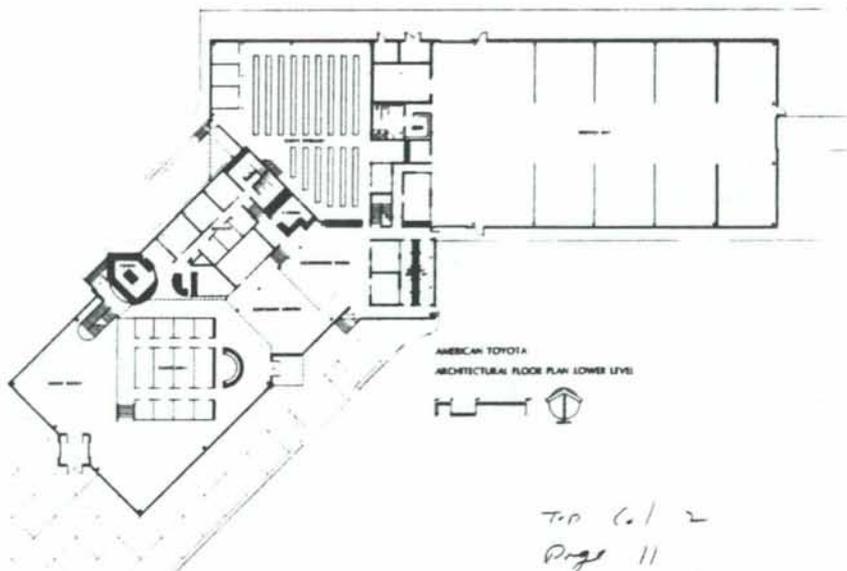
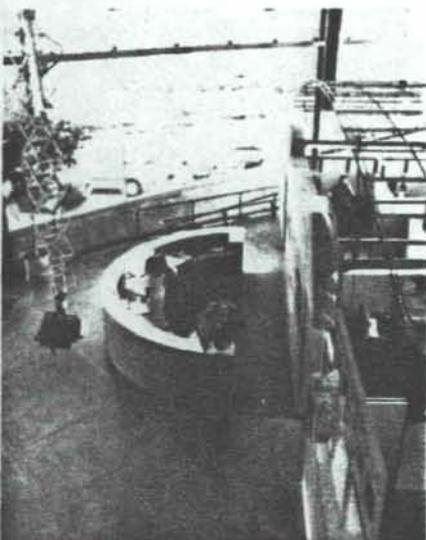


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### Jury Notes

"This two-part building of modest program related to the everyday in its unpretentious way gives dignity to its use. The industrial urbane quality of the interior is visually rich and yet does not seem to compete with the cars. A few excellent architectural moves gives drama to the setting."



The clients wishes were to create a "stage" setting with a theatrical analogy to display the polished sophisticated technology of the automobile. In addition, the building should have a variety of light, spaces, scale and views.

The two part program divided between "sales" and "service" reflects this dual nature by choice of materials. The glass showroom and outdoor sales are the dominant element, set at an angle on the site so as to be visible to freeway travelers from both directions. Behind the showroom and central support facilities, the parts department and service shop are housed in a massive concrete shell, creating the primary contrast between glass box and concrete mass.

Simplicity and contrasts were used throughout to heighten the awareness of elements such as entry/exit ways. Unadorned concrete both shelters and marks the entrance as it projects from the glass facade. Similar contrasting elements are delineated in the floor finish of integrally colored concrete by the addition of stainless steel strips reinforcing the grid pattern of the glass facade and the precast panels.

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Ms. Beatriz Rivera

#### New Owner:

Mr. Larry H. Miller

#### Architects:

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#### Architectural Firm:

Patrick McClernon Architects/Planners,  
P.A.

#### Interior Architecture:

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Patrick McClernon, A.I.A.

Charlotte Bates and Goodmans

Furniture and Office Systems

#### Structural Engineers:

Randy Holt & Associates, Inc.

#### Mechanical & Electrical Engineers:

Coupland/Moran Associates, Inc.

#### Civil Engineers:

Espey-Houston & Associates

#### Landscape Architect (Design/Construct):

Heads Up.

#### General Contractor:

Summit Construction Inc.

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