IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Gilroy Printers
2. Historic name: Old Post Office
3. Street or rural address: 30 Third Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900401
5. Present Owner: Andrew and Lois Battagin
   Address: P.O. Box 96
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private Y
6. Present Use: Print Shop Original use: Post Office

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Commercial
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The site is a very minimalist example of late 1940's - early 1950's architecture in Gilroy. The building is constructed on an emphasized rectangular plan with a dearth of detail. The most significant design element is the building's surface which is sheathed in horizontal bands of multi-colored brick. A recessed rectangular-shaped entry frames large plate glass doors and windows which are themselves framed in small aluminum strips. Three rectangular apertures further break up the building's street facade. The siting of the building directly on the sidewalk, the slightly over one story size and the block massing with minimal ornamentation all fits into the older commercial structures of downtown Gilroy. The building will no doubt become more and more valued as the number of simple, 1950's international style influenced structures decreases in the cityscape. The building reflects quite well the function and aesthetics of its purpose and time.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated 195 Actual
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 30 Depth 100
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: ____________________________

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) ___ Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
   Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ____________________________

16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
   Public Works project ___ Other: ____________________________

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: ____________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This building on Third Street in Gilroy, which today houses the Gilroy Printers and Office Supply, was originally the second post office for the city. Built in the mid 1950's, the structure is an example of the post World War II commercial style which predominated in the downtown business section of the city at that time.

The reflection of architectural function in the design of the structure is its significance. The Post Office is always an important building because of the function, delivering information to the community.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
   Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
   Government ___ Military ___
   Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates.)

   American Architecture Since Whiffen
   Interview - Mary Prien 4/86

22. Date form prepared ________ April 1986
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):