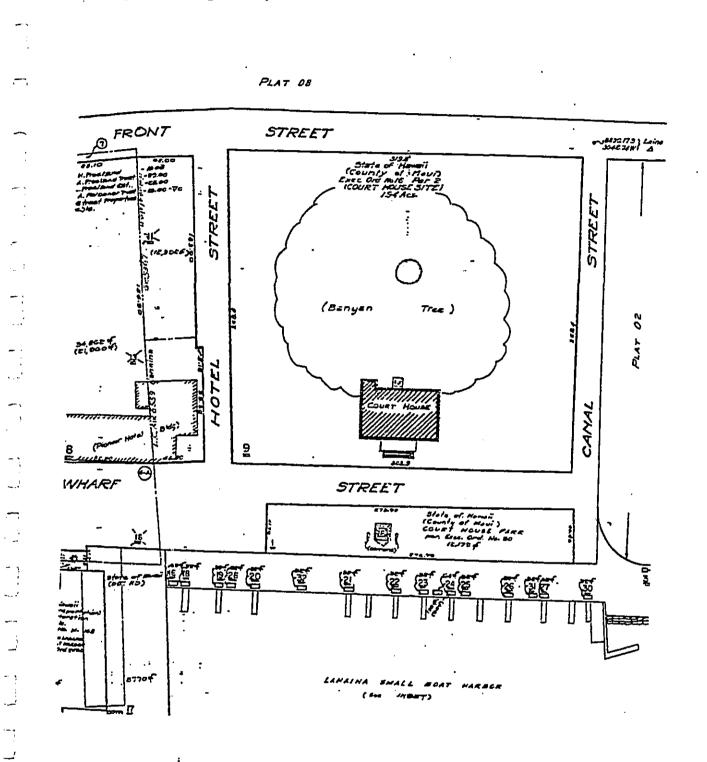


Figure 3 - Map of Project Site - T.M.K. 4-6-01: 9

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2.1.2 Existing Property Use and Surrounding Uses

The building is currently used as offices for community groups and as an art gallery. When it was first built the building contained a Custom House, Court Room, Post Office, Collector's Office and an office for the governor of the island. After the 1925 remodeling the building was used for a courtroom, judge's chambers, clerk of the court office, sheriff's office, tax office, post office, and water works office. Jail cells were also built in the basement at this time. This history of public agency office use continued in the building until very recently.

The bulk of the property is used for Banyan Tree Park, which surrounds the building on three sides. On the fourth (makai) side the building fronts Wharf Street and beyond that, the boat harbor.

The surrounding community is separated from the building by the park on the remaining sides. On the Kihei side the nearest use is a school. On the mauka side, the buildings on the opposite side of Front Street are predominantly retail commercial buildings. On the other side of Hotel Street is the historic Pioneer Inn with its hotel and restaurant uses. The nearest building (Pioneer Inn) is about 135 feet away from the Old Lahaina Courthouse.

2.1.3 <u>Topography</u>

The project area is generally flat, with a very gentle slope (less than 1%) from Front Street to Wharf Street. Water drains from the park site through sheet flow to wharf Street and the harbor beyond.

2.1.4 Flood and Tsunami Hazard

The proposed project site is located in Zone A4 on the FEMA Community Panel Map No. 150003 0163 B. This is an area within the 100-year flood plain with base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined. The entire park area is also located in a tsunami inundation zone.

The basement of the Courthouse has experienced flooding in the past due to two sources. The first is rainfall coming down the stairs to the basement and flowing into the space when the pumps in the sumps at the base of the stairs are not working. Basement flooding also occurs when the ground water level is raised during times of extended rainfall. In these instances, the ground becomes saturated with water and water comes into the basement through the basement floor.

2.1.5 Archeological Resources

Archeological research has not been done for this project. The parcel that the Courthouse occupies was the site of the Old Fort and was used for agriculture in the pre-contact period. It is a certainty that sub-surface archeological remains exist at the park site.

2.1.6 <u>Noise</u>

No noise level measurements have been taken. However, because The Old Lahaina Courthouse is located in a park the ambient noise levels are relatively low.

2.1.7 Scenic and Open Space Resources

The neighborhood around the project site is dominated by the Banyan tree and park. The tree effectively screens the building from Front Street, which is the main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare in the area. The park also buffers the Old Lahaina Courthouse from neighboring buildings on the Kaanapali and Kihei sides. The nearest buildings surrounding the park are predominantly twostory structures of wood construction.

The fourth (makai) side opens onto Wharf Street, which is immediately adjacent to the harbor. The landscaping on the makai side of Wharf Street blocks some of the views to the harbor, but the harbor and the ocean are still quite visible from the Old Courthouse.

2.2 Public Services

2.2.1 Police and Fire Protection

Police protection for the building is provided by the Lahaina Police Station located at 1850 Honoapiilani Highway.

Fire protection for the building is provided by the Lahaina Fire Station located at 1860 Honoapiilani Highway. The fire department estimates the response time is a maximum of 3 minutes.

2.2.2 Solid Waste

There is no formal solid waste collection for the building. Individual tenants of the building dispose of solid waste in a variety of ways. Solid waste collection for the park is done under an out-source contract the Department of Parks has with a private vendor.

2.3 Infrastructure

2.3.1 Roadways

Vehicular traffic is relatively heavy on Front Street. The vehicle traffic on Hotel, Wharf and Canal Streets is relatively light. Tour buses regularly turn off of Front Street onto Hotel Street and stop across from the Courthouse on Wharf Street. They usually park there with their engines running while their passengers visit the park, Courthouse and the wharf. The Lahaina Town Task Force is making recommendations that would result in changing the traffic flow around the park so that vehicles would enter on Canal Street and go around the park in a clockwise direction. Under those proposals bus parking would be relocated to Hotel Street and angled parking installed on the makai side of Wharf Street where the buses now park.

The street intersections around this site are not signalized.

2.3.2 Parking

The makai edge of the park, including the recessed area in front of the Courthouse, currently allows for the parking of 13 vehicles. Two of those stalls are designated for handicapped parking. These two stalls, however, do not meet the requirements for handicapped parking. To provide for two handicapped parking stalls, one regular stall would need to be eliminated. Therefore, if there were no change in the basic parking configuration at that edge of the park, the total number of legal stalls would be 12.

It is proposed that the paved recess on the makai side of the Courthouse be eliminated. As indicated by Drawing P1 (see drawings section), one legal handicapped parking stall would be constructed in a recess to the Kihei side of the building. The straightened curb area in front of the courthouse would be a no parking zone, allowing for the unobstructed view and access to the Courthouse. The result of the proposed changes would be 7 parking stalls along the makai edge of the park, resulting in the net loss of five parking stalls in that area if there is no change to the current parking and traffic flow design. If the Lahaina town Task Force recommendations are accepted, there would be a net increase of 2 parking stalls in the area.

2.3.3 <u>Pedestrian Circulation</u>

The major pedestrian circulation path is also Front Street. Visitors to Lahaina often make the park a destination to walk through and view the tree. These visitors then often walk around or through the Courthouse to the harbor or to look at the "ruins" of the fort.

2.3.4 <u>Wastewater</u>

The sewer lateral runs behind the building towards Canal Street. It is assumed that it was installed in the 1940's and is likely to be a 4" or 6" diameter cast iron pipe. Other 1940's laterals have been found to have become severely deteriorated, therefore the lateral will be replaced with a 6" diameter PVC pipe.

2.3.5 <u>Water</u>

Water service is currently from a service lateral on Hotel Street. It is adequate for current building loads.

2.3.6 Other Utilities

Electrical power comes to the building via a 2-inch underground duct from Hotel Street. The building currently draws the maximum amount of power allowable through that duct. Service to the building will be increased, therefore replacement of the duct with a new 4" conduit will be required.

Telephone service to the building is also underground. A fifty pair cable currently serves the building which is considered adequate, so no changes are planned to this service.

2.4 Economy

The economic mainstay of the Lahaina area is tourism. It is also a center of sugar production for this part of Maui, with the Pioneer Mill and surrounding lands historically providing a strong agricultural component to the economy.

The history and physical characteristics of Lahaina Town have made it a destination for tourists from the neighboring Kaanapali Resort and across the island. The preservation of the character of Lahaina is a high priority for the residents and public agencies because the economy of the town depends on maintaining the elements that have made the town attractive to tourists.

3 POTENTIAL EFFECTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

3.1 Physical Environment

3.1.1 Land Use Designations

No changes are proposed to any land use designations.

3.1.2 Property Use and Surrounding Use

The proposed uses for Old Lahaina Courthouse have not been specifically established at this time. It has been decided that the building will be used for functions that fall into the following categories: Museum, gallery, office, community meeting and visitors' center. These uses are similar to current and historic uses.

Since this project is primarily a restoration of an existing building, it is not anticipated to have an adverse effect on surrounding land uses and activities.

3.1.3 <u>Topography</u>

The are no changes to the existing topography proposed for this project.

3.1.4 Archeological Resources

Excavations in the park area will be required for the installation of new electrical, water and sewer service. The new conduits and pipes will be installed primarily in the same corridors that the existing lines are in. As a result, many of the excavations will be in already disturbed soil.

There will be some excavations for back-flow preventers, landscape sprinklers and secondary electrical lines that will fall outside these existing corridors. It will be required that an archeologist be present during all sub-surface excavations. In the event that any archeological resources or cultural remains are uncovered, work in that area shall be stopped. The State Historic Preservation Division, the Maui Burial Council, and the County of Maui will be contacted to determine what mitigation shall be accomplished by the contractor before the work can restart.

3.1.5 Noise and Air Quality

The effects of the project on noise and air quality will be limited to the construction period. Noise will be generated by the tools and equipment required for the construction. Since no heavy equipment or pile driving is required these effects should be minimal. It is not anticipated that noise will be troubling to Kamehameha III School or surrounding commercial activities due to the distance separating the Courthouse from those other buildings, but the Contractor shall be instructed to coordinate with the school to provide whatever protection required to minimize noise and dust effects on the school.

Dust will be generated by the movement of equipment around the building and by the removal of plaster and other building materials. Regular watering will help to reduce these emissions. In addition, the perimeter construction barrier will act to confine most of the dust to the immediate work area.

3.1.6 Scenic and Open Space Resources

It is proposed to prune those limbs of the Banyan tree which are encroaching so close to the building that they threaten to damage the walls and foundations. Periodic pruning of the canopy of the banyan tree will be required as long as the Old Lahaina Courthouse exists in order to keep the roof and roof gutters free of organic matter. This work will be performed by a reputable tree-surgery firm experienced in this type of work.

The park grounds immediately around the Courthouse will be improved with new landscaping, landscape sprinkler system, and sidewalks. Parking will be removed from the makai side of the building and that area will be landscaped. The landscaping will consist primarily of various indigenous ground covers and grass, all suitable for xeriscape landscaping.

The proposed rehabilitation work on the Old Lahaina Courthouse will conserve all historic materials in the building. This is a positive effect. The only significant change to the interior of the building will be the addition of an elevator to make the second floor handicapped accessible. This will be done with very little effect on the historic appearance of the building. Any changes to the building will be done in accordance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. As a result of one comment from the State Historic Preservation Division, the location of the elevator has been changed slightly to eliminate the obstruction of two windows.

The final result of the project will be the restoration of a valuable historic resource and improvements to an important landscape open space.

- 3.2 Public Services
- 3.2.1 Police and Fire Services

The need for police and fire protection services for the building will not change due to this project. The installation of fire sprinklers in the exit corridors will improve fire safety in the building.

3.2.2 Solid Waste

Solid waste will be generated by the construction work on the building, particularly when materials are removed during the selective demolition phase. The contractor shall dispose of all materials at the Construction and Demolition Landfill on North Kihei Road, near its intersection with Honoapiilani Highway.

There will be no additional solid waste generation during the operation of the building. A private collection service will be contracted to provide removal and disposal services for the building.

3.3 Infrastructure

3.3.1 Roadways

No circulation impact is anticipated as the same type of use is proposed as exists at present. A restored and more attractive building may result in some increase in visitor numbers but it is anticipated this would be primarily pedestrian traffic and that the increase would be minimal.

3.3.2 Parking

If Lahaina Town Task Force recommendations about the revisions of parking in the area around the park are adopted, the net increase of parking for the area will be 2 stalls. If the status quo of parking and traffic flow continues and the proposed improvements are made to the area in front of the building, a net decrease of 5 parking stalls would be the result.

This project proposes to eliminate parking in front of the Old Lahaina Courthouse to improve the appearance of the building and avoid damage to the structure. This reduction in parking can be effectively mitigated if the Lahaina Town Task Force recommendations about parking in the area are adopted.

3.3.3 Pedestrian Circulation

There should be no effect on pedestrian circulation after construction is complete. There will be some inconvenience to pedestrians who are trying to cut through the park to the wharf, since the sidewalks adjacent to the building will be blocked off during construction.

3.3.4 Wastewater and Water Use

There will be no increase in domestic water use in the completed building. The number of fixture units will be almost identical in the restored building as currently exist in the building. All new fixtures will be low flow, water conserving types.

It is not anticipated that this project will result in any increase in the wastewater historically produced by the building.

3.3.5 Other Utilities

It is anticipated that the electrical loads of the building will increase slightly due to the installation of a hydraulic elevator in the building.

3.3.6 Drainage and Flood Hazards

The flood hazards to the Courthouse can be remedied through the installation of workable sump pumps at the bases of the stairs and the installation of a sub-floor sump pump/relief drain to eliminate the hydrostatic pressure on the basement floor. In each of these cases fresh water will be collected and deposited in the landscape planters around the building. The amount of water collected will be minimal and should create no significant concentration of drainage. Drainage from the pumps and downspouts of the building will be dispersed in the planters.

During construction, the ground around the building will be disturbed because of trenching for utilities and for the new landscaping. Since the slope of the ground is very flat, construction-period runoff should not be significant. To further reduce the danger of any soil-laden runoff from the site, small retention berms will be constructed at the makai side of the site, near the Wharf Street curb, to create a settlement area for any silt. These shall be removed after completion of any excavations as landscaping ground covers and mulching are completed.

3.4 Economy

Preservation of the Old Lahaina Courthouse is important to maintaining the history of Lahaina itself. This project will also provide interpretive exhibits that will improve the visitor experience in Lahaina. These characteristics of the project will help to preserve and improve the economic mainstay of Lahaina: tourism.

The estimated construction cost of the project is \$1.1 million. It is further estimated that over 75% of this amount will be for labor hired locally and that about 15% of the total will be for materials produced in Hawaii (cement, aggregate, native woods). Therefore, at least 90% of the cost of the project will be recycled into the local economy in the form of labor and materials, which will provide a significant economic benefit to the construction industry.

4 RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENTAL PLANS, POLICIES & CONTROLS

4.1 State Land Use Districts

Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statures, relating to the Land Use Commission, establishes four major land use districts in which all lands in the State are placed. These districts are designated "Urban," "Rural," "Agricultural," and "Conservation." The subject parcel is within the "Urban" district. The proposed action involves continuing the existing use of the property as a public park and

for county office and related functions, both of which are consistent with the "Urban" district provisions.

4.2 Maui County General Plan

The Maui County General Plan (1990 Update) sets forth broad objectives and policies to help guide the long-range development of the County. As stated in the Maui County Charter:

The purpose of the General Plan is to recognize and state major problems and opportunities concerning the needs and the development of the County and the social, economic and environmental effects of such development and set forth the desired sequence, patterns and characteristics of future development.

The proposed action is in keeping with General Plan objectives and policies.

4.3 Zoning

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The subject property is zoned Historic District No. 1 as codified in Chapter 19.50 of the Maui County code. Permitted uses include art galleries, museums, professional buildings and benevolent, philanthropic societies or functions. The proposed project conforms with the applicable zoning provisions.

4.4 Special Management Area Objectives and Policies

Pursuant to Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statues, and the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Commission of the County of Maui, projects located within the SMA are evaluated with respect to SMA objectives, policies and guidelines. This section addresses the project's relationship to applicable coastal zone management considerations, as set forth in Chapter 205A and the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Commission. The public hearing for the Special Management Area permit for this project is scheduled for May 5, 1997.

4.4.1 <u>Recreational Resources</u>

<u>Objective</u>: Provide coastal recreational resources accessible to the public.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed project will not effect coastal recreational resources. Access to shoreline areas will be unaffected by this project.

4.4.2 <u>Historical/Cultural Resources</u>

<u>Objective</u>: Protect, preserve and where desirable, restore those natural and man-made historic and prehistoric resources in the coastal zone

management areas that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.

<u>Response</u>: Any archeological remains discovered during excavations on the site will be preserved and analyzed. Such efforts will be coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Division. If cultural remains are found, the work shall be stopped and the Maui Burial Council shall be immediately consulted.

The project will restore a significant historic building for future use and enjoyment of the public.

4.4.3 Scenic and Open Space Resources

<u>Objective</u>: Protect, preserve and where desirable, restore or improve the quality of coastal, scenic and open space resources.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed project will have no effect on coastal, scenic and open space resources.

4.4.4 Coastal Ecosystems

<u>Objective</u>: Protect valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, from disruption and minimize adverse impacts on all coastal ecosystems.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed project will have no effect on coastal ecosystems. See paragraph 3.3.6 for discussion of mitigation measures for any possible soil runoff.

4.4.5 Economic Uses

<u>Objective</u>: Provide public or private facilities and improvements important to the State's economy in suitable locations.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed project will preserve an important building in one of Hawaii's most important historic districts. With the addition of interpretive displays, the project will enhance the visitor experience.

4.4.6 Coastal Hazards

<u>Objective</u>: Reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami, storm waves, stream flooding, erosion, subsidence, and pollution.

<u>Response</u>: The existing building is within a tsunami inundation zone. No change is proposed that would increase the risk to life and property

from tsunami flooding. Some changes proposed for the building will reduce the basement's risk of ground water flooding.

See paragraph 3.3.6 for discussion of mitigation measures for any possible soil runoff.

4.4.7 Managing Development

<u>Objective</u>: Improve the development review process, communication, and public participation in the management of coastal resources and hazard.

<u>Response</u>: This project is not really a development project. It is a project that preserves an existing development. Coordination with public groups has occurred throughout the planning for this project.

4.4.8 <u>Public Participation</u>

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<u>Objective</u>: Stimulate public awareness, education, and participation in coastal management.

<u>Response</u>: Opportunities for agency and public review of the proposed project have been provided. Additional opportunities will be afforded through the SMA and other permitting processes.

4.4.9 <u>Beach Protection</u>

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Objective: Protect beaches for public use and recreation.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed project has no effect on any beaches.

5 SUMMARY OF UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The proposed restoration of the Old Lahaina Courthouse will result in some construction-related effects as described in Chapter 3, Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures.

Potential effects include dust generation during construction and exhaust emissions from construction equipment. There will be some additional noise effects, primarily during the excavations for new utilities.

In summary, the proposed project is not anticipated to create any long-term adverse environmental effects.

6 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

6.1 No-Project Alternative

If no work is done the building will continue to deteriorate resulting in a rundown appearance, increasingly unsafe and unusable condition and eventually the loss of a useful community facility and valuable historic resource.

6.2 **Preferred Alternative**

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The preferred alternative is to proceed with the proposed project. The project will restore a valuable historic resource, preserving it for future generations. It will improve the visual environment through the refinishing of the building and the installation of new landscaping. It creates useful space for community meetings and public services. Finally, it will provide historical information, increasing the public awareness of the building and the site upon which it sits, thereby increasing educational opportunities for the public.

7 IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES

The proposed restoration of the Old Lahaina Courthouse would involve the commitment of fuel, labor, funding and material resources. Compared to new construction, restoration projects involve a proportionally higher commitment of labor and a proportionally lower commitment of other resources.

8 FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The proposed project involves the restoration of the Old Lahaina Courthouse, an 8,000 square-foot historic building in Lahaina, Maui. Since County and State lands and County funds are proposed to be utilized for the project, an Environmental Assessment has been prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Based on the forgoing analysis, the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. The "Significance Criteria," Section 12 of Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 200, "Environmental Impact Statement Rules," were reviewed and analyzed. Based on the analysis, the following were concluded:

 No irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource would result.
 Restoration of the Old Lahaina Courthouse would result in saving a cultural resource. In addition, continued use of the structure will save

natural resources by preserving existing materials used in the construction of the original building.

2. The action would not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment. The use of a cultural resource would be increased due to the work

proposed by this project.

- 3. The proposed action does not conflict with the state's long term environmental policies or goals and guidelines. Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statues, "State Environmental Policy" espouses two broad policies: conservation of natural resources and enhancement of the quality of life. The proposed project does not consume significant natural resources. It enhances the quality of life through the preservation of a significant historic resource, provision of a community meeting space and provisions for historic displays in the building itself.
- 4. The economic or social welfare of the community or state would not be substantially affected. The only effects of this project under this heading will be positive. The project will provide jobs and will improve a significant tourist attraction. These are great benefits for the local economy. The project will also provide community meeting space for Lahaina activities, a contribution to the social welfare of the community.
- 5. The proposed action does not substantially effect public health. As long as typical good construction practices are followed, no effect on public health is anticipated.
- 6. No substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities, are anticipated. This project will have no effect on population. The project saves, and allows more effective use of, existing public facilities. This a positive effect on the community.
- 7. No substantial degradation of environmental quality is anticipated. When the project is completed there will be no change to the environment. Standard mitigation measures taken during construction will reduce construction-period effects to the minimum.
- The proposed action does not involve a commitment to larger actions, nor would cumulative impacts result in considerable effects on the environment. The proposed project is self-contained. It preserves a building that has been in existence in its current form for over 70 years.

9. No rare, threatened or endangered species or their habitats would be affected.

The native habitat of the area of this building and, indeed of Lahaina Town itself, was drastically changed over 150 years ago. This project will make absolutely no further changes to the habitat.

10. Air quality, water quality or ambient noise levels would not be detrimentally affected.

The only effects of this project would be would be during the construction period. Minor increase in noise levels and exhaust emissions is expected, but shall be minimized through mitigation actions during the construction period.

11. The project would not affect environmentally sensitive areas, such as flood plains, tsunami zones, erosion-prone areas, geologically hazardous lands, estuaries, fresh waters or coastal waters. No environmentally sensitive areas would be affected. Measures taken during the construction period will reduce to a minimum the potential for any silt-laden runoff into the harbor. Seismic risks are the same as for any older building. This project will strengthen the building to increase its seismic resistance, reducing the potential for hazardous effects on the building or its visitors and inhabitants in the case of a seismic event. Tsunami risks and the effect of this building on estuaries, fresh waters or coastal waters will be the same for the restored building as for the current condition of the building.

A Negative Declaration for the proposed Old Lahaina Courthouse project is recommended because the project will not have any significant adverse effects on the environment. The project will conserve an important community historic and functional resource. The project will have positive socio-economic effects by ensuring that the Courthouse continues to contribute to the Lahaina Historic District.

9 PARTIES CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The project was developed through the work of the Old Lahaina Courthouse Task Force who presented their final report in December 1995. The report makes recommendations for the use, renovation, management and finance of the Courthouse. The Task Force included members from the following organizations and agencies as well as community residents:

Maui County Cultural Resources Commission Lahaina Restoration Foundation

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Lahaina Town Action Committee Lahaina Arts Society West Maui Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce West Maui Taxpayers Association County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation County of Maui, Department of Finance County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management County of Maui, Office of Economic Development County of Maui, Department of the Corporation Counsel County of Maui, Department of Planning

The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) was also consulted by the Task Force and again in October 1996 by the Architect. Further consultation between the Architect and the SHPD occurred in February 1997. In addition, the draft Historic Structures Report was presented to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, the Lahaina Town Task Force and the Maui County Arborist Committee in December 1996.

The Old Lahaina Courthouse Task Force took a community survey to determine how the Courthouse should be utilized. The results of the survey recommended five different uses to be installed in the building. These are listed below in order of overall preference:

- 1. Museum/Gift Gallery
- 2. Art Gallery
- 3. Visitor Center
- 4. Community Center (combination meeting room and classroom)
- 5. Office/Administrative Space

The proposed project will be capable of accommodating all these functions. Final users of the building have not been determined, but uses will conform to one of the five use groups outlined above.

The only comment letter specifically on the draft Environmental Assessment was from the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Other comment letters were on the Special Management Area Permit and/or the Historic District Application. Copies of the comment letters follow, along with the responses.

9.1 Comment Letters and Responses

Comment letters from the below-listed agencies and groups, arranged in alphabetically order, along with responses, are reproduced on the following pages.

County of Maui, Department of Fire Control

County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation

County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management

County of Maui, Police Department

Lahaina Restoration Foundation

State of Hawaii, Department of Accounting and General Services

State of Hawaii, Department of Education

State of Hawaii, Department of Health

State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources (2 letters)

State of Hawaii, Office of Environmental Quality Control

State of Hawaii, Office of Hawaiian Affairs

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SPENCER MASON	April 2, 1997 Captain Leonard F. Niemczyk Captain Leonard F. Niemczyk Couny of Maui, Department of Fire Control 200 Dairy Road Kahului, Maui, Hawaii 96732 Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4.6-01: 09 Special Management Permit and Historic District Application Special Management Permit and Historic District Application (SM 1 970002 and HDC 970002) Dear Captain Niemczyk Dear Captain Niemczyk Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project. From your letter understand your department has no objections.	
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April 2, 1997	 Mr. Henry Oliva, Director Coundy of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation 1580-C Kaahumanu Avenue Waliuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793 Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4-6-01: 09 Special Management Permit (5M 1 970002) Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4-6-01: 09 Special Management Permit (5M 1 970002) Dear Mr. Oliva: Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project. We have addressed the concerns expressed in your memo of March 3, 1997, directed to the county of Maui Planning Department. 1. Good architectural practice dictates use of materials resistant to salt corrosion future restoration construction documents (plans and specifications) are included in the Old Lahaina Courthouse Historic Structure Report. 2. A note about the need for periodic pruning of the banyan tree has been added to future restoration for the material Sciences on and ultra-violet degradation. Such guidelines for the materials to be used in the future restoration construction documents (plans and specifications) are included in the Old Lahaina Courthouse Historic Structure Report. 3. A note about the need for periodic pruning of the banyan tree has been added to section 3.1.6 of the Final Environmental Assessment. Thank you for your comments on this project. Please let me know if you require additional information. 	Sincrely, Mon. M.M. Glem E. Mason, AIA Glem E. Mason, AIA Vice President
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- No recommendation or special condition is necessary or desired.
 - Refer to allachment(s).

Assistant Chief Charles Hall for: HOWARD H. TAGOMORI Chief of Police



Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4-6-01: 09 Special Management Permit and Historic District Application (5M 1 970002 and HDC 970002)

Sincerely,

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March 5, 1997 Mr. David W. Biane, Planning Director

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Planning Department 250 8. High Street Waliuku, HI 96793 RE: Spencer Mason December 1996 Report

Dear David:

My comments regarding the above mentioned report are based on being the chairperson of the Lahaina Courthouse Task Force (LCTF).

The LCTF recommended that a "Historical Structure Report (HSR) should be made for the period after the building's 1925 renovation." The "actual renovation should be in accordance with the HSR and the licensed renovation architects plans for the <u>suggested survey</u> <u>nees</u>. In the Spencer Mason Report, determination of the "specific occupants of the building after restoration have not been finalized." Yet the report suggests the installation of an elevator and two handleapped accessible tollets on both the main and second floors. occupied. Handleapped accessible tollets may not be required by how the building is occupied. For now, the building is how the building is occupied. For now, the building should be restored as recommended by the LCTF.

The LCTF was concerned about how to fit the recommended uses of the building and still meet building codes without harming the historical integrity of the building. With this in mind, the LCTF recommended that "consideration he given towards increasing toilet facilities in the area." But <u>not within courthouse</u>. The committee present harbor toilets." Meanwhile, the Mayor and Council have already appropriated money to build a <u>soparate</u> Visitor Center/Toilet facility as a result of the LCTF recommendation.

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Therefore, installing two sets of handlcapped accessible tollet rooms within the Courthonse is contrary to the LCTF recommendation.

The LCTF was also concerned about how to install a second fire exit to the second floor without harming the historical integrity of the building. I cannot find where the Spencer Mason report addresses this concern. The LCTF had informally discussed (but did not recommend) installing a metal, spiral slide on the manka side of the building.

With the exception of the concerns listed above, the renovation listed under Project Overview of the Spencer Mason December 1996 report appears to be in accordance with recommendations of the LCTF.

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April 2, 1997

Mr. G. W. Freeland Chairman, Lahaina Courthouse Task Force Lahaina Restoration Foundation P.O. Box 338 Lahaina, Hawaii 96761 Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4-6-01: 09 Special Management Permit and Historic District Application (SM 1 970002 and HDC 970002)

Dcar Mr. Freeland:

Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project. We have addressed the concerns expressed in your letter of March 5, 1997, directed to the County of Maui Planning Department, as follows:

The Historic Structures Report, the SMA and EA for the Old Lahaina Courthouse could not address specific occupants of the building because they have not been finally determined. For example, although a museum use is one of the most preferred uses, no operator has been found to put this together. The renovation of the building shall allow for the installation of any or all of the task-forcerecommended uses in the restored Old Lahaina Courthouse.

Most of the functions proposed by the Lahaina Courthouse Task Force are classified as public or public-access functions. The current Executive Order under which the County was given control of the property mandates its use by the County for public purposes. These functions are required to be made accessible, wherever practical, by the Americans for Disabilities Act.

Our review of this project with the State Commission on Persons with Disabilities and the State Historic Preservation Division resulted in the decision that, because the building was to have a public use and because it was practical to make the building accessible without significantly affecting its historic fabric, the elevator must be installed.

Handicapped accessible toilets are required for the same reason that the elevator is required. The first-floor toilets are being installed in spaces that have historically been toilets, with modifications to make them accessible. The second-floor

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toilets are new and are being installed in anticipation of expanded uses in the building. If the second-floor courtroom is used as a public meeting space, the firstfloor toilet rooms will be inadequate to handle the load. The toilet rooms in the Old Lahaina Courthouse are not intended to replace those restrooms being proposed for a separate Visitor Center/Toilet facility. They are intended only to serve the inhabitants and users of the public spaces within the Courthouse.

The lack of a second exit stair is a fire life safety issue, so improving fire safety is an important part of this project. One of the possible solutions was to add a stair to the building. Adding one outside the building would have a significant negative affect on the historic integrity of the building. The addition of another interior stair would have taken about 50% more floor area away from the building than the elevator took. To avoid the necessity of adding another stair to the building, all corridons and the stair (all exit paths) will be completely fire sprinkled. This is an ecceptable means of satisfying the safety requirements for exiting and will be comparatively unobtrusive.

Thank you for your comments on this project. Please let me know if you require additional information.

Glenn E. Mason, AIA Vice President Alerel Sincerely,

	April 2, 1997	Mr. Randall M. Hashimoto State Land Surveyor State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services Department of Accounting and General Services Department of Accounting and General Services Survey Division P.O. Box 119 Honolulu, Hawaii 96810 Honolulu, Hawaii 96810 Hanagement Permit and Historic District Application (SM 1 970002 and HDC 970002) Dear Mr. Hashimoto Dear Mr. Hashimoto Dear Mr. Hashimoto Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project and for your memorandum of February 7, 1997, addressed to the County of Maui Planning Department. We understand that Government Survey Triangulation Stations and proposed project.	rear was not be also
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Spencer Maseur	April 2, 1997	Dr. Herman Aizawa, Superintendent State of Hawaii, Department of Education P.O. Box 2360 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804	Courthouse, T.M agement Area Pe !)	Dear Dr. Aizawa:	Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project. We have addressed the concern regarding construction-period impacts of dust and noise on King Kamehameha III school, expressed in your letter of February 12, 1997 which was directed to the County of Maui Planning Department.	In section 3.1.5 of the Final Environmental Assessment a note has been added that "the Contractor shall be instructed to coordinate with the school to provide whatever protection will be required to minimize noise and dust effects on the school."	Thank you for your comment letter on this project. Please let me know if you require additional information. Sincerely,	Glenn E. Mason, AlA Vice President
MC International Activity of the formation of the formati	CITINE STATE OF MAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION P. 0. 60: 334 OCCUVIL MALIN NAM	February 12, 1997	Mr. David W. Blane Planning Director County of Maui 250 South High Street	Wailuku, Hawaii 96793	Dear Mr. Blane: Subject: Old Lahaina Courthouse SMA permit TMK 4-6-001:009	The Department of Education requests that during the restoration, appropriate measures be taken to minimize noise and dust impacts on King Kamehameha III School. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	Sincerely, Algum Muluu Herman M. Aizawa, Pr.D. Superintendent	HMA:hy cc: A. Suga, OBS R. Murakami, NDO

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- · · , Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project and for your letter of February 12, 1997, addressed to the County of Maui Planning Department. We understand that your office has no comments on the proposed project at this Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4-6-01: 09 Special Management Permit and Historic District Application (SM 1 970002 and HDC 970002) SPENCER MASON Mr. Herbert S. Matsubayashi District Environmental Health Program Chief Maui District Health Office ÷ State of Hawaii, Department of Health 54 High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793 \square Dear Mr. Matsubayashi: -April 2, 1997 -**-**··· LANTERCE MART, IL D. H P.N. Prince manin Overla LAWRENCE BINE [...] [...] Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the application. We have no comments to offer at this time. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAUI DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE MAUKI DISTRICT WAARET WAAVEV.LUUN, MAMAM 1873 STATE OF HAWAII 01d Lahaina Couthouse SW1 970002 and HDC 970002 TMK: (2)4-6-01:09 1.10 و..... : او.... Wr. David W. Blane Director Planning Department County of Maui 250 South High Street Mailuku, Hawaii 96793 * 97 FEB 13 RE:12 February 12, 1997 Dear Wr. Blane: Subject: 1 <u>د يا</u> ÷ BERIADOR J CATERAND 19 |||9]

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Should you have any questions, please call me at 984-8230.

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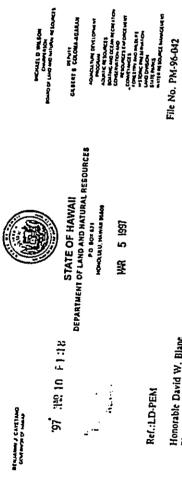
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Planning Director County of Maul Planning Department 250 S. High Street Walluku, Maul, Hawaii 96793 Honorable David W. Blane

Dear Mr. Blane:

SUBJECT:

Request for Comments - Application for Special Management Area Permit - Old Lahaina Courthouse, Lahaina, Mauj, Tax Map Key: 4-6-01:9

We have reviewed the Report and Recommendation to the Application for Special Management Arca Permit for the Old Lahaitta Courthouse, and would like to offer the following comments:

Land Division - Plannink and Technical Services

The subject lands are not in the Conservation District. <u>Land Division - Maui District Land Office</u>

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The Old Lahaina Counhouse Building is State owned and is currently under Executive Order No. 16-2 with the County of Maui far "public purposes, to wit, for the uses and purposes of the Crouny of Maui." Chapter 171-11, Public purposes, lands set axide hy the governor, management, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes states in part that "such department, ageney of the State, the city and county, county of other political subdivision of the State in managing such ands shall be authorized to exercise all of the powers vested in the board in regard to the issuance of teases, eastment, licenses...covering such lands for such use as may be consistent with the purposes for which the land write set aside on the same terms, conditiors, and dispositions applicable to the disposition of public lands, as provided by this chapter all such far public purposes of the County of Maui itself, will require prior approval from the Board of far public purposes of the County of Maui itself, will require prior approval from the Board of far public purposes. The County of Maui has previously heen inolified of this fauld and Natural Resources. The County of Maui has previously heen inolified of this requirement and that a negative declaration must be obtained for these additional uses.

The Old Lahaim Courthouse last been in a deteriorating condition for awhile and would welcome any proposed tenovations to it. Accordingly, we do not have any objections to the issuance of the Special Management Area Use Permit for the proposed renovations to the Old Lahaina Courthouse Building.

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Hon. David W. Blant Page 2

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments for the Application for Special Management Area Permit for the subject project. Should you have any questions, please contact Palit Miyashito of our Honolutu Land Division Office at (808) 587-0430. HAWAII: Earh's Best

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Aloha,

Maui Land Board Member

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Honorable David W. Blane Planning Director County of Maui Planning Department 230 S. High Street

250 S. High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Blane:

SUBJECT: Request for Comments - Application for Special Management Area Permit - Old Labaina Courthouse, Labaina, Maul, Tax Man Key: 4-6-01:9

We have reviewed the Report and Recommendation to the Application for Special Management Area Permit for the Old Lahaina Courthouse, and would like to offer the following comments:

<u>Land Division - Ensincering Branch</u>

We would like to add the following to Section 2.1.4 Flood and Tsunami Hazard:

The proposed project sile is located in Zone A4 on the FEMA Community Panel Map No. 150003 0163 B. This is an area within the 100-year flood plain with base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments for the Application for Special Marusgement Area Permit for the subject project. Should you have any questions, please contact Patti Miyashiro of our Honolulu Land Division Office at (808) 587-0430.

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SPENCER MASON

Mr. Michael D. Wilson State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources P.O. Box 621 Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

April 2, 1997

Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4-6-01: 09 Special Management Area Permit Application (SM 1 970002)

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project. We have addressed the concerns expressed in your letters of March 5, and of March 7, 1997 (File No. PM-96-042 on both), which were directed to the County of Maui Planning Department.

Thank you for the information from the Land Division - Planning and Technical Services section. We are happy to acknowledge that the Land Division - Maui District 'Land Office welcomes the proposed renovations to the Old Lahaina Courthouse. The Land Division - Maui District Land Office commented on the use of the building for other than public purposes and the requirement that the County of Maui obtain approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources for such uses. The County of Maui will be applying to the Board for this approval before the end of April 1997.

The Land Division - Engineering Branch requested the addition of information in Section 2.1.4 Flood and Tsunami Hazard. We have inserted the sentences as requested.

Thank you for your comments on this project. Please let me know if you require additional information.

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February 3, 1997

Richard Haake, Managing Director County of Maul 200 South High Street Walluku, HI 96793

Attn: Jeff Chang

Dear Mr. Haake:

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Old Lahaina Courthouse Renovation, Lahaina; TMK: 4-6-1: y Subject:

Please include the following in the final EA:

- A map of the island and a map of the area, each showing the project location. ÷
- The status of Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Variance permits, if applicable. N
- The projected start and end dates of this project. сi
- Consult with the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land & Natural Resources, if not previously contacted, and the Historic Hawaii Foundation. Document your contacts in the final EA. 4
 - A discussion of any mitigation measures planned to prevent construction runoff into the harbor. ភ

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> A discussion of findings and reasons, according to the significance criteria listed in HRS Title 11-200-12, that support the anticipated Finding of No Significant impact (FONSI) determination. You may use the enclosed sample as a guideline. ů.

lf you have any questions, please call Nancy Heinrich at 586-4185.

GARY CILL Sincerely,

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Mr. Gary Gill, Director State of Hawai'i Office of Environmental Quality Control 235 S. Beretania Street #702 Honolulu, HI 96813

Environmental Assessment for Restoration of Old Lahaina Courthouse; (T.M.K. 4-6-01: 9) Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii Subject:

Dear Mr. Gill:

Thank you for your comment letter of February 3, 1997 on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the above-referenced project. The only comments directed specifically to the draft EA were those from your office. These comments have been addressed by adding text and figures to the Final EA. .

Comment 1 has been addressed by the inclusion of two new figures (pages 3 & 4); the previous figure 1 has become figure 3 in the Final EA.

To respond to comment 2, the date of the public hearing on the Special Management Area (SMA) permit for this project was added to the discussion on page 14. No Shoreline Setback Variance permit is required for this project.

Regarding comment 3, the anticipated start and end dates of the project have been added on page 1.

Concerning comment 4, consultation with the State Historic Preservation Division has been undertaken. The discussion of this consultation has been added to section 9. A copy of our detailed Historic Structures Report and a copy of the EA were sent to Historic Hawaii Foundation on February 5, 1997. No comments were received from Historic Hawaii.

We have responded to comment 5 by adding to section 3.3.6 on Drainage and Flood Hazards.

We have added extensively to Section 8 to address comment 6. Thank you for providing the

sample.

Other agencies and groups have commented on the Special Management Area Permit and Historic District Application for this project. These comment letters and our responses are included in the Final Environmental Assessment. The response letters indicate where changes have been made to the Final EA document, if required by the comments.

Please call me, at 536-3636, if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Gue Maron AIA Vice-President

cc: Maui County

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Ms. Ann Cua, Staff Planner Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793 250 South High Street Planning Department County of Maui

Dear Ms. Cua:

(DEA) and Special Management Area Permit Application for the Old Lahaina Courthouse, Island of Maui. The County of Maui proposes to restore the Old Lahaina Courthouse and the restoration measures include new electrical and plumbing systems, interior and exterior building renovations, and improved ground maintenance and Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Assessment landscaping.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has no objections at this time to the proposed restoration project. Based on the information contained in the DEA, the proposed restoration measures bear no significant long-term adverse impacts on adjacent community or recreational areas. Furthermore, no known archaeological remains exist and the proposed restorations will neithe significantly impact scenic resources nor air quality or noise level. But in the event that cultural remains are found during the restoration with the Maui Burial Council. Please contact Lynn Lee, Acting Officer of the Land and Natural Resources Division, or Luis Manrique, should you have any

Sincerely yours. Munthy Rost Martha Ross Deputy Administrator

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April 2, 1997

Ms. Martha Ross, Deputy Administrator State of Hawai'i, Olfice of Hawalian Affairs 711 Kapi'olani Boulevard, Suite 500 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813-1888

Re: Old Lahaina Courthouse, T.M.K. 4-6-01: 09 Special Management Permit Application

Dear Ms. Ross:

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Thank you for reviewing the application materials for this project. We have addressed the concerns expressed in your letter of February 13, 1997, directed to the County of Maui Planning Department.

We are pleased to note that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has no objections at this time to the proposed restoration project. In sections 3.1.4 and 4.4.2 of the Final Environmental Assessment wording been added regarding contacting the Maui Burial Council if remains are found. Thank you for your comments on this project. Please let me know if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Mason, AIA Vice President Ylon EMA

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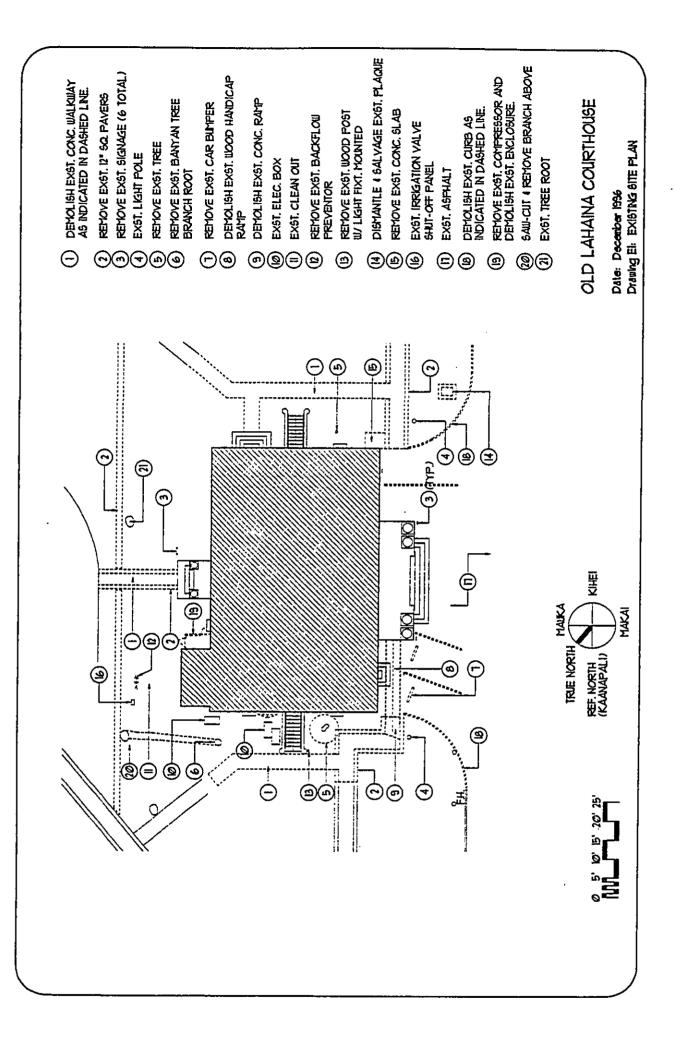
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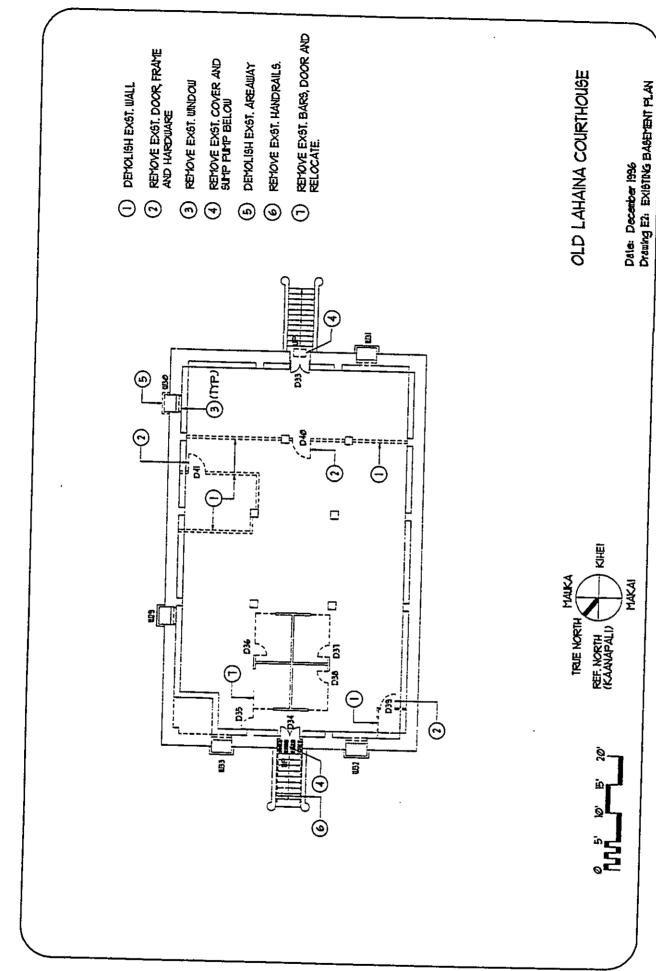
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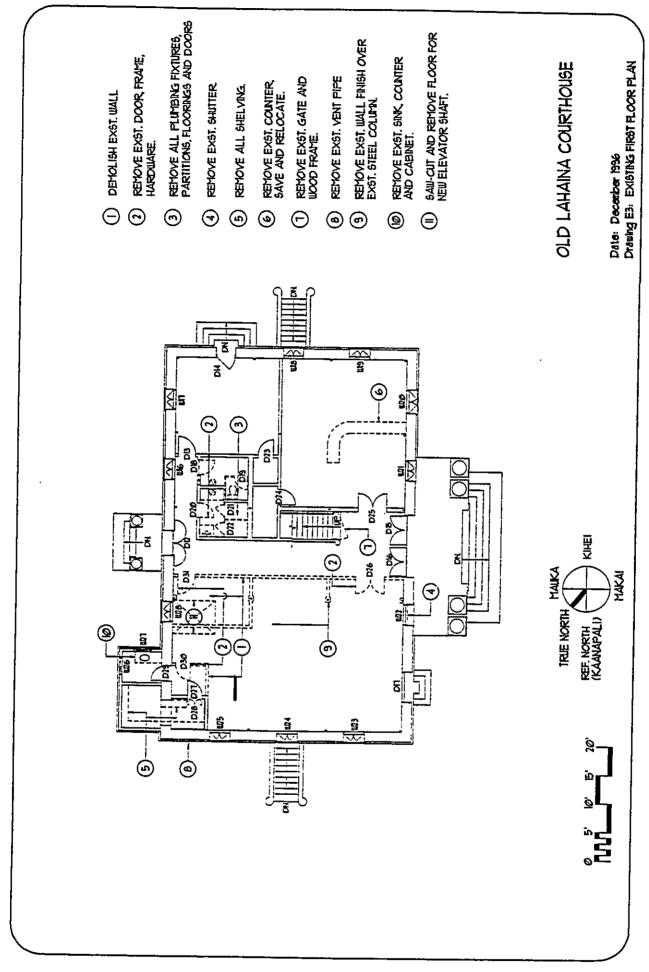




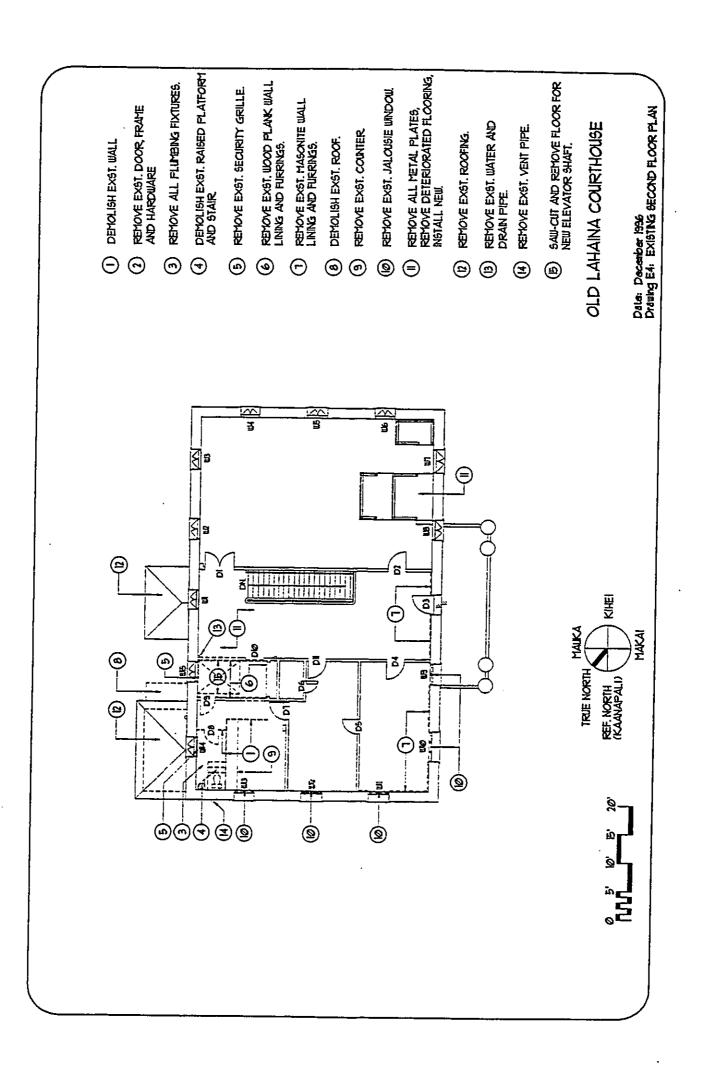
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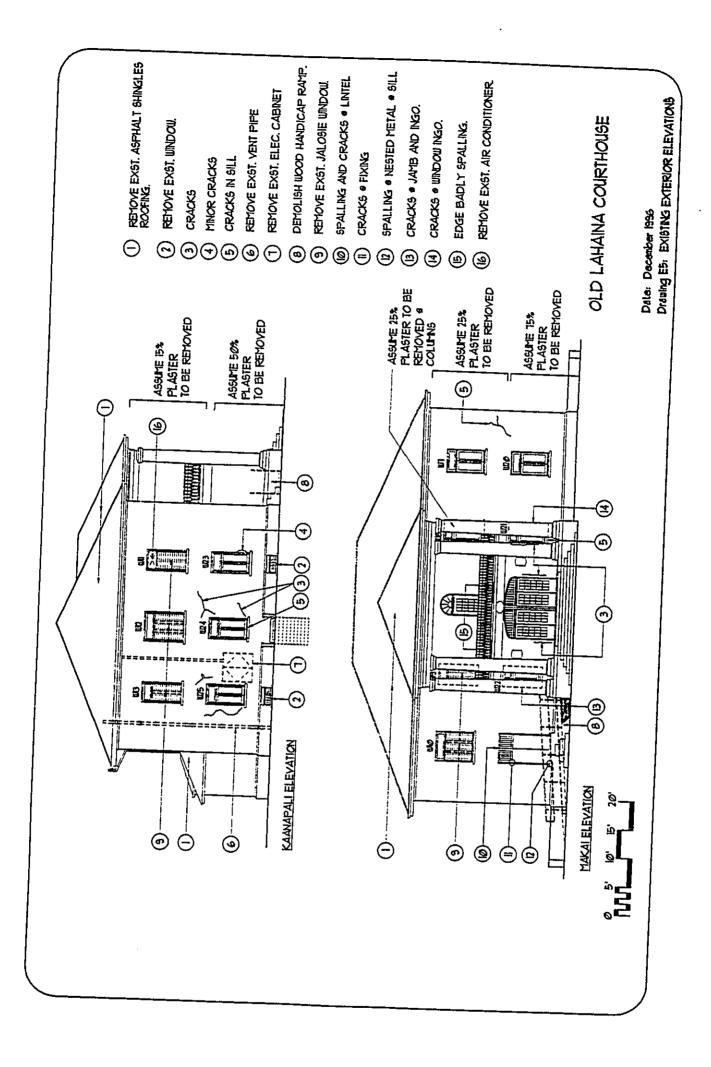


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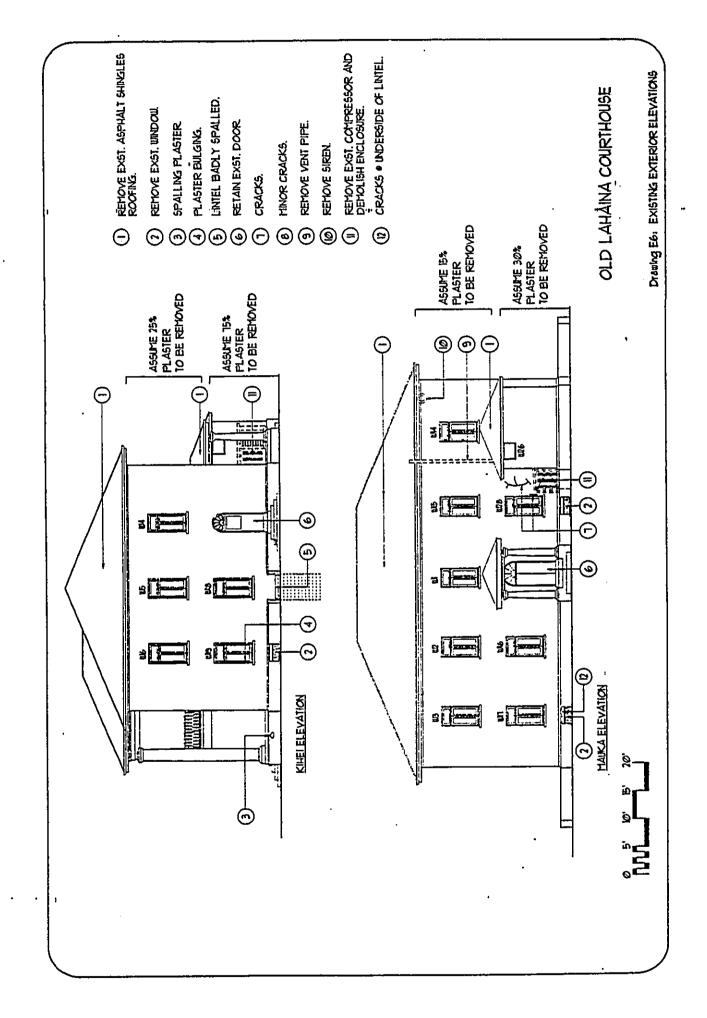
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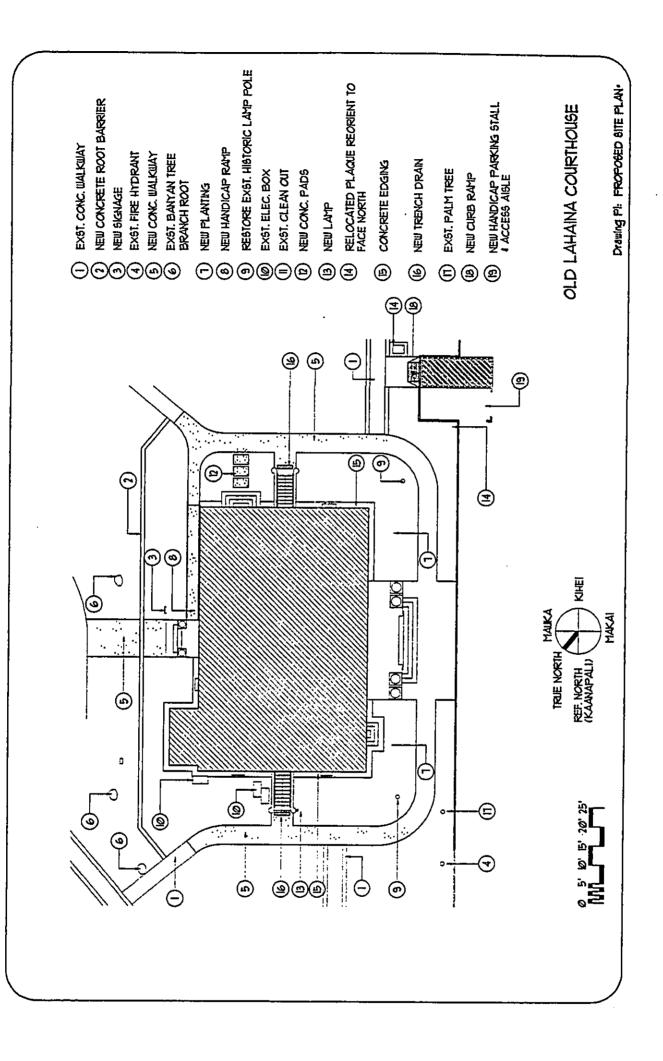
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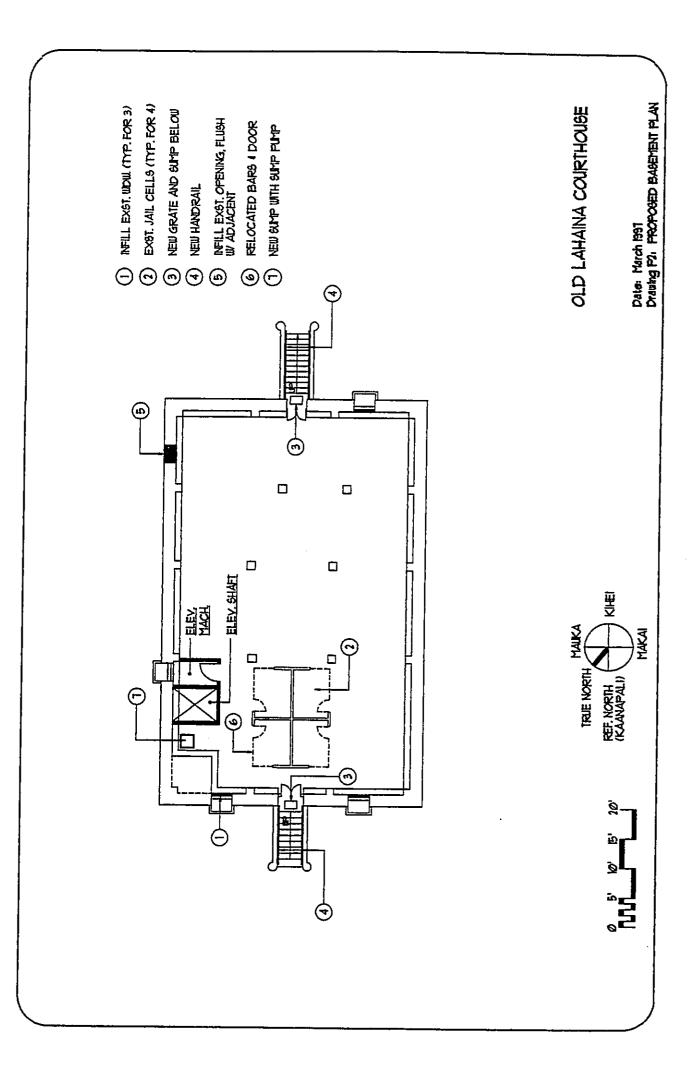
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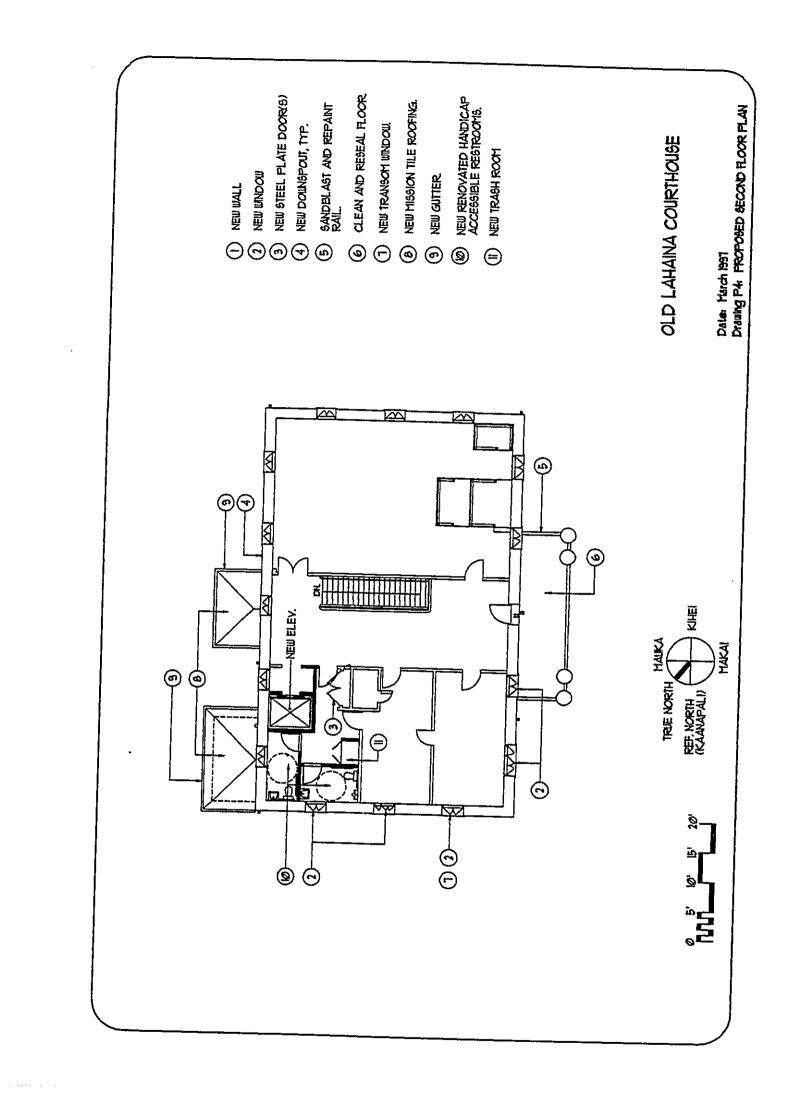
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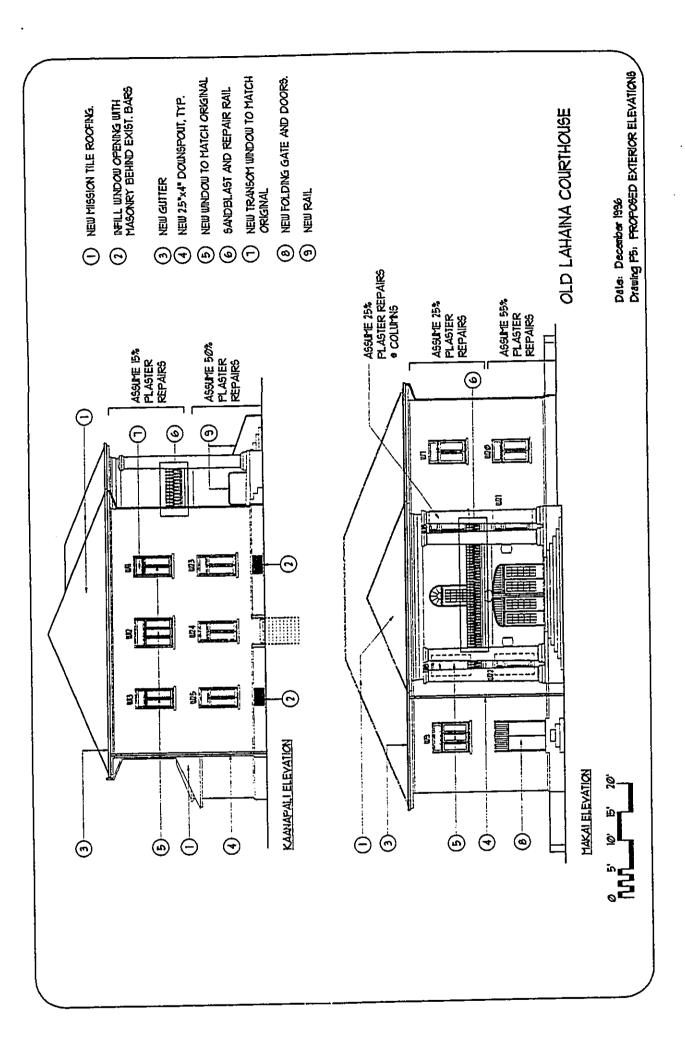
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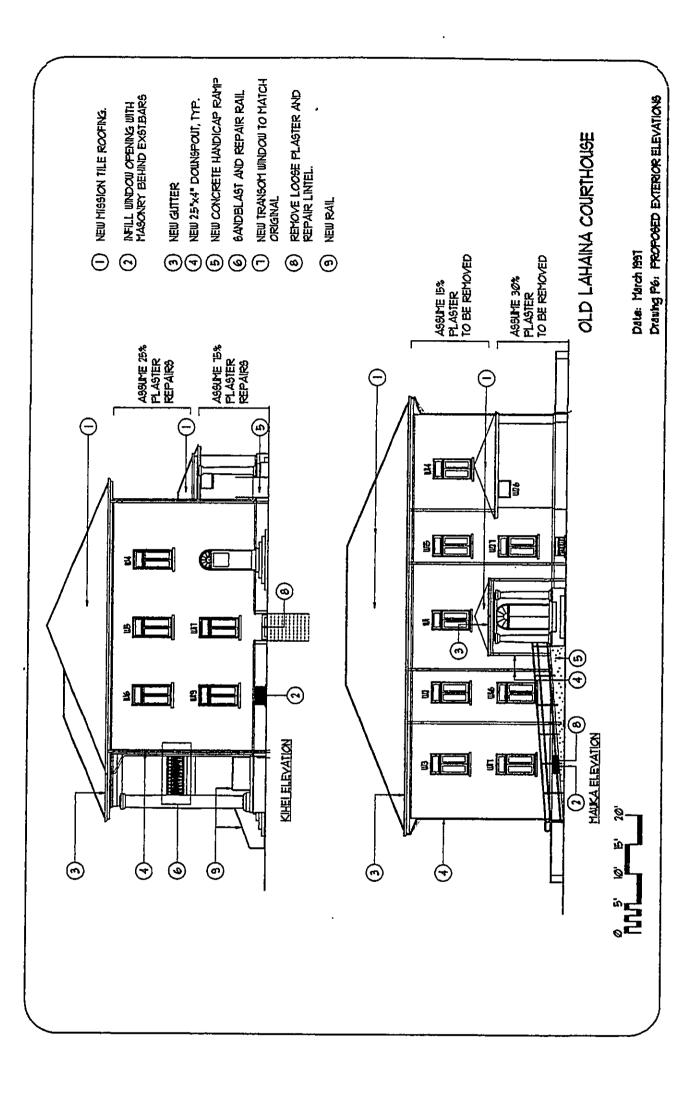
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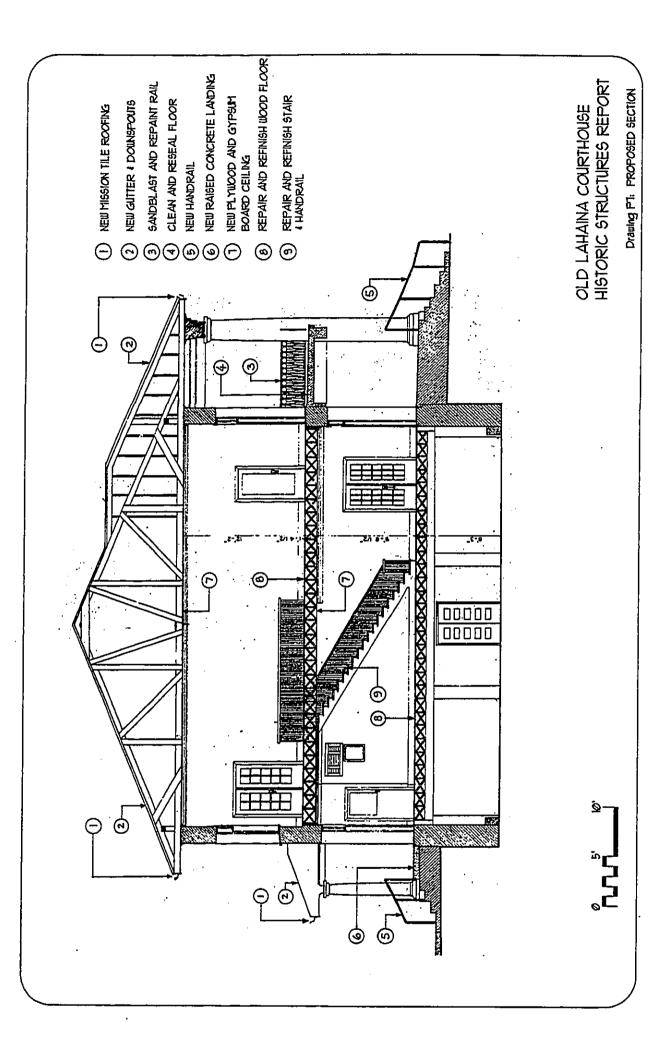
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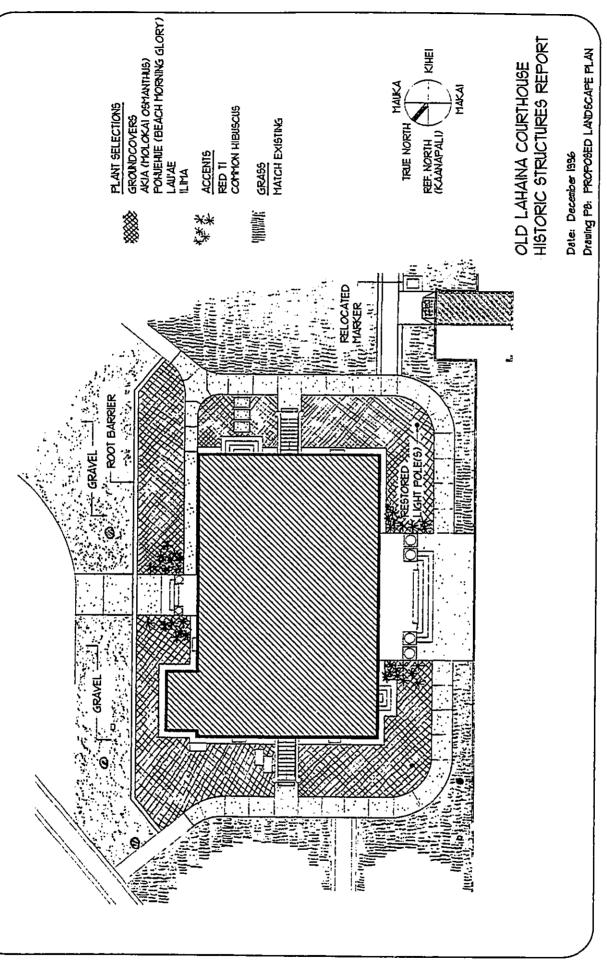




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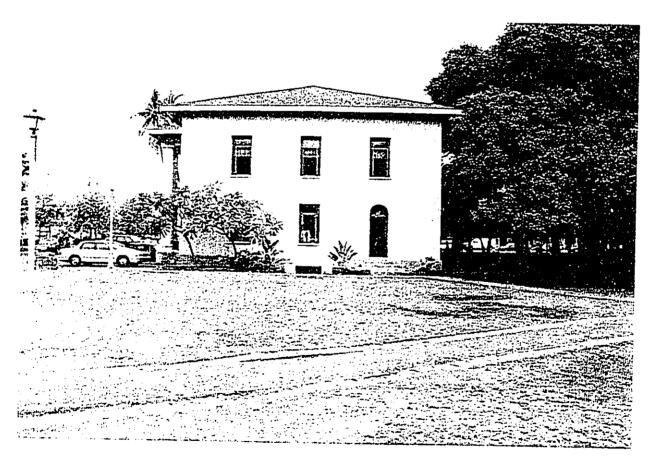
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