IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: __________________________

2. Historic name: Gilroy Dispatch Building

3. Street or rural address: 7466 Monterey Street
City __________________________ Zip 95020 County Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 84100612

5. Present Owner: Jerry Fuchs
Address: 4535 Campisi Ct.
City __________________________ Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Vacant Original use: commercial

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

The structure consists of a large rectangular planned commercial building which is designed in a moderne style. The storefront has been plastered over with bands of incised straight lines and a slightly raised panel providing the only major architectural embellishment on the facade. The entry curved metal canopy with its recessed double doors which are surrounded by fluted, curved walls adds further to the emphasis of the moderne style. The adjacent buildings have been similarly whitewashed with all ornament removed except for the harsh geometrical pattern of simple apertures. A small, standard commercial building has been similarly painted. It provides the more standard commercial style building type found in central Gilroy. Two round fans crown the flat roof of the building. The massing as it relates to the streetscape does the most towards giving this site its significance in relating to the other commercial blocks of downtown Gilroy.

8. Construction date:
Estimated 1917 Factual

9. Architect
Unknown

10. Builder
Radtke

11. Approx. property size (in feet):
Frontage 34 Depth 19
or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986
This structure contains several addresses and two distinct storefront motifs that flank a larger blank undorned mass. The structure relates to the streetscape in only the massing and setback.

This building was the home of the Gilroy Dispatch, the city's daily newspaper. The Gilroy Dispatch began publication in 1925 after merging with the older Gilroy Gazette. Publishing six days a week when the Advocate was only a weekly soon gave the Dispatch the strength in the market to become the controlling paper. This was accomplished in 1934 when it absorbed the Advocate. The Dispatch remained independent until the late 1970's when it was purchased by the McClatchy chain. Early in the 1980's the newspaper moved form this building into a new structure.

Before the Dispatch moved into this building, Miller's Variety occupied the space.

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):