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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Route 66 Rural Historic District: Laguna to McCarty's

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Location

street & number SR 124 between the I-40 interchanges at Laguna and McCarty's  not for publication

city or town Cubero  vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Cibola code 006 zip code 87014

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 11-18-93  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

[Signature] Director, Office of Cultural Affairs  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

Rt. 66 Rural Historic District  
Name of Property

Cibola County, NM  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
8	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: department store

DOMESTIC: hotel

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: department store

vacant

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Southwest Vernacular

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other wood, asphalt, concrete culverts,  
earth fill, bank cuts, asphalt surfacing

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Name of Property

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County and State

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

architecture

**Period of Significance**

1936-1956

**Significant Dates**

1936

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Rt. 66 Rural Historic District  
Name of Property

Cibola County, NM  
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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of Property 216 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1 

13	258340	3884480
Zone	Easting	Northing

  
B 2 

13	268290	3885200
Zone	Easting	Northing

C 3 

13	268300	3885210
Zone	Easting	Northing

  
D 4 

13	268305	3885215
Zone	Easting	Northing

  
 See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title David J. Kammer, Ph.D.  
organization contract historian date August, 1993  
street & number 521 Aliso Dr. NE telephone (505) 266-0586  
city or town Albuquerque state NM zip code 87108

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, and the Office of

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM  
Cibola County, New Mexico

7. Description

The Route 66 rural historic district extending westward along Route 66 from Laguna to McCarty's covers an area of approximately 216 acres and includes a 17.7 mile segment of former Route 66, now SR 124, and seven buildings, all dating to the period of significance. The road section has a chip seal surface and contains several features characteristic of 1930s road building in New Mexico including numerous concrete box culverts, guardrails, slope and bank cuts, and cross-section template. The buildings are located at two roadside trading posts that between them offered several roadside services including gas, food, lodging, towing and auto repairs. The buildings are a part of two rural service complexes whose spatial organization and regional architectural styles are characteristic of roadside businesses in New Mexico during the late 1930s. Some of the buildings no longer function as they did historically, but all of them retain a high degree of historic integrity. Together with the road linking them, they convey a strong feeling of highway travel in the 1930s and 40s in rural western New Mexico.

The 17.7 mile road section passes across both Laguna and Acoma tribal lands as well as private lands as it gradually ascends the Rio San Jose Valley, rising from 5,800 ft. at Laguna to 6,200 ft. at the interchange with I-40 at McCarty's. The eastern half of the section is a local road connecting a series of Laguna tribal villages. With the sandstone cliffs of Paraje Mesa to the north and red willows lining the Rio San Jose to the south, it presents a rich southwestern landscape. It also offers much evidence of early transportation as it crosses over the AT&SF Railroad tracks as well as traces of old SR 6, the road that predates Route 66. The easternmost half-mile portion of the road is four lanes with a slight concrete median, a section completed in 1951 to alleviate congestion around the pueblo of Old Laguna. West of the pueblo, the road returns to a twenty-four ft. wide two lane road, containing numerous culverts over the arroyos and drainages descending from Paraje Mesa.

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The western half of the road passes through several small towns bordering the Laguna and Acoma tribal lands. The dominant vista is Mt. Taylor with its often snow-covered conical summit rising to 11,300 ft. As the road moves west beyond Budville and San Fidel, numerous drainages from the mountain's southern slopes account for five multi-box concrete culverts. This western portion of the road also offers much evidence of early roadside businesses that catered to Route 66 motorists. Many of those early gas stations, cafes and trading posts have deteriorated, been greatly altered, or razed. The district, however, contains the two best remaining examples, the Budville Trading Post and the Villa de Cubero.

Both trading posts have one-story stucco-coated buildings embracing characteristics of the Southwest Vernacular or Mediterranean Styles. In varying scales, both indicate the spatial organization of rural roadside businesses with their long gravel parking lots paralleling the road and with gasoline pump islands located at the center of the parking area in front of each trading post. Both also retain high degrees of historic integrity.

List of contributing buildings and structures

- #1 Route 66; now SR 124; 1937; twenty-four ft. wide chip seal surface; multiple concrete box culverts; four substantial slope or bank cuts. Alterations include guardrail replacements. Ill. #1, 2.
- #2 Budville Trading Company; Southwest Vernacular; 1938; one-story; low-hipped composition shingle roof over store with a pitched roof over the residential portion to the rear; decorative log posts and beam frames divide the facade into three bays containing double-hung, fixed and metal casement windows covered with wood screens; principal signs on the upper facade and over the service lane between the building

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- and the concrete pump island; a ramp for servicing cars lies just to the east of the building with its piers built into the hillside. Alterations include a small concrete block storage shed to the east and the hipped roof. Ill. #3.
- #3 Villa de Cubero; Mediterranean Revival; 1936; one story trading post; brown stucco over adobe; hipped and shed tile roofs; symmetrical facade includes towers and flanking rooms with large commercial windows; recessed central portal with shed roof and wood post supports with corbels; double wood frame commercial doors; heavy wood sliding door at rear warehouse entry; horizontal fixed windows along upper sides; pump island with sign; additional signs on metal pole and facade frieze. Ill. #4.
- #4 East wing duplex cabin; Southwest Vernacular; 1936; one-story; flat roof with parapet; tile hoods over entries; metal casement windows; wood panel doors with three lights; flanking garages with double wood doors.
- #5 Southeast corner duplex cabin; Southwest Vernacular; 1936; one-story; flat roof with parapet; tile hoods over entries; metal casement windows; wood panel doors with three lights; flanking garages with double wood doors. Ill. #5
- #6 Gottlieb House; Southwest Vernacular; 1936; one-story; flat roof with parapet; metal casement windows; wood door; addition to rear.
- #7 Southwest corner duplex cabin; Southwest Vernacular; 1936; one-story; flat roof with parapet; tile hoods over entries; metal casement windows; wood panel doors with three lights; flanking garages with double wood doors.

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#8 Country Villa Cafe; Southwest Vernacular; 1936; one-story; stepped parapet; tile shed roof with post supports, now with board and batten infill; large fixed and metal casement windows; wood panel doors with three lights; former sign frame attached to upper facade.

8. Statement of Significance

The Route 66 rural historic district extending from Laguna to McCarty's and consisting of 17.7 miles of the highway, a former trading post, and a trading post complex is important for its association with the motoring experience through New Mexico during the period of significance and is thus eligible under Criterion A. The buildings are also eligible under Criterion C as good examples of the location, design and materials used in rural commercial construction during the 1930s.

9. Bibliography

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Ripp, Bart. "He's Parked 77 Years by the Mother Road." Albuquerque Tribune. 7/31/85, p.1.

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## 10. Geographical Data

## UTM References (continued)

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M	13.	13	E268320	N3885160	N	14.	13	E268300	N3885120
O	15.	13	E268230	N3885130	P	16.	13	E268260	N3885190

Verbal Boundary Description: The property is 17.7 miles long. The east boundary lies 300 yds. E of the east end of the SR 124 bridge over the Rio San Jose at Laguna, and the west boundary lies at the cattleguard 100 yds. east of the SR 124 junction with the westbound exit ramp of I-40 at the McCarty's exit. The sides are defined by a corridor extending fifty feet on either side of the road's centerline and deviate only to encompass the included roadside properties. The boundary is delineated by the polygon whose vertices are marked by the following UTM reference points: 1-16

Boundary Justification: The boundary has been drawn to include the linear road portion and only the contributing roadside properties that maintain the historic integrity of the district.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93001466

Date Listed: 1/13/94

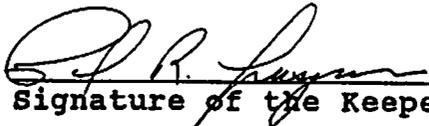
Route 66 Rural Historic District:  
Laguna to McCarty's  
Property Name

Cibola  
County

NM  
State

Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

6/2/95  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Classification  
Category of Property:

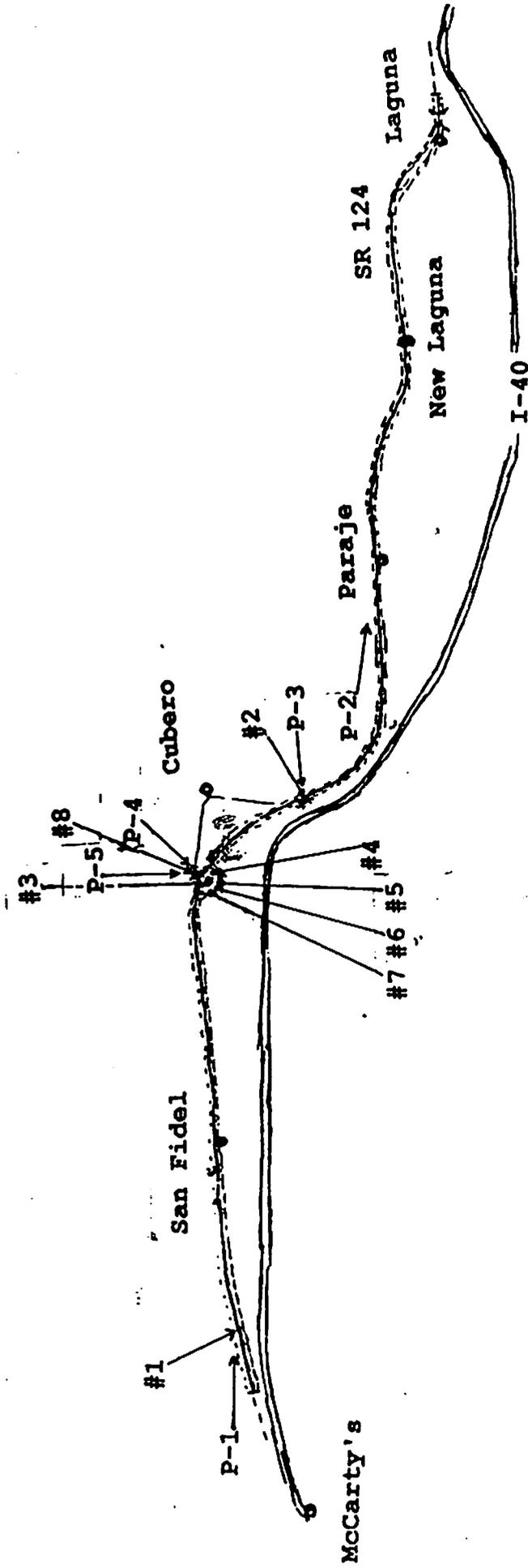
The correct category is revised to read: District  
[Both buildings and structure were incorrectly checked on the original nomination form.]

This information was confirmed with Mary Ann Anders of the NM SHPO.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Route 66 Rural Historic District: Laguna to McCarty's

1 inch=1/2 mile

Map includes seven contributing buildings and one road segment

-----district boundary



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 Cibola City, N. M.  
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 E. 134E 380 / 3496

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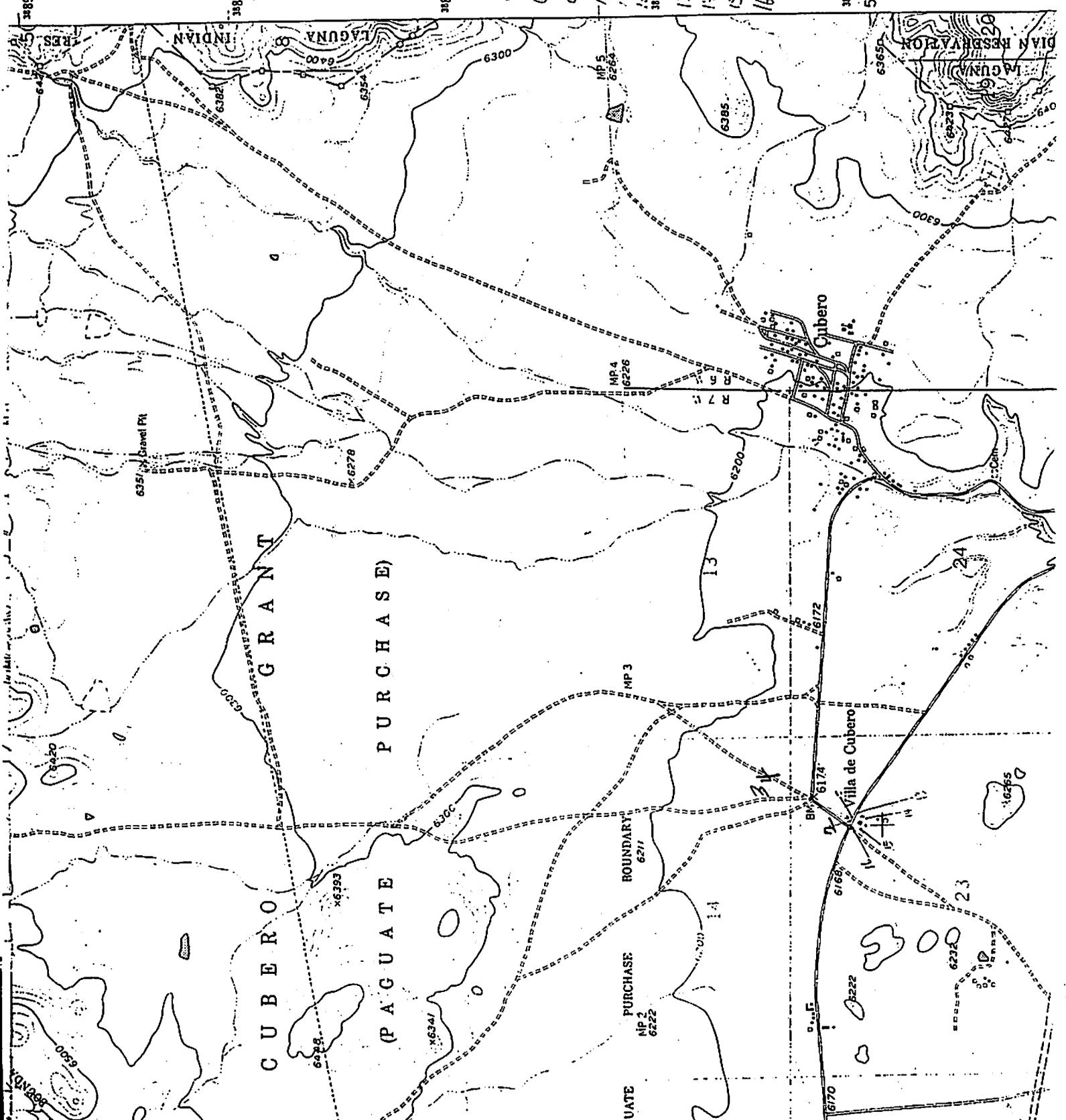
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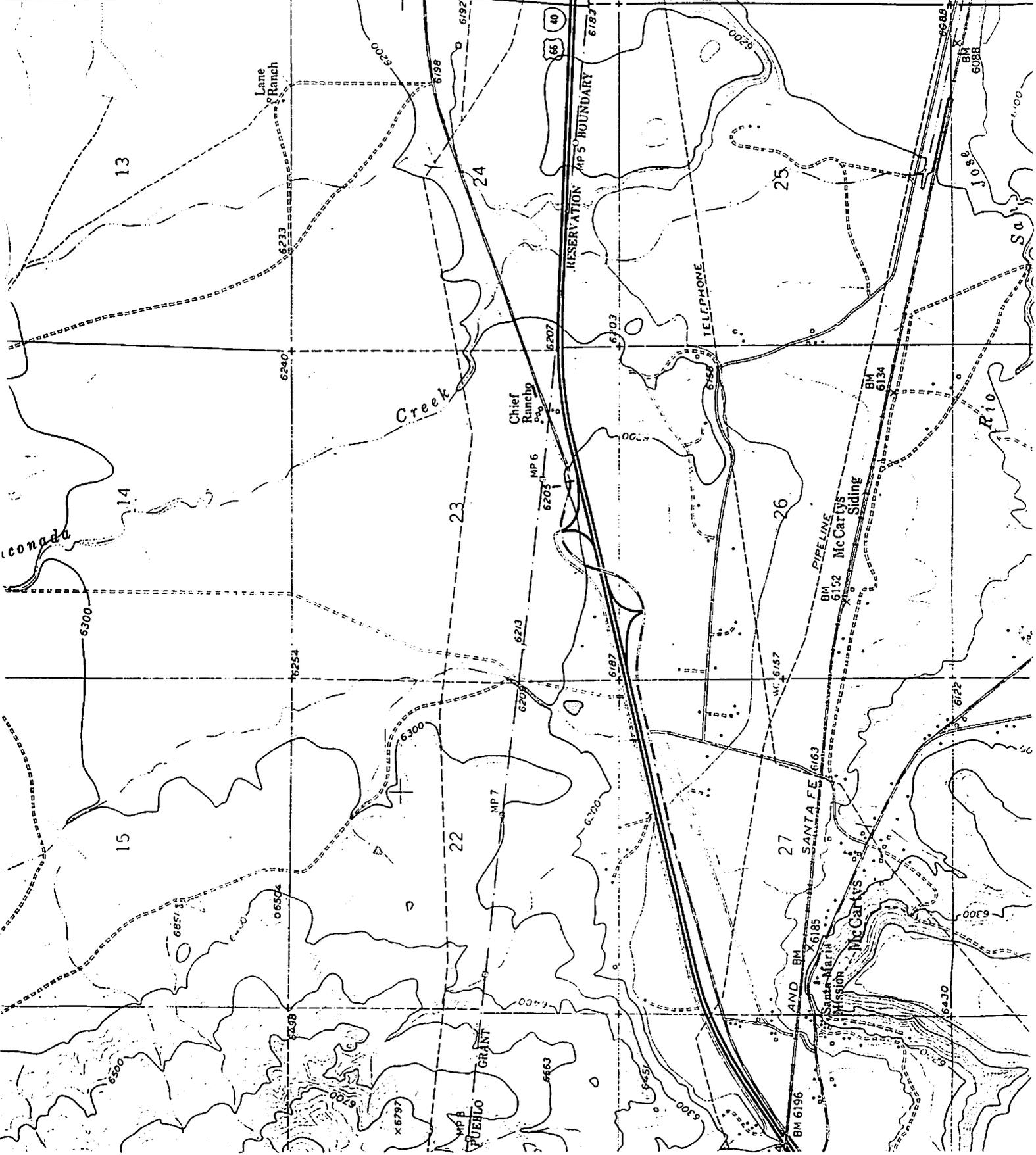
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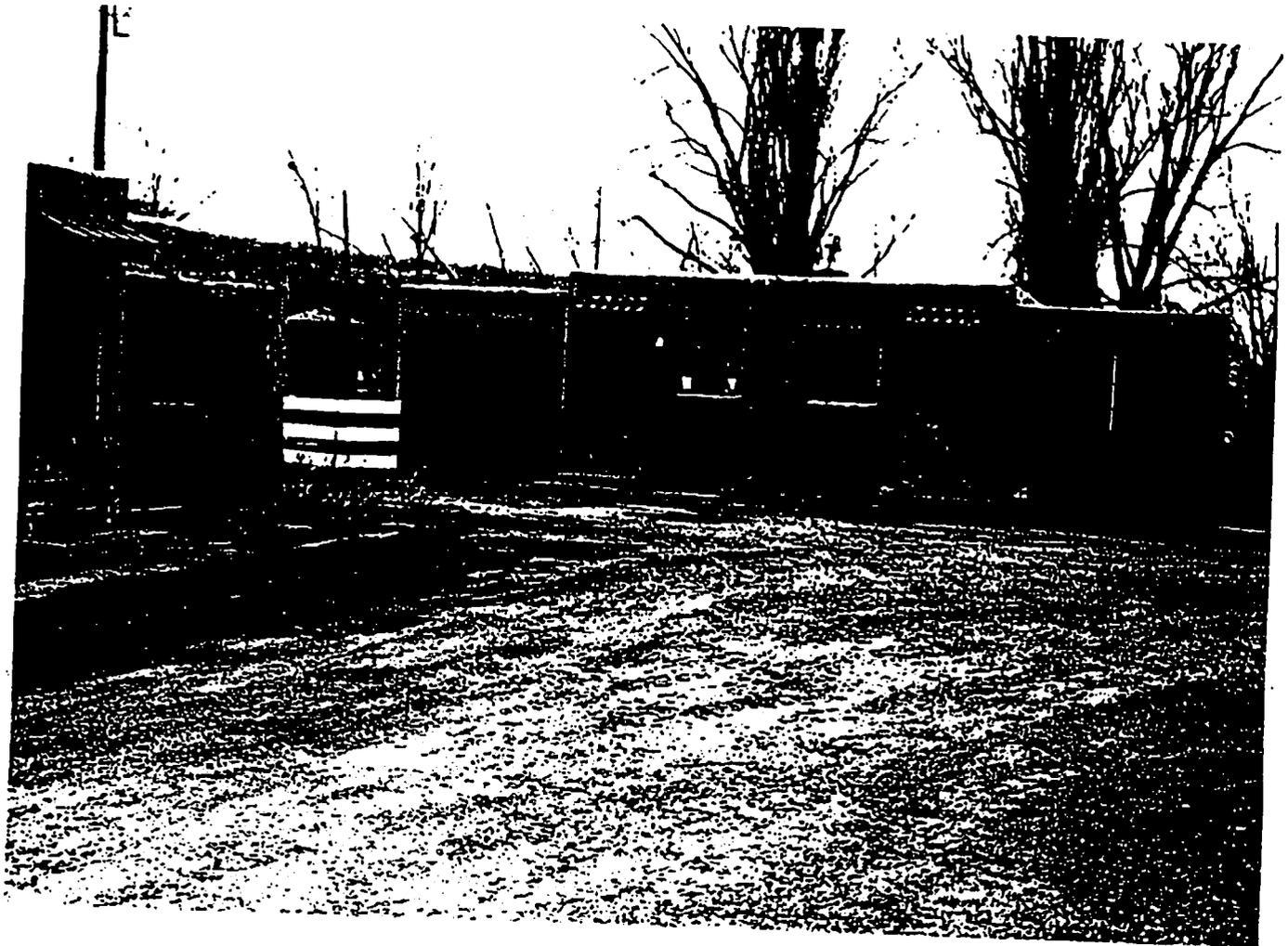
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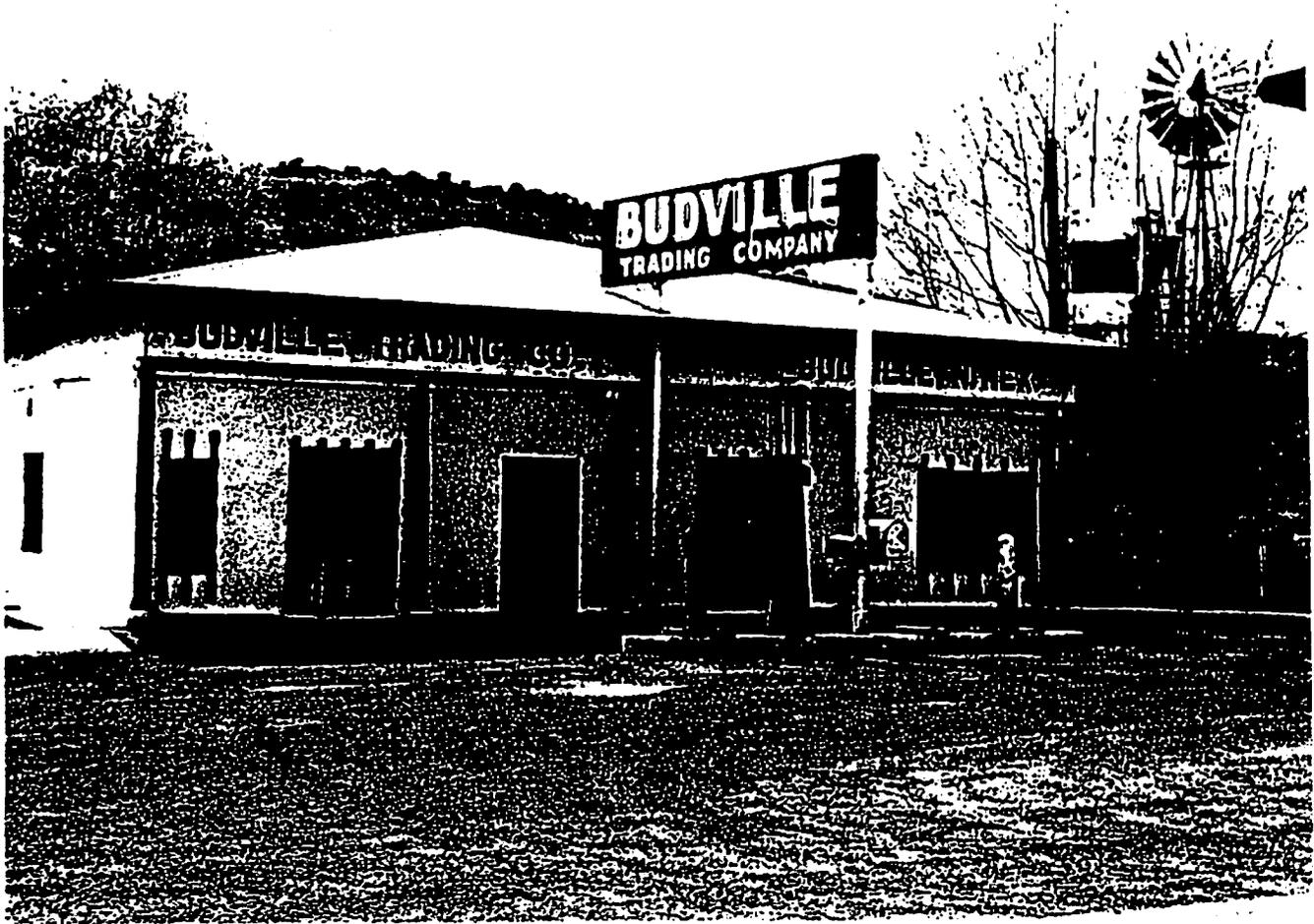
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Little Cubero



*Budville*





*Route 66*

