IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Gilroy Hotel & Club OK
2. Historic name: Louis Hotel
3. Street or rural address: 7363 and 7371 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900837
5. Present Owner: Thomas Bidegary
   Address: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, Ownership: Public, Private: X
6. Present Use: vacant & commercial, Original use: hotel/commercial

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

This long, two story hotel building facing Monterey Street in the heart of the old downtown area of Gilroy has many features which reflect a Greek or classic influence. The flat roofline is highlighted by a decorative projection of straight lines and dentils above a row of almost square architraved windows. The center window on the second floor has a large, decorated lugsill with sculptured patterns attached to the surface. The four storefronts on the ground level are separated by large, square columns and have rows of small paned windows above the large glass window facing the street. A marble foundation runs nearly the length of the building and a semicircular portico above the main entrance features scrollworked metal brackets and a fancy decorated edge. The site provides one of the distinctive architectural anchors which helps unify the streetscape of the old commercial core as well as define the architectural elements which should be used to define any new construction or any new alterations in this section of the City.

8. Construction date: Estimated __ Factual 1921
9. Architect: Binder & Curtiss
11. Approx. property size (in feet): Frontage 78, Depth 142, or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): Mar. 1986

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The Louis Hotel, on Monterey Street, opened on September 10, 1921. The opening was a festive event for Gilroy, with special entertainment and an orchestra from San Francisco. The fine restaurant at the hotel featured some of the fanciest cuisine between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Louis Hotel was soon a preferred stopping place for travelers on Highway 101. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Binder and Curtis and was planned to include the most up to date features. The hotel is converted to a restaurant, office and retail use. The original decor has been retained, with its handcrafted wood paneling and fourteen foot beamed ceilings. The Louis Hotel is a significant component of the Monterey Road commercial streetscape.