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# HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

## FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

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Site #8 BR01691  
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Recorder # \_\_\_\_\_

Shaded Fields represent the minimum acceptable level of documentation.  
Consult the *Guide to Historical Structure Forms* for detailed instructions.

Site Name(s) (address if none) Headquarters Building Multiple Listing (DHR only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Survey Project Name HABS Documentation Survey # (DHR only) \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register Category (please check one)  building  structure  district  site  object  
Ownership:  private-profit  private-nonprofit  private-individual  private-nonspecific  city  county  state  federal  Native American  foreign  unknown

### LOCATION & MAPPING

Street Number Bldg M6-399 Direction \_\_\_\_\_ Street Name First Street Street Type \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix Direction \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cross Streets (nearest / between) Btwn Avenue C SE and Avenue D SE; Industrial Area  
USGS 7.5 Map Name ORSINO USGS Date 1976 Plat or Other Map \_\_\_\_\_  
City / Town (within 3 miles) Titusville In City Limits?  yes  no  unknown County Brevard  
Township 23S Range 37E Section 05 1/4 section:  NW  SW  SE  NE Irregular-name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Parcel # N/A Landgrant \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision Name \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM Coordinates: Zone  16  17 Easting 534150 Northing 3155140  
Other Coordinates: X: \_\_\_\_\_ Y: \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate System & Datum \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) \_\_\_\_\_

### HISTORY

Construction Year: 1965  approximately  year listed or earlier  year listed or later  
Original Use Offices, government From (year): 1965 To (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Use Offices, government From (year): \_\_\_\_\_ To (year): pres.  
Other Use \_\_\_\_\_ From (year): \_\_\_\_\_ To (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
Moves:  yes  no  unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original address \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  yes  no  unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Nature see attached  
Additions:  yes  no  unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Nature see attached  
Architect (last name first): Kemp, Bunch, & Jackson Builder (last name first): Franchi Construction Company  
Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (1965-present)

Is the Resource Affected by a Local Preservation Ordinance?  yes  no  unknown Describe \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIPTION

Style International Exterior Plan Irregular Number of Stories 4  
Exterior Fabric(s) 1. Other 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Roof Type(s) 1. Built-up 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Roof Material(s) 1. Built-up 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Roof secondary strucs. (dormers etc.) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Windows (types, materials, etc.) 1-light fixed and pivot, metal, ribbon  
Distinguishing Architectural Features (exterior or interior ornaments) accentuated concrete skeletal frame; granular quartz surfaced exterior wall panels; concrete canopy over main entrance

Ancillary Features / Outbuildings (record outbuildings, major landscape features; use continuation sheet if needed.) landscaping at corners of building; entrance patio with NASA meatball logo and flag poles

DHR USE ONLY		OFFICIAL EVALUATION		DHR USE ONLY	
NR List Date	SHPO - Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info	Date _____	Init. _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Objection	KEEPER - Determined eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Date _____			
	NR Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d (see <i>National Register Bulletin</i> 15, p. 2)				

## DESCRIPTION (continued)

Chimney: No. \_\_\_\_\_ Chimney Material(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Structural System(s): 1. Concrete block 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Foundation Type(s): 1. Slab 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Foundation Material(s): 1. Poured Concrete Footing 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Main Entrance (stylistic details) 3 pairs of glass/aluminum swing doors on north elevation

Porch Descriptions (types, locations, roof types, etc.) inset, north elevation at main entrance

Condition (overall resource condition):  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  ruinous

Narrative Description of Resource see attached

Archaeological Remains \_\_\_\_\_  Check if Archaeological Form Completed

## RESEARCH METHODS (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMSF record search (sites/surveys) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> library research | <input type="checkbox"/> building permits                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FL State Archives/photo collection            | <input type="checkbox"/> city directory              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupant/owner interview | <input type="checkbox"/> plat maps                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> property appraiser / tax records              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> newspaper files  | <input type="checkbox"/> neighbor interview                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Lands Survey (DEP) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cultural resource survey (CRAS)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> historic photos  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> interior inspection      | <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER record search   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other methods (describe) _____                |  |  |  |

Bibliographic References (give FMSF manuscript # if relevant, use continuation sheet if needed) see attached

## OPINION OF RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing individually?  yes  no  insufficient information

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing as part of a district?  yes  no  insufficient information

Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether significant or not; use separate sheet if needed) see attached

Area(s) of Historical Significance (see *National Register Bulletin* 15, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", "community planning & development", etc.)

1. Other 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

## DOCUMENTATION

Accessible Documentation Not Filed with the Site File - including field notes, analysis notes, photos, plans and other important documents

- 1) Document type All materials at one location Maintaining organization Archaeological Consultants Inc  
 Document description \_\_\_\_\_ File or accession #'s P9026R
- 2) Document type \_\_\_\_\_ Maintaining organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Document description \_\_\_\_\_ File or accession #'s \_\_\_\_\_

## RECORDER INFORMATION

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## Required Attachments

- ① USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURE LOCATION PINPOINTED IN RED
- ② LARGE SCALE STREET, PLAT OR PARCEL MAP (available from most property appraiser web sites)
- ③ PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, ARCHIVAL B&W PRINT OR DIGITAL IMAGE FILE  
 If submitting an image file, it must be included on disk or CD AND in hard copy format (plain paper is acceptable).  
 Digital image must be at least 1600 x 1200 pixels, 24-bit color, jpeg or tiff.

**CONTINUATION SHEET****Physical Description**

The Headquarters Building at KSC is a three- and four-story structure with approximately 440,000 square feet of space. It features a continuous north section with six wings that extend to the south. It was designed following the principles of the International Style, which originated in Europe in the late 1920s with architects Walter Gropius, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and Le Corbusier. Although the style gained acceptance in the 1930s, its popularity tapered off in the late 1940s; it regained favor in the late 1960s through the 1970s. The Headquarters Building displays the lack of ornament, effect of volume, flat roof, ribbon windows, skeleton construction, and horizontality, which are hallmarks of the International Style. It takes advantage of the utilitarian functional and economic nature of the style, providing efficiency in plan and in the use of materials. The building was designed so that it could be enlarged incrementally. The Headquarters Building has overall measurements of 861' in length (east-west), 236'-3" in width (north-south; excluding the canopy overhang), and 59'-8" in height. It is comprised of a rectangular north section that extends for the entire length of the building and ranges from 72'-8" to 122'-4" in width. Internally, the first three floor levels extend through the entire footprint of the building, whereas the fourth floor level is located only at the north central portion of the facility.

**Explanation of Evaluation**

The Headquarters Building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on January 21, 2000. It is considered eligible for the NRHP in the context of the Apollo Program, ca. 1961 through 1975. It is significant under Criterion A in the area of Space Exploration and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Because the resource has achieved significance within the past 50 years, Criteria Consideration G applies. The significance of the Headquarters Building derives from its association with space exploration due to its historic function as the administrative center of KSC. Because it housed the top Center officials, it was essential as the site where all major meetings were conducted and decisions made. In the area of Architecture, the Headquarters Building is representative of the Federal Government's use of the International Style. Although it has undergone interior renovations with the advent of new technology, it continues to maintain its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, setting, location, and association as an administrative center of the Apollo Program.

**Bibliography**

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- Kemp, Bunch & Jackson. "K.S.C. Headquarters Phase III Additions." January 1967. On file, KSC Engineering Documentation Center.
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- Sweetsir Collection, Kennedy Space Center Archives Department, Florida.



North elevation, facing southwest



South and east elevations, facing northwest



**HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM Site # 8BR1691**  
**PHOTOGRAPHS**



Main entrance area, facing southwest



Center Director's office, facing northwest



PHOTOGRAPHS



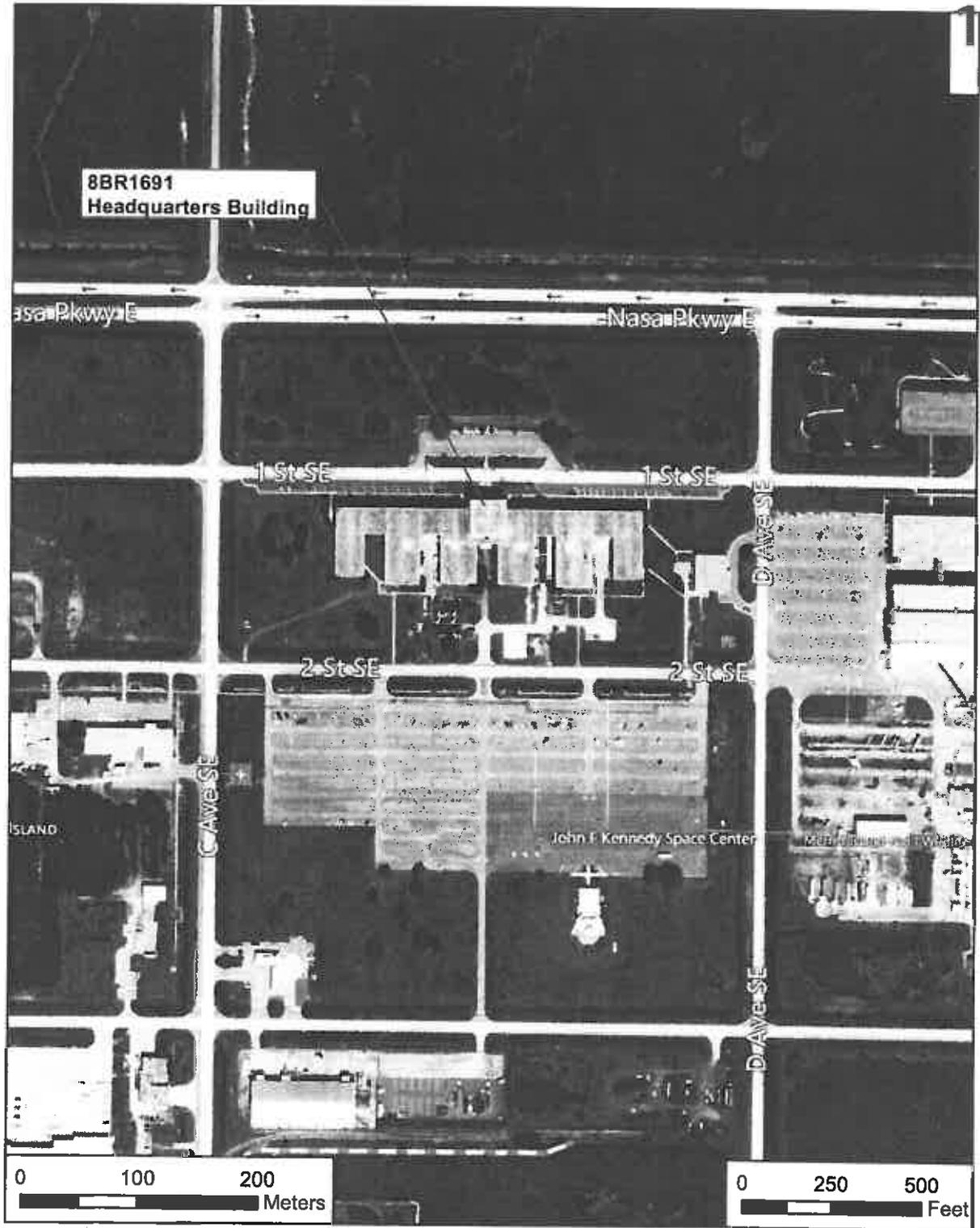
Fourth Floor conference room, facing northeast



Typical large office area, facing south



AERIAL MAP





**USGS**

Orsino

Township 23 South, Range 37 East, Section 5  
National Geographic Society (2011) *USA Topo Maps*

