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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Miliias Apartments
2. Historic name: Miliias Hotel
3. Street or rural address: 7397 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900834
5. Present Owner: Troy Savings Bank Address: 32 Second Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Restaurant & Apartments Original use:

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

This three story hotel building, located near the south end of Gilroy's buzzing downtown shopping section, is easily the most massive structure in the area. Its tiled roofline, elevated on the north and south ends, is bordered by enclosed eaves and a decorated frieze. There are fancy sculptured decorations above and below some of the double hung windows on the second and third floors and sets of French doors, protected by low metal railings, which highlight the second floor above the Monterey Street entrance and near the ends of the building. The classic revival influence is noted in the scrollwork located on the sides of the building as well as in the three arches above the front entrance (Monterey Street) which is outlined by pilasters. The large cable-supported overhangs which in previous years advertised the ancient and staunchly conservative "Miliias" have been removed due to modern sign ordinances and a change in ownership.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: 1922
   Actual: 1922
10. Builder: James Patterson
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
   - Frontage: 120 Depth: 100
   or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    March 1986
George Milias senior came to San Jose from his native Yugoslavia in 1881. In San Jose he owned and operated a successful restaurant for ten years. In 1922 he built the Milias Hotel on the corner of Monterey and Sixth Streets. The architect was the well known and influential William H. Weeks. The Milias Hotel had a fine restaurant on the ground floor and a popular roof garden with private party and dining facilities. A great novelty for the Gilroy area was the Milias Hotel's elevator. The Milias Hotel was successful for many years and was a favored place for travelers on Highway 101.

The building is no longer a hotel, but is now apartments and businesses. The Milias family was also the owner of extensive ranching and cattle interests. George Milias, Junior was active in civic affairs, serving terms as Mayor of Gilroy from 1940 to 1954 and 1956 to 1958. George Milias, III served in the California State Assembly and was a Deputy Director of the Fish and Game Commission in Washington, D.C.