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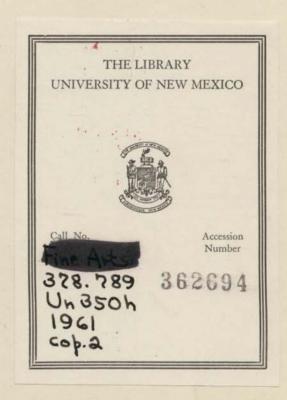
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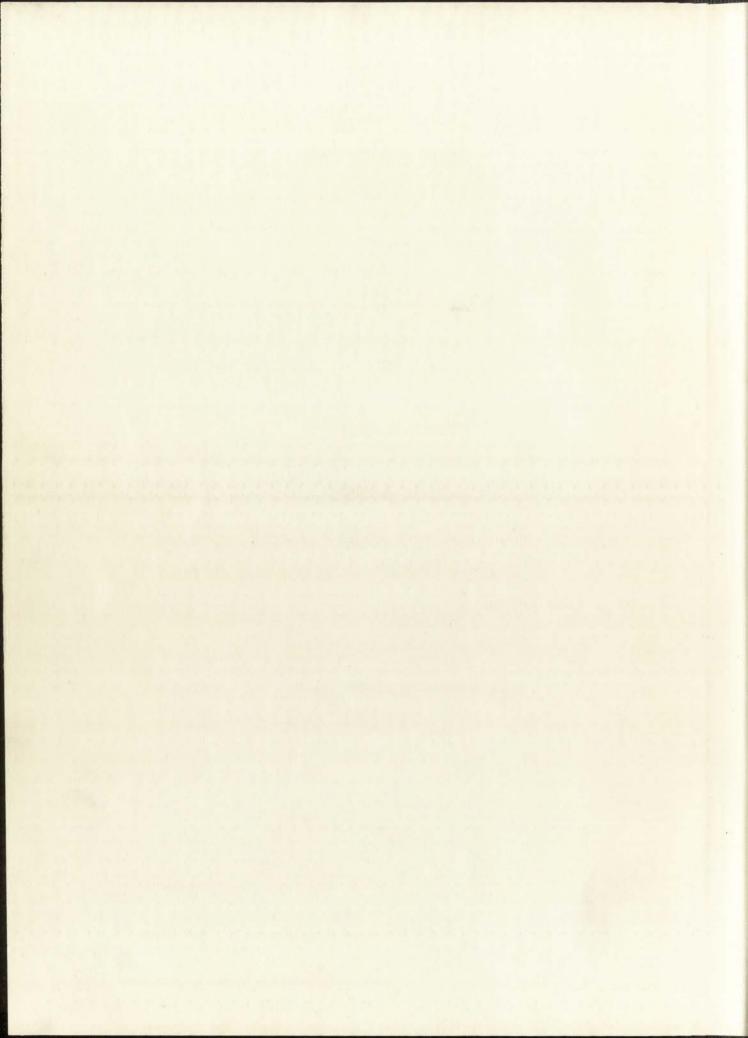
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# MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS AND COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN

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### Title:

Multiple Dwelling Units and Community Master Plan

### Purpose of Study:

to investigate the feasibility of such a development in Albuquerque,

to investigate suitable locations for the development within the city,

to develop social, cultural, and recreational areas within the development,

to produce a flexible home for changing families on a rental basis and to provide a pleasant environment for all members of the family as well as all families as a community,

to produce a self-sufficient community containing highdensity, medium-density, and low-density housing areas.

### Location:

Albuquerque, New Mexico

### Thesis Content:

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Whether people choose to live in single family units, duplex units or multiple housing units, they should never be without the individuality and dignity associated with the "home". Providing this background for comfortable living, both privately and as a community, is the architect's responsibility.

There has been in the past too great an emphasis on planning effeciency to the extent of neglecting space quality. We should not lose sight of the true objective of housing: to provide suitable living facilities for the development of family life.

Today, living as we do in a world of high tensions and almost constant pressure, a home can become a quick stopping place in an endless routine of chores - a place to eat - a place to catch your breath. But because of this perpetual motion in which we live, we need a home that is much more than just that. We need a refuge from the world, a corner of our own that is secluded and private. We need a place in which we can enjoy the leisure part of our lives.

A house, to become a home, must be:

- a place to live
- a place to love
- a place to eat
- a place to grow
- a place to be together
- a place to be an individual

It must please the eye, satisfy the mind, calm the heart. It must fill the need of the family, to welcome friends, or to be alone - to relax or to work.

There is a great difference between living and existing. Too often the American family surrenders to a routine defined as "normal and correct for the average family". Instead, every family is unique with individuals of separate personalities.

The community is a place where all aspects of life should flourish, from the privacy of one's own home, to the openness of the yard beyond, and finally to the complete participation in family-community life.

The community must be more than a "place". It must provide a nucleus for happier, more satisfying and creative living.

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The Albuquerque Planning Department is currently in the process of master-planning the entire city of Albuquerque and surrounding development areas. Among the areas which are being planned and rezoned to comply with the overall master-plan for "future" Albuquerque is the "Carlisle - Menaul" area (see Map #1). This area has been temporarily zoned and roughly planned by the city planning department (see Map #2).

This site (disregarding the plan by the planning department) shall serve as the location for the proposed housing community as planned in this thesis.

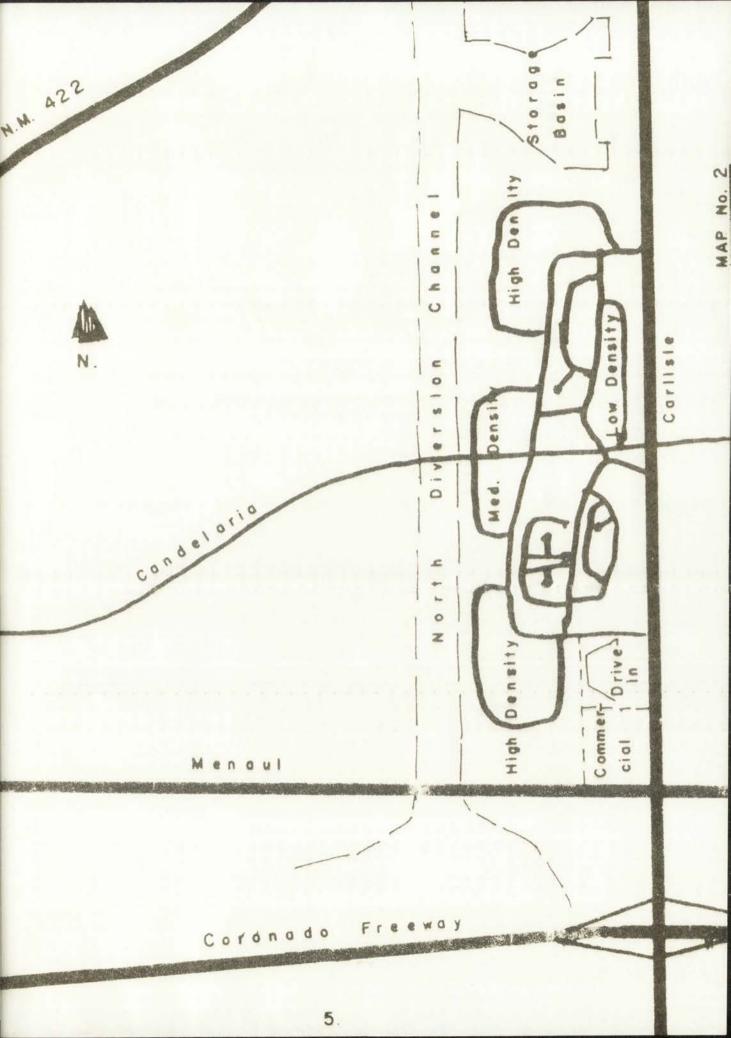
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### MASTER PLAN

The master plan shall develop the site as shown on Map #2 and shall include the following:

### 1. RESIDENTIAL

Area - 2000' x 4000' - 8,000,000 sq. ft. - 180 acres.

DENSITY	AREA %	ACRES	UNITS/ACRE*	UNITS 180		
Low	25%	45	4			
Medium	30%	54	8	432		
High	35%	63	25	1,600		
Common 10%		18				
Total	100%	180		2,212		

\*Number of units per acre based on recommendation by the American Public Health Association.

### 2. CENTRAL COMMON AREA

Area - 18 acres.

Elementary School - to serve approximately 850 students, grades one through six.

Playgrounds - fixed equipment, volleyball courts, tennis courts, bicycle paths, roller skating ring.

Common Park - wooded area, benches, small lake.

Recreation - tennis, softball and hard ball fields, bicycle rental, golf, swimming pool.

### 3. SHOPPING CENTER

Area - 2000' x 1000' - 2,000,000 sq. ft. - 45 acres.

To include: grocery store, drugstore, barber shop, beauty shop, laundry station, post office, service station, package store.

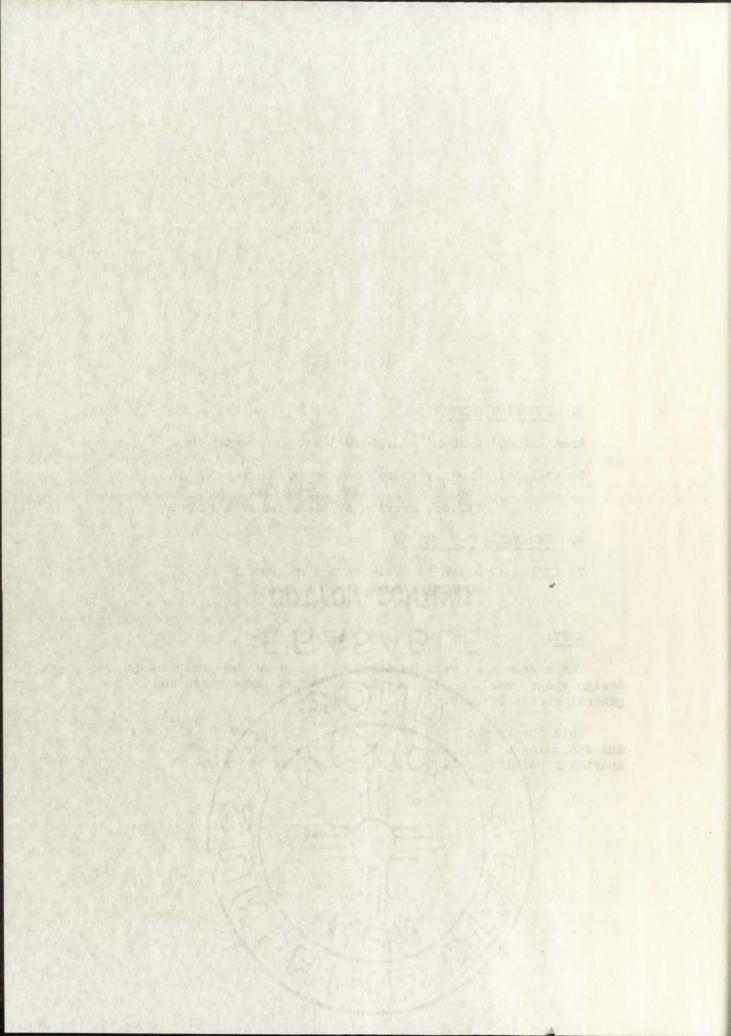
### 4. ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

To include: drive-in movie, small amusement park, bowling alleys, restaurant.

### NOTE:

The master plan will be developed only to the preliminary design stage mearly to locate the above four main areas and general street layouts.

This thesis shall be devoted primarily to the development and designing of the high-density areas, showing in detail the apartment buildings, living spaces, and related areas.



### HIGH-DENSITY AREA

Approximately 35% of the overall residential area is to be restricted or zoned as high-density living area. This area will contain 1,600 living units or families.

The following requirements will serve as the basis for the design of this area.

### 1. APARTMENT BUILDING COMMON AREAS

Roof terrace - to include: sun bathing areas, lawn, wind

and sun screen,

sitting areas.

informal recreation.

First floor - to include: storage (bicycles, baby carriages),

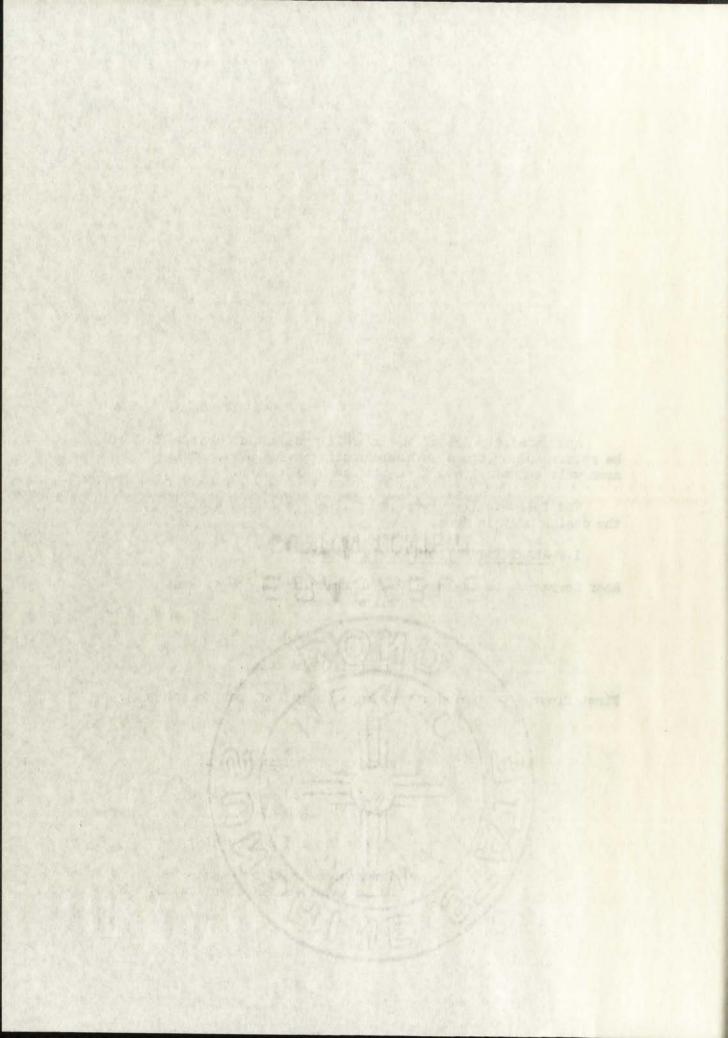
terrace,

sitting or reading areas,

gardens (to be cared for by interested tenants),

relaxation and sun bathing,

informal recreation; space for table games, small court games,



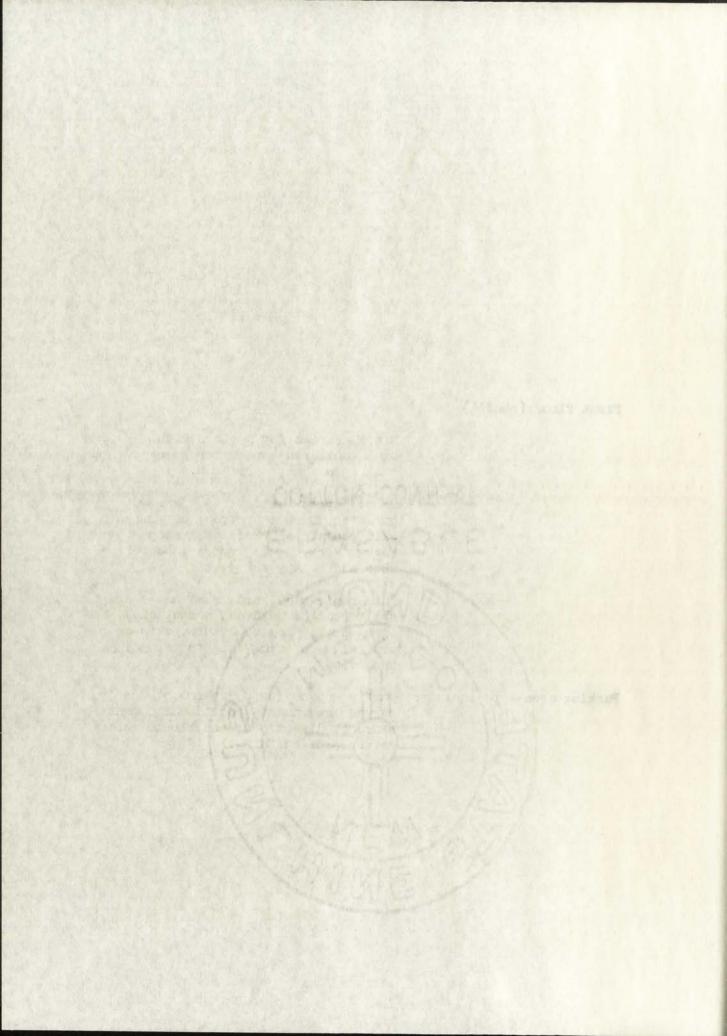
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sitting areas for mothers with small children; space for benches, chairs and baby carriages,

shops; approximately one apartment building in each grouping of four will contain several small shops (drug store, small grocery, barber shop and beauty shop),

children's play yard; somewhat sheltered, paved area, grass, sand, spray pool, play sculpture, swings and roller skating, all to be easily supervised.

Parking area - to include: parking space for a minimum of one car per apartment, additional tenant storage, directly accessible to main entrance of building.



# 2. APARTMENT LIVING UNITS

The actual living spaces shall be developed to meet the requirements of three different function types.

Type - 1 Efficiency and one bedroom apartment.

Majority of tenants will be college students, young married couples, and single working people.

Type - 2 Medium size two bedroom apartment.

Majority of tenants will be married couples with children of elementary school age.

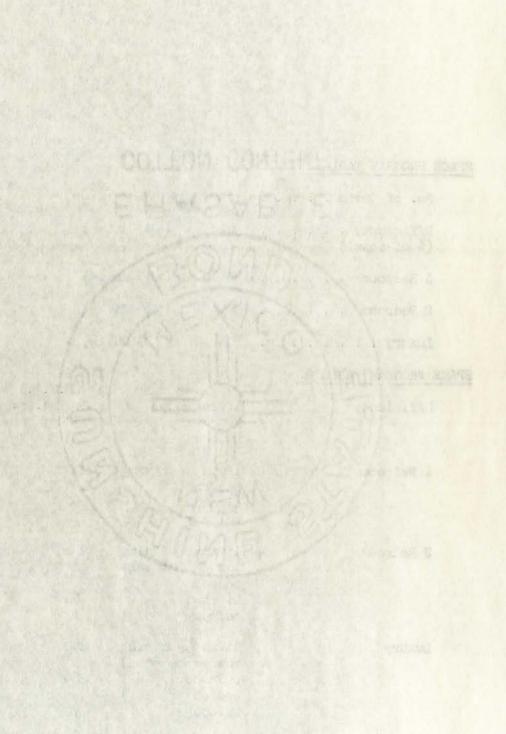
Type - 3 The luxury apartment.

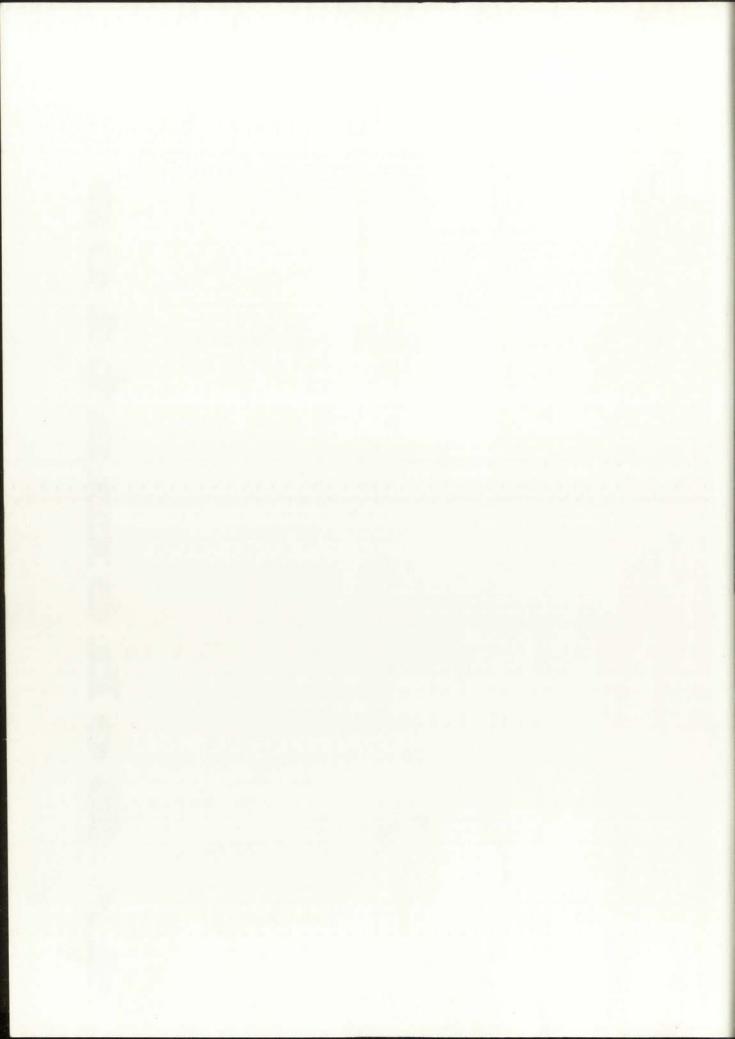
Majority of tenants will be wealthy business men and families, retired couples, wealthy people who move from one location to another periodically.

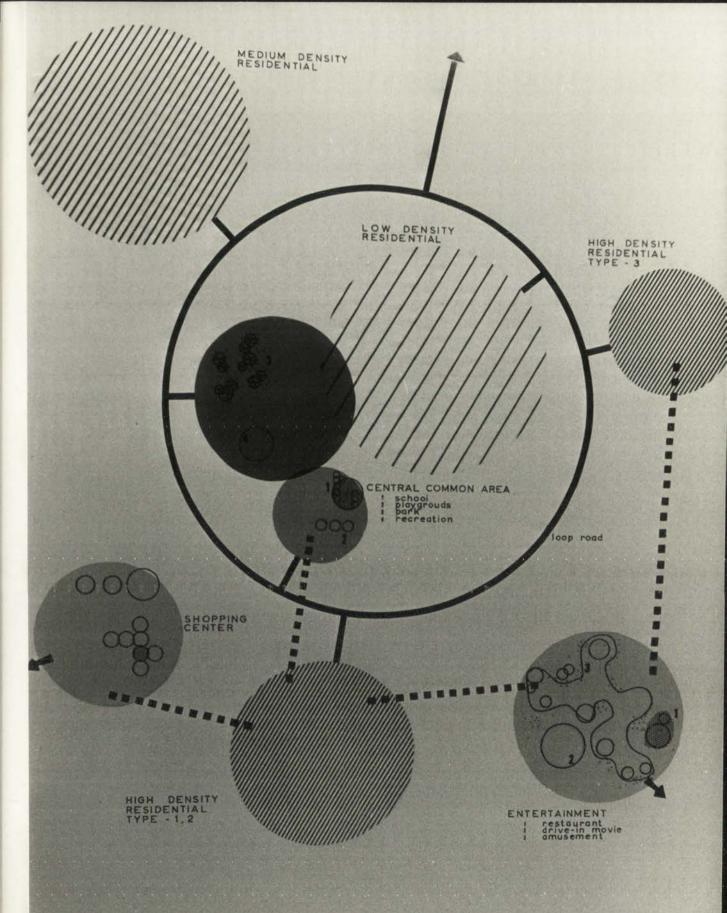
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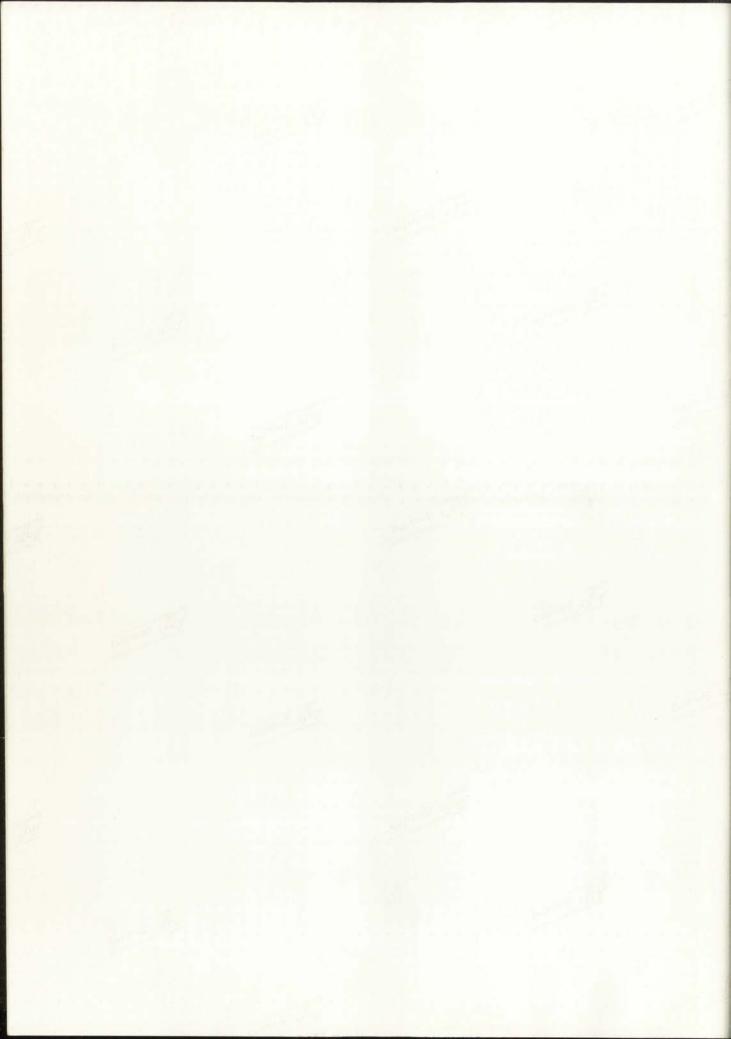
The 63 acres designated as high-density shall be divided into two areas. The major area, closely related to the shopping center, school, and play yards, shall contain Type-1 and Type-2 apartments. The second and minor area shall contain only Type-3 apartments.

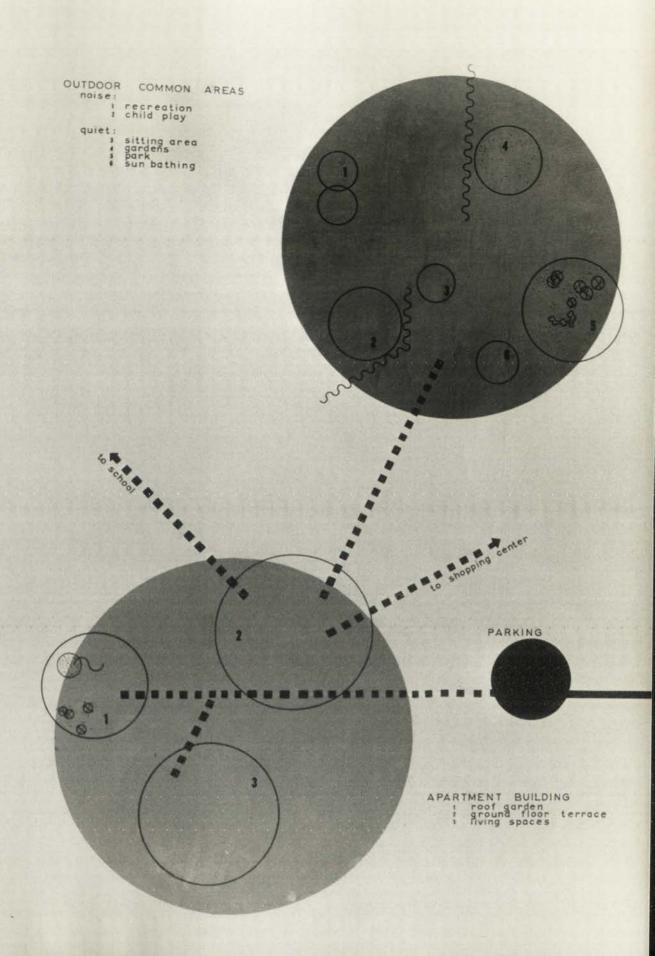
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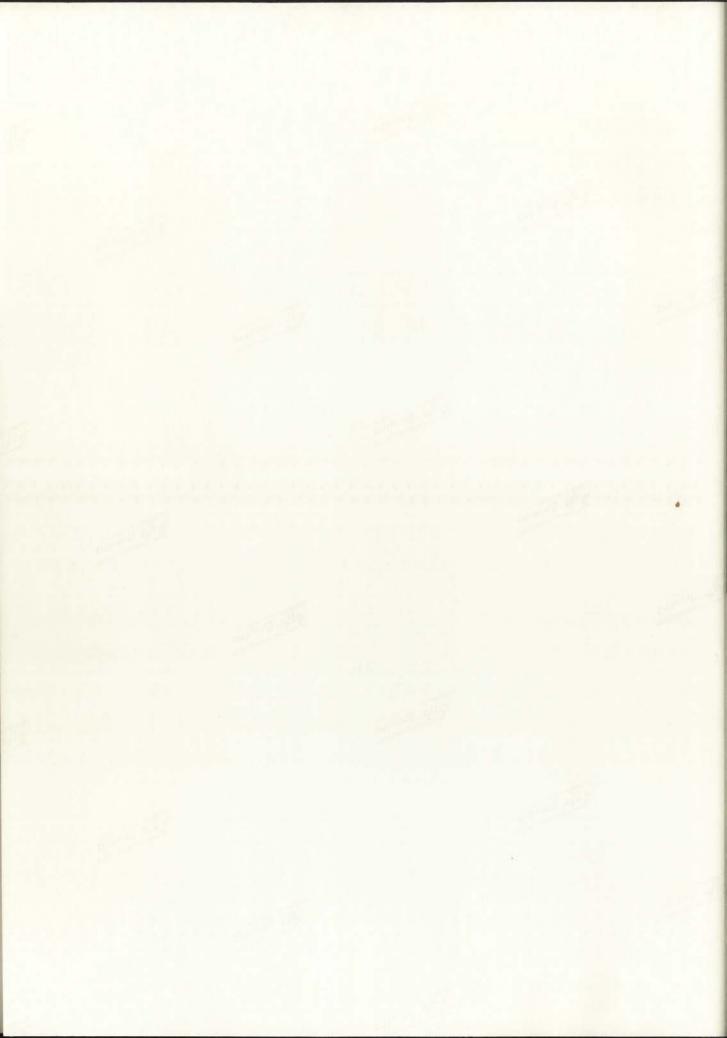


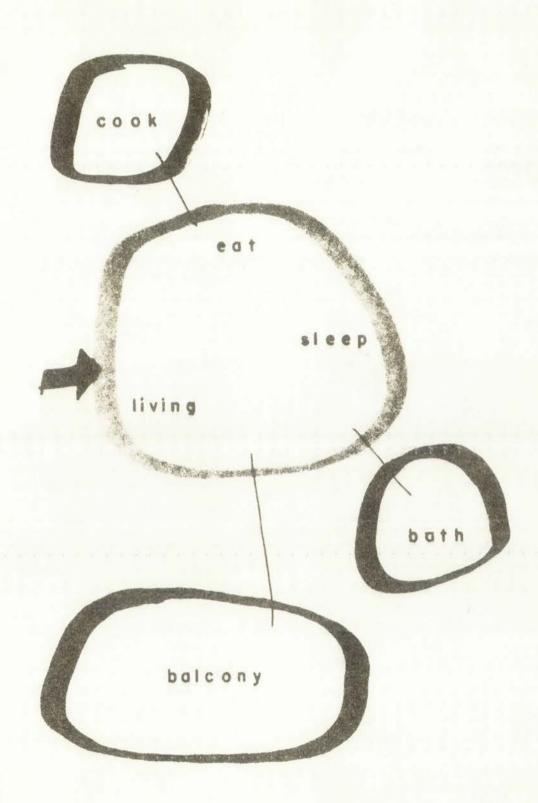






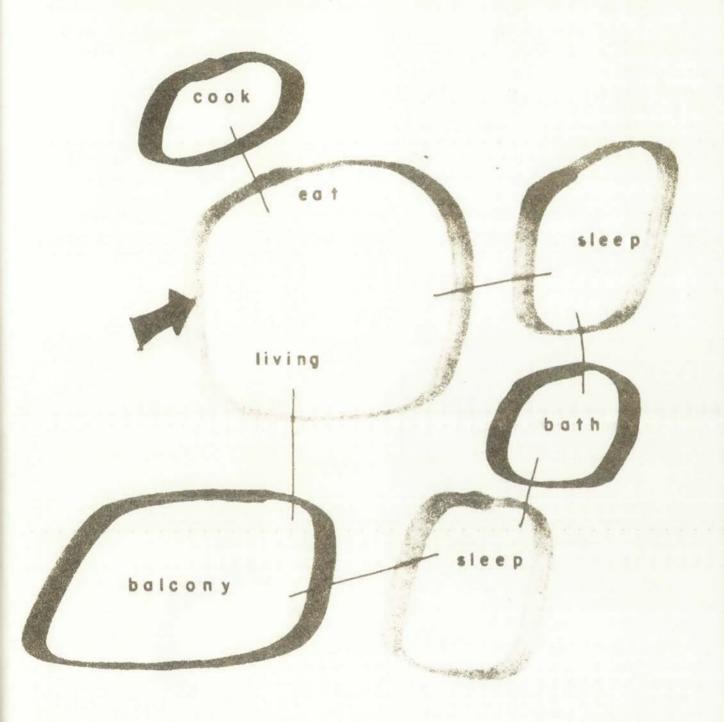




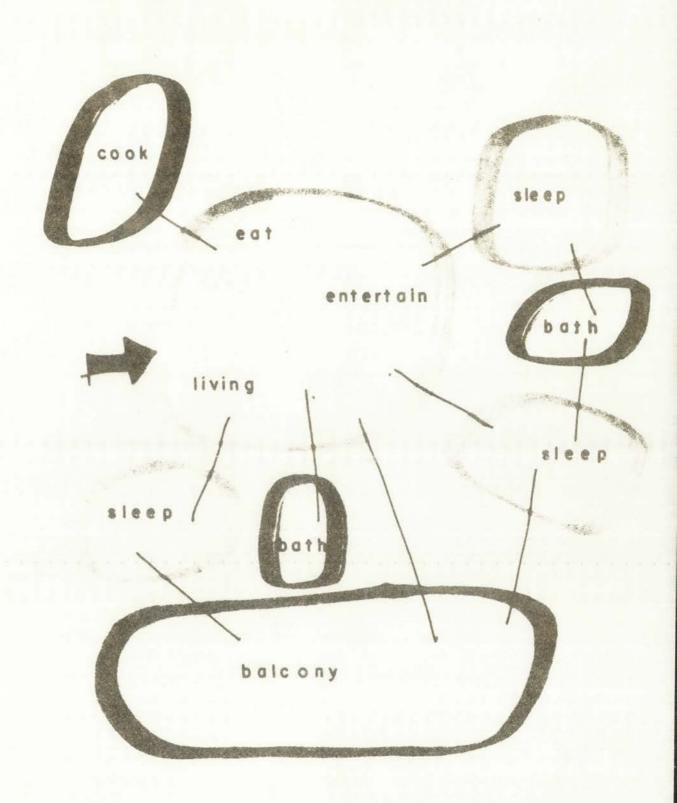




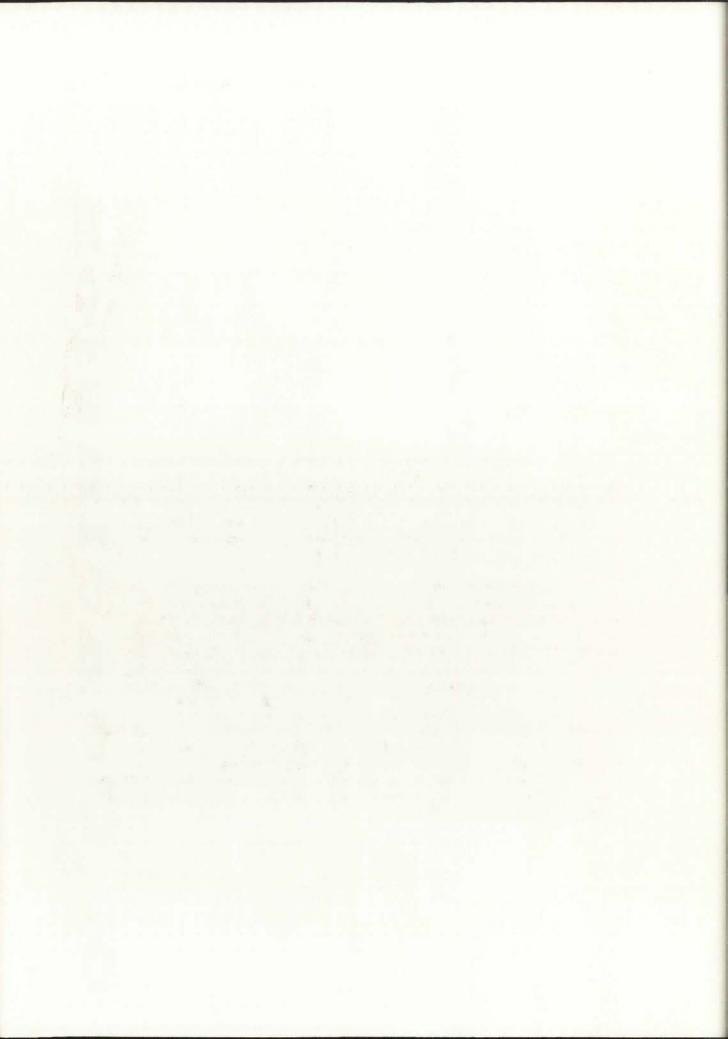
# APARTMENT TYPE 2











# The Master Plan

In the master planning of a community, circulation of automobiles as well as pedestrians is of prime importance. The automobile should be able to move from within the community to the major access street with ease and with as few stops as possible. The driver should not have to worry about playing children or school crossings. Automobiles and people should circulate by separate and distinct means.

The master plan herein shows several major features. First, the community has only two well regulated access points; one from Carlisle Blvd., and one from Candelaria. Second, a major loop road serves to allow traffic within the community to move freely and without worry of repeated stopping or turning. The loop road also produces a visual and psychological link which ties the entire community together. Third, minor loops serve low density housing to the inside of the loop and higher density to the outside. The ground has been contoured for two reasons: to break the large community into smaller areas, giving the occupant a feeling of gradually changing scale rather than the abrupt change from the big city to the individual living space, and to form pedestrian overpasses and underpasses crossing the main loop road. The contours also serve to control drainage, eliminating flooded streets.

Suntant of the square straight of the square The state of the s In the center of the community are large recreation areas, parks and an elementary school which will serve only the people of the community. On either side of the community are a shopping center, and commercial and entertainment areas to serve a larger section of the city.

In general, the psychological impact of traveling through or living in the community will be one of varied emotional and intellectual responses. The observer will experience not merely a sea of houses, each one insignificant with no apparent boundaries, but rather a self-sufficient and complete community with each unit active in the overall design of the whole.

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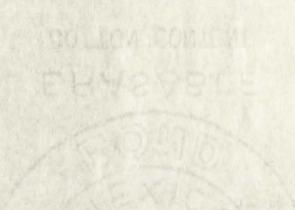
# The Apartment Building

The visual appearance of the apartment building is an expression of structural members. A series of prefabricated concrete arches running transversly through the building support the horizontal concrete floor slabs. The arches clearly expressed on two ends of the building are expressed internally as well. Because of the steadily decreasing loads toward the top of the building, the size of the openings in the arches is increased proportionately. Lateral bracing within the structure is accomplished by the two internal elevator shafts.

Because of the sloping ground and because of the need for well supervised play areas for small children, the main terrace level with parking directly below is raised above grade. This affords the occupants of the building public and social gathering areas, well defined and still retaining the qualities of a private terrace with unobstructed views in any direction. With parking directly below, the tennant can go from his apartment to his car without ever leaving the "building".

Capping the main structure of the building is the housing for the mechanical equipment with roof terrace above. This terrace provides a secluded and private area for sunbathing and relaxation.

The plans of the living units within are kept simple, offering a variety of furniture arrangements and room uses. The kitchen and bathroom cores are on the corridor side of the apartment with living and sleeping areas opening out to the



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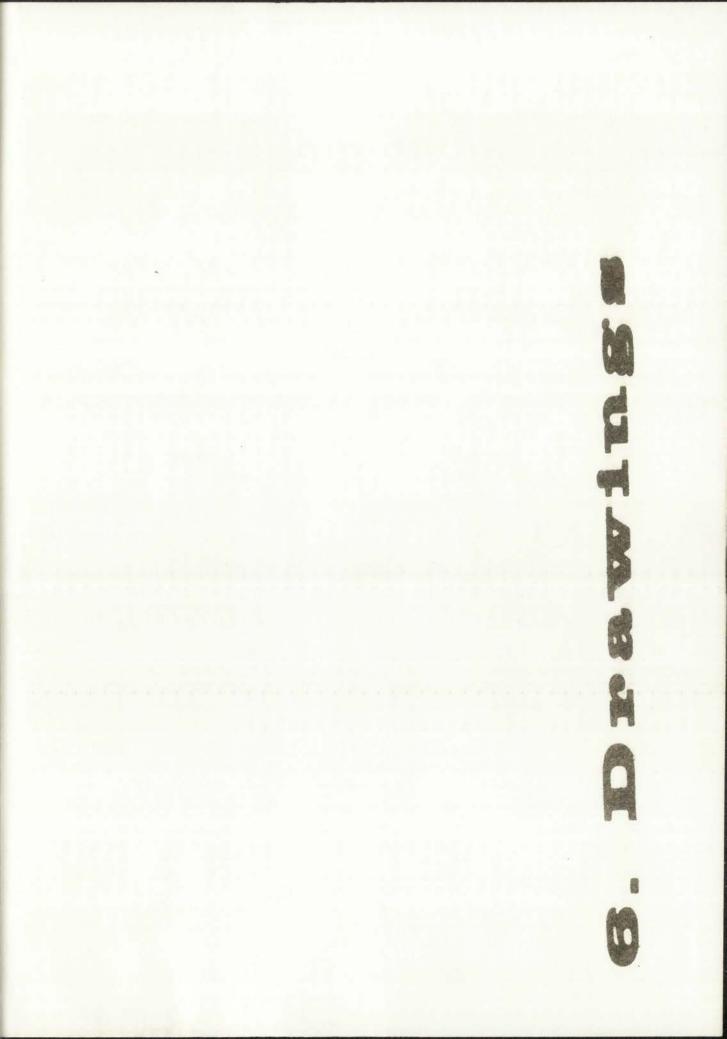
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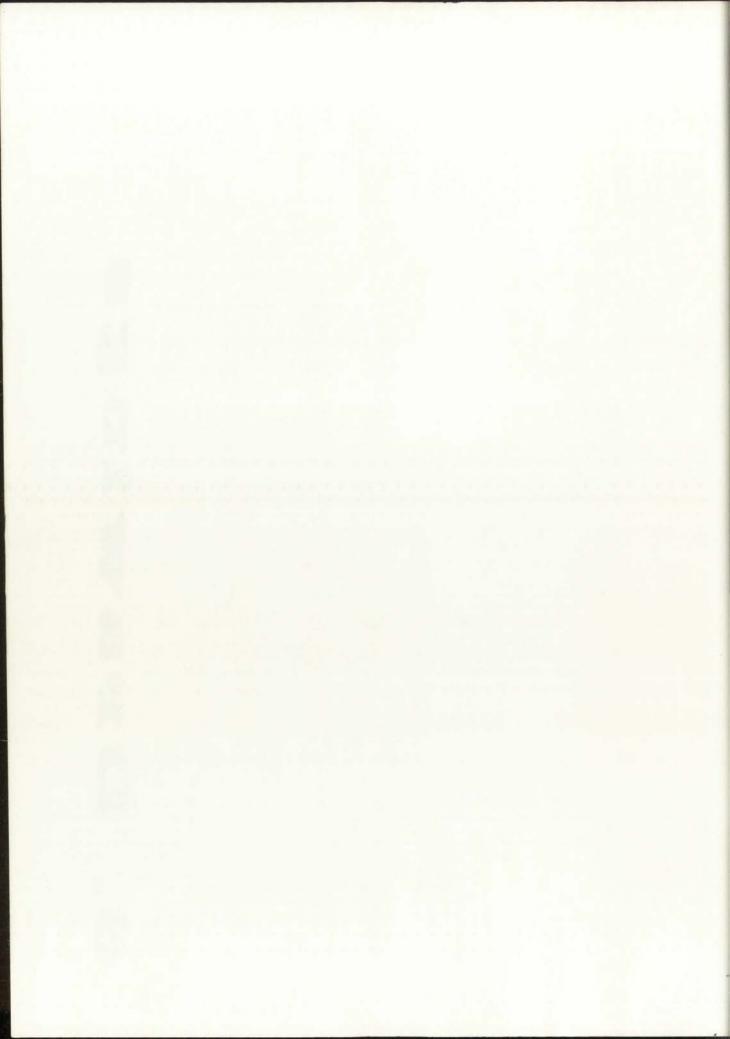
cantilevered balconies beyond the glass wall. The large corridor serves not only as passage space, but also could be used for gallery and indoor recreation space for children. With only a small amount of natural light and outdoor view, the corridor functions as a pleasant transition from elevator to the bright sun-filled apartment.

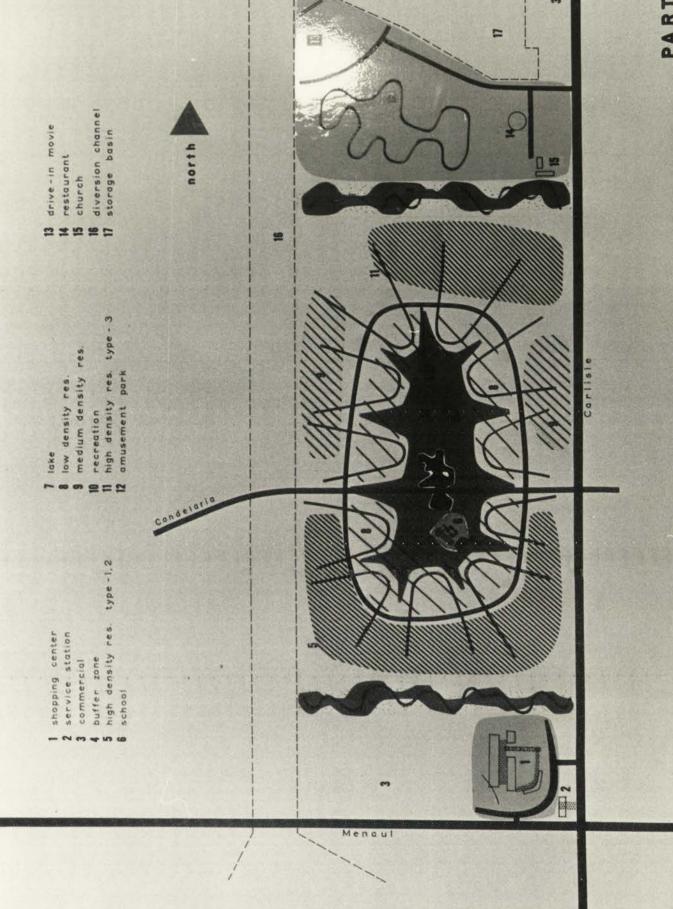
Most urban developments of today crowd people into confusing and noisy spaces far removed from parks and recreational areas. Traffic functions are intermixed. Ground areas are cluttered with service areas, alleys, and garbage. Proper relationship of public to private spaces is missing.

It is the purpose of this thesis to solve the problems of urban development today and provide a solution for happier, more satisfying and creative living. The space is developed to enhance the quality of living of the occupants and provide more than just "living spaces". Once the occupant has experienced the quality of this development, he would never be satisfied with a mass-produced builders home.

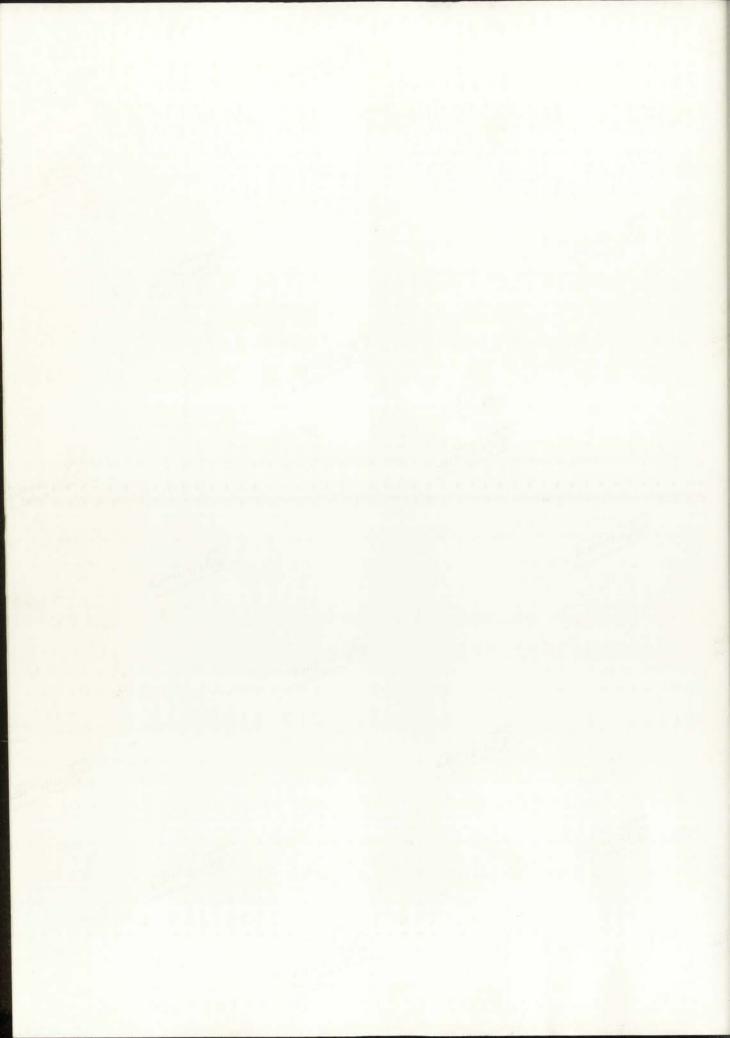
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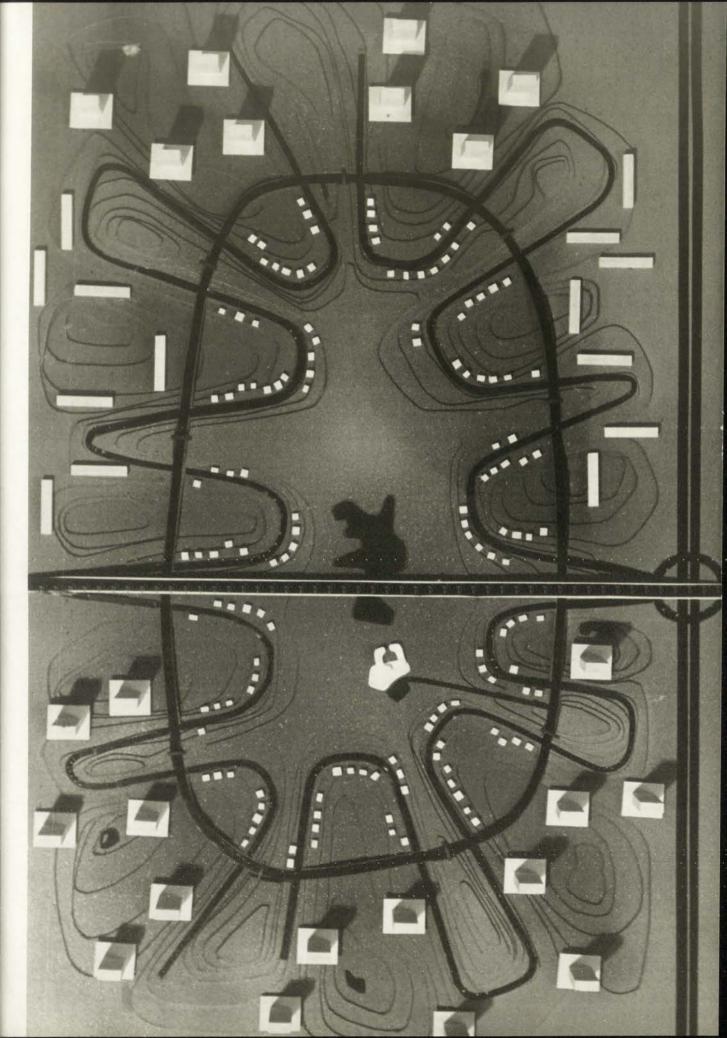


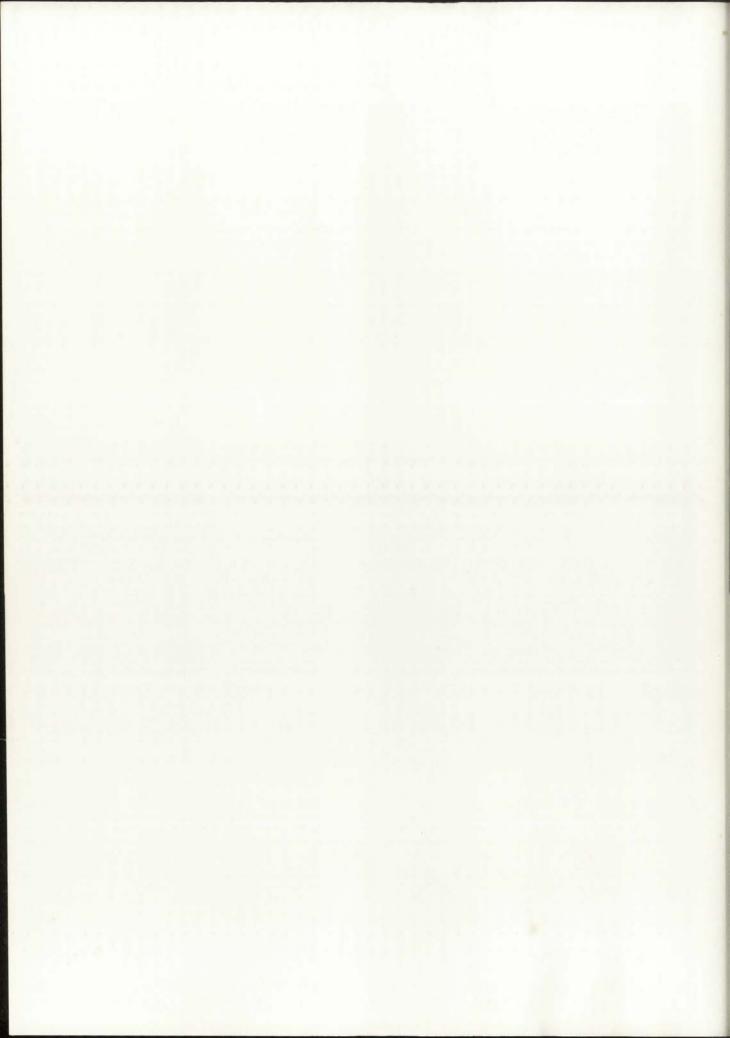


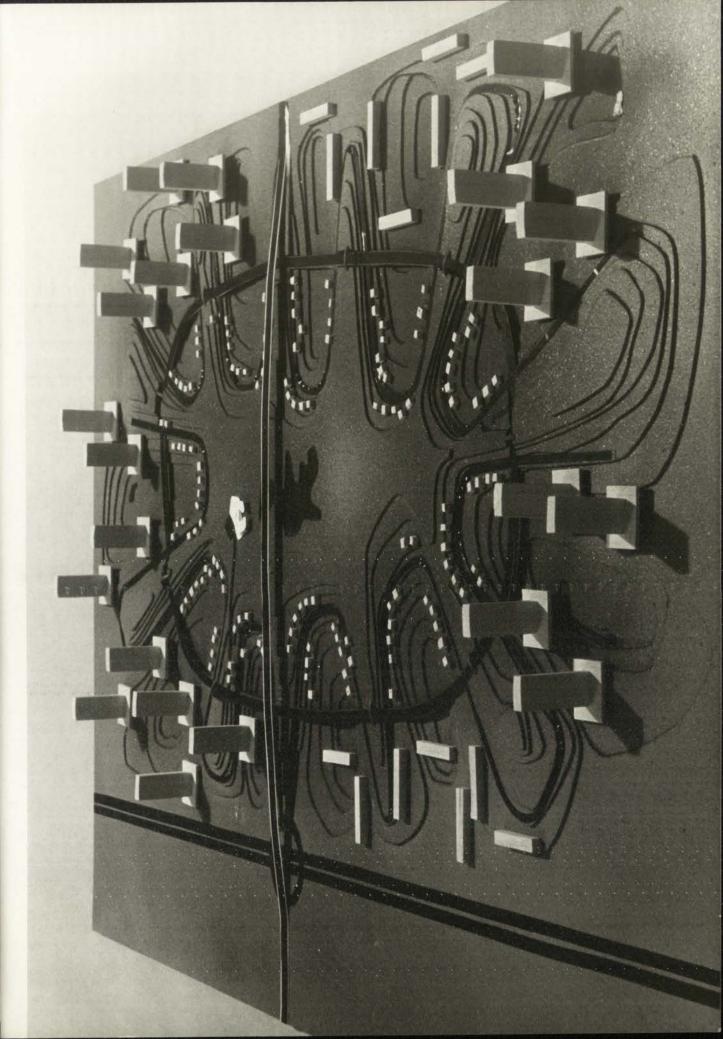


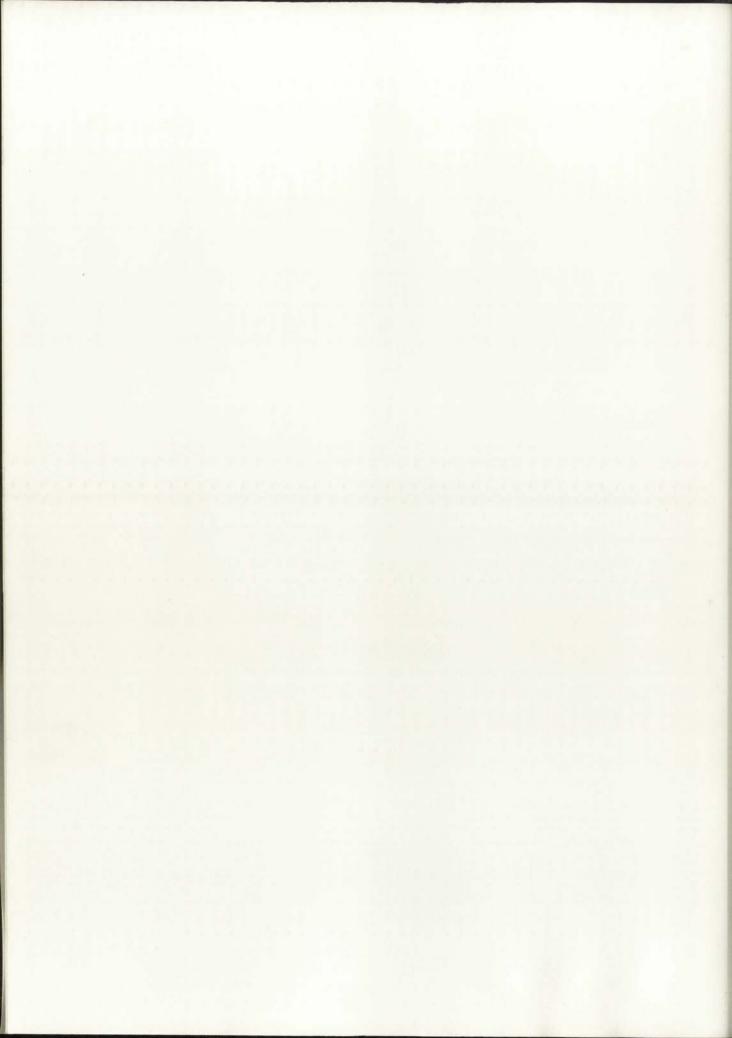
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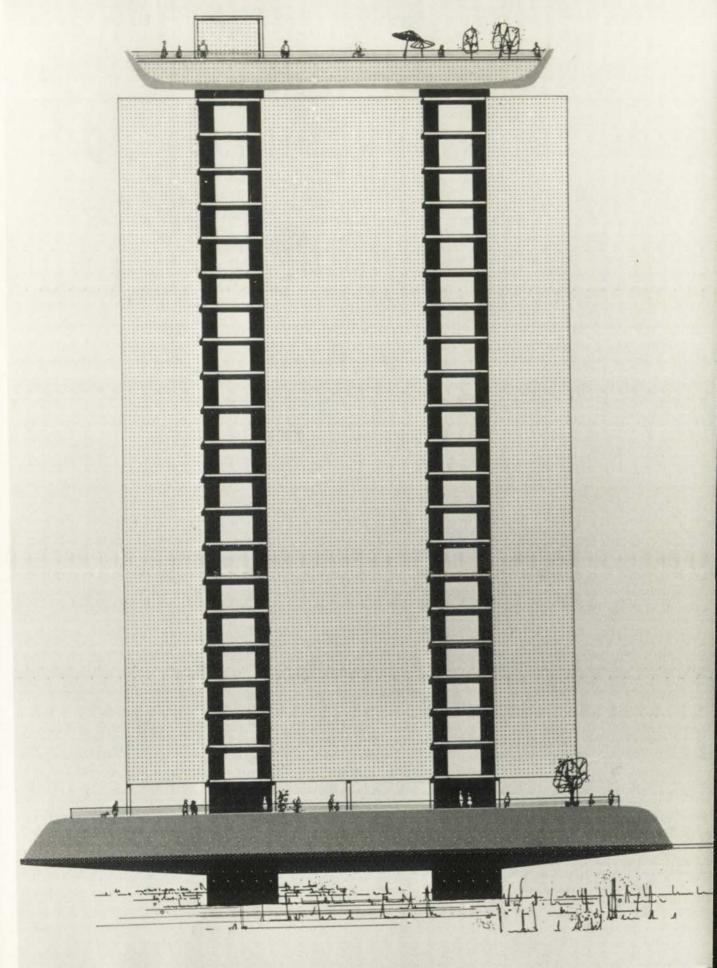






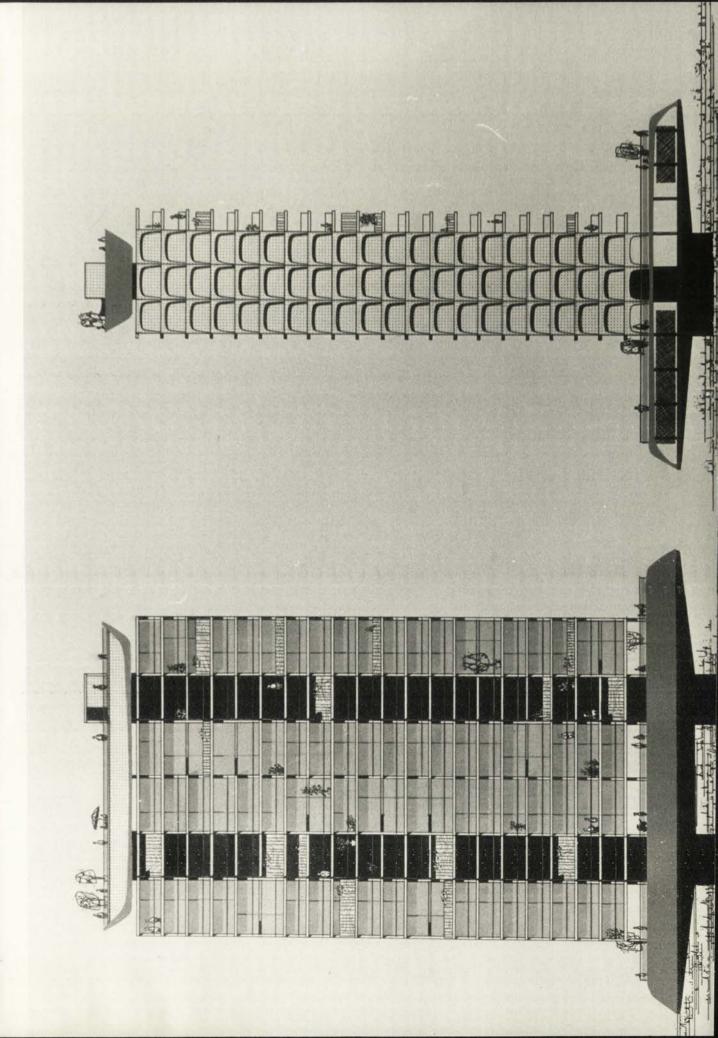


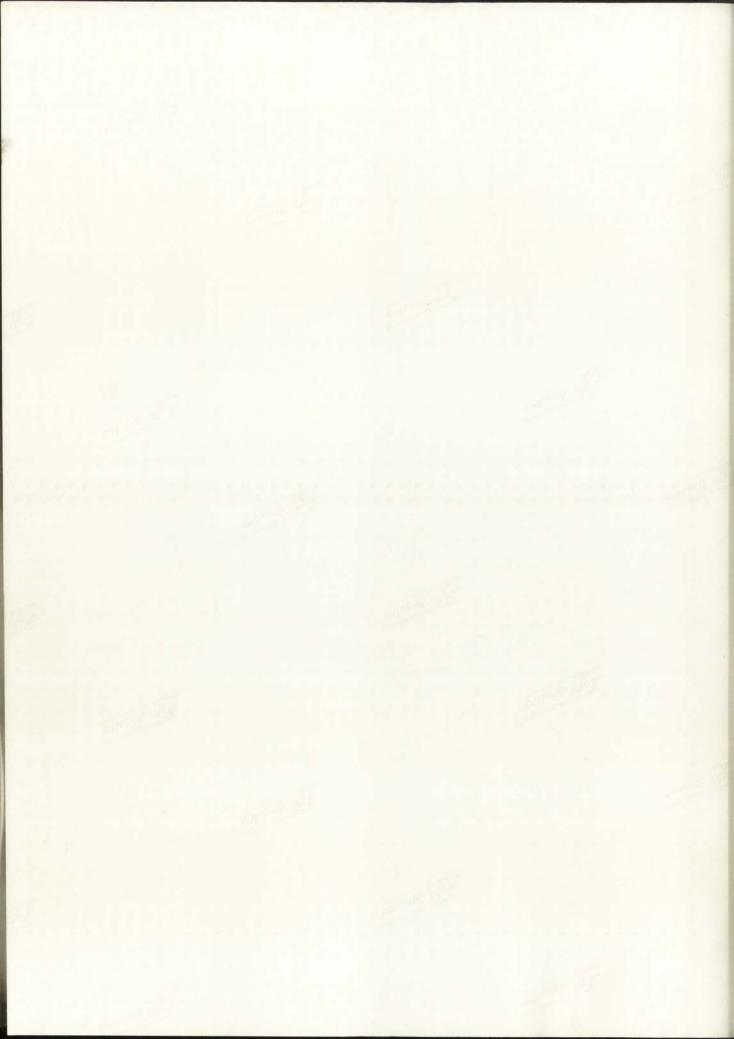




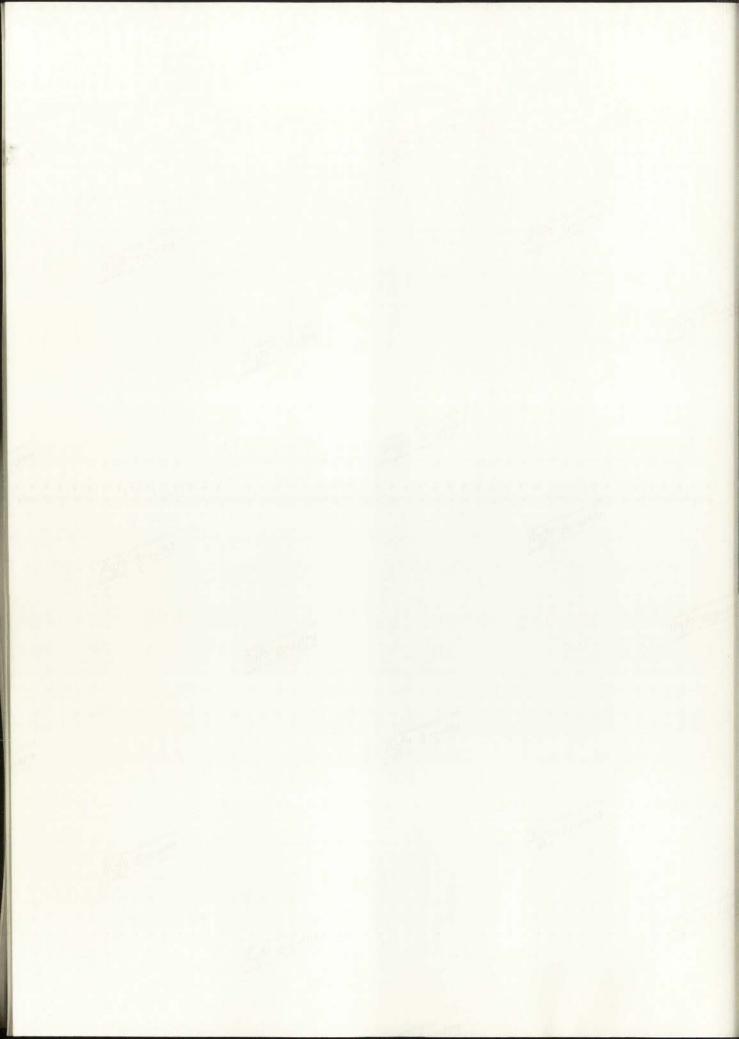
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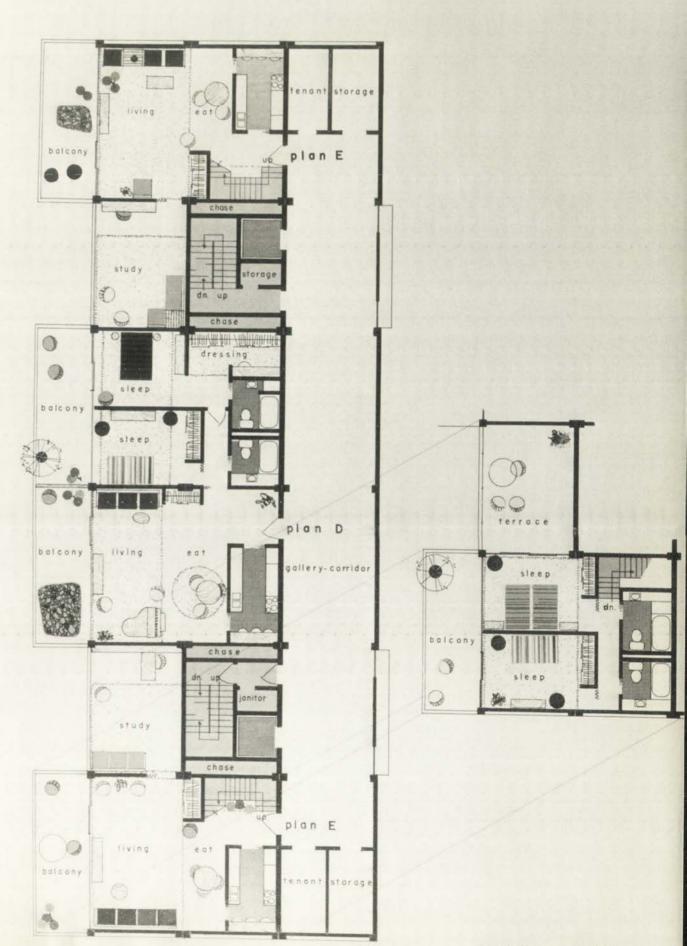




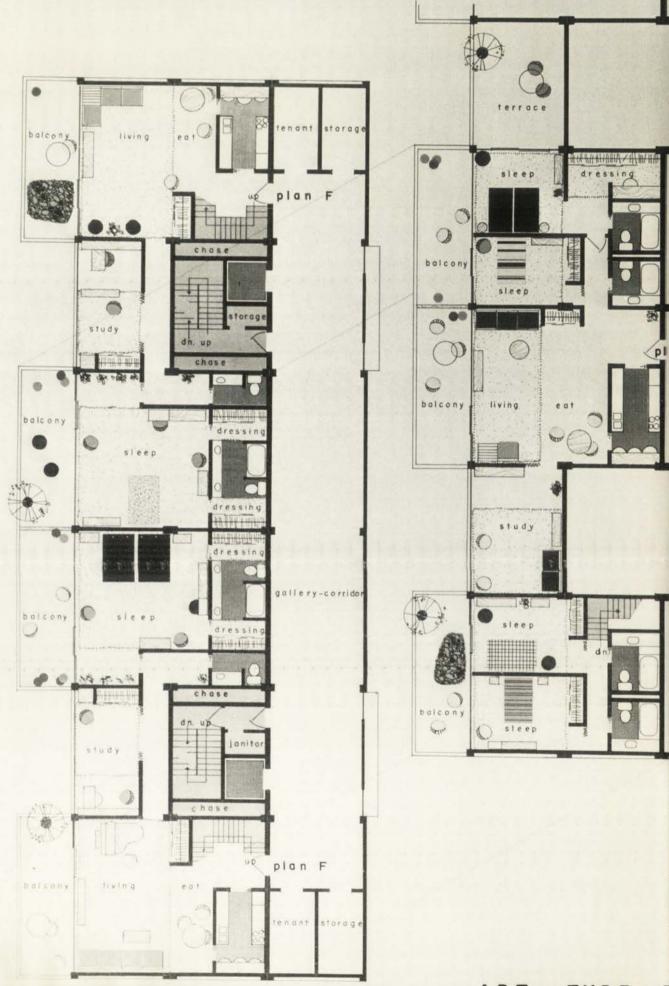


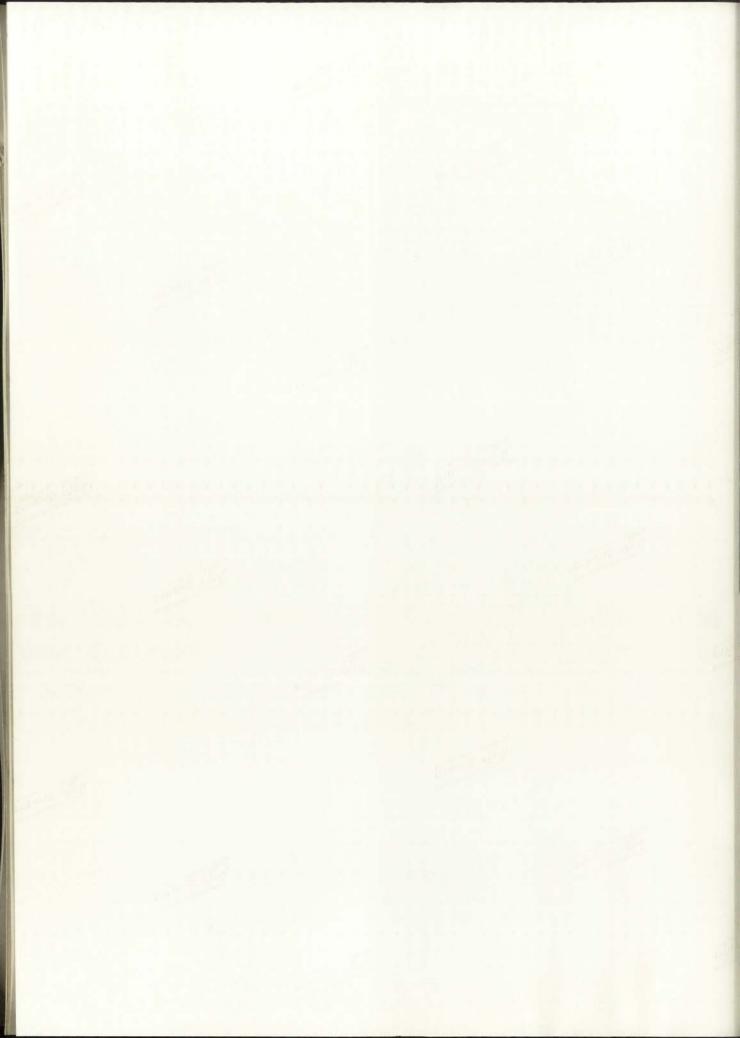
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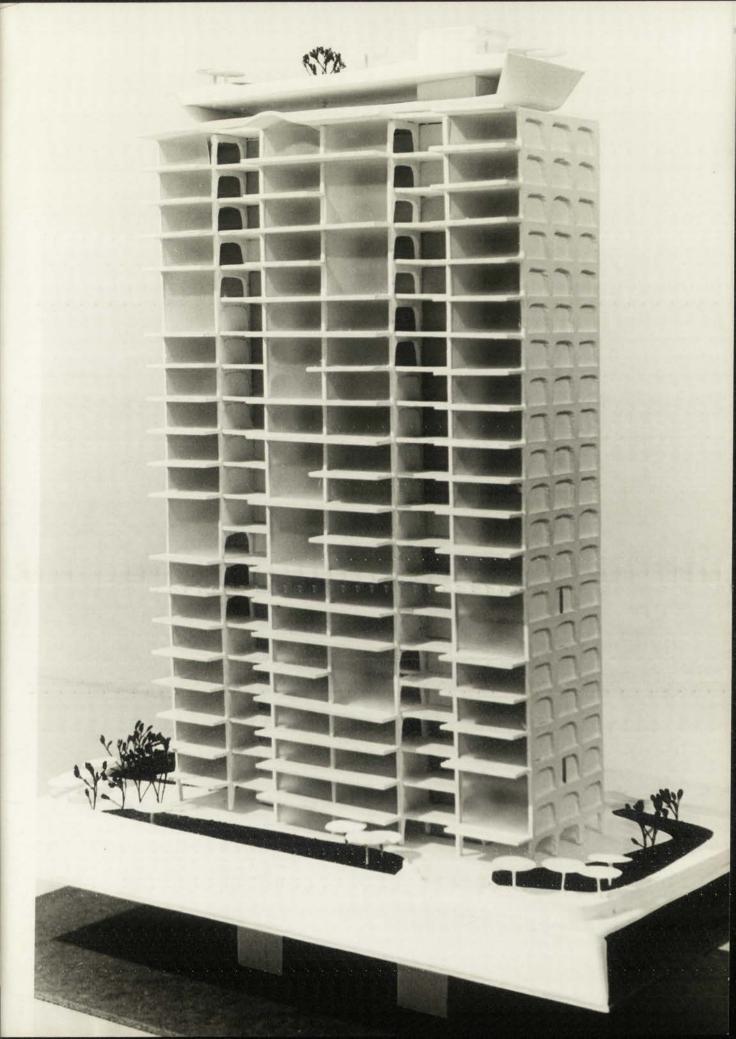


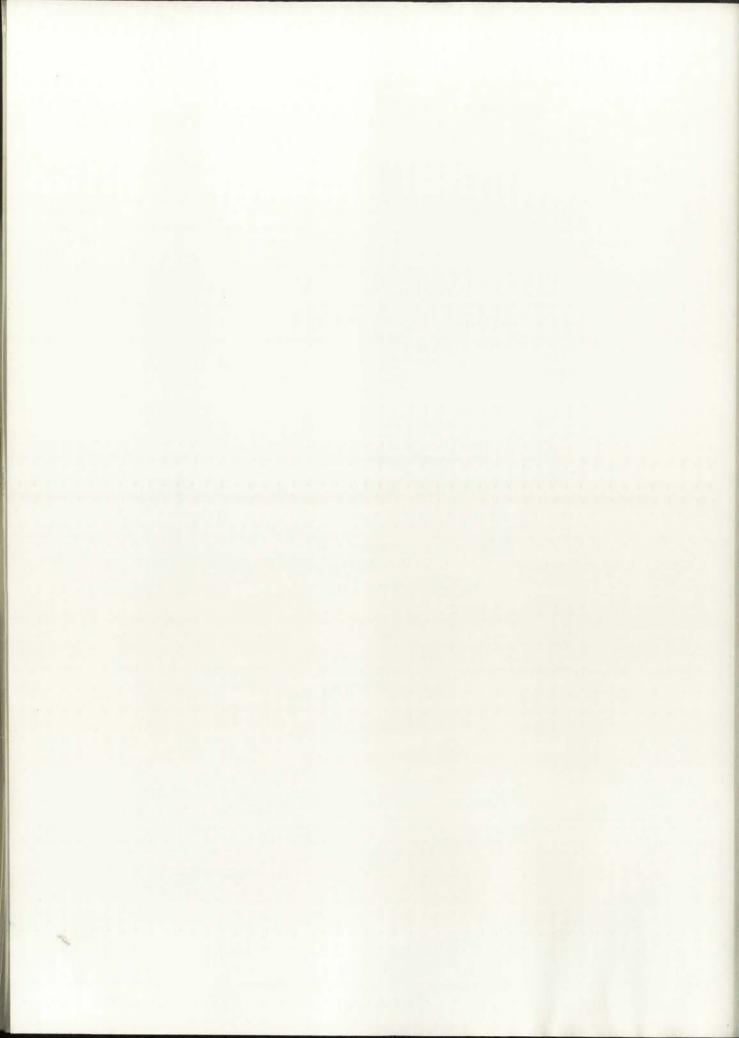




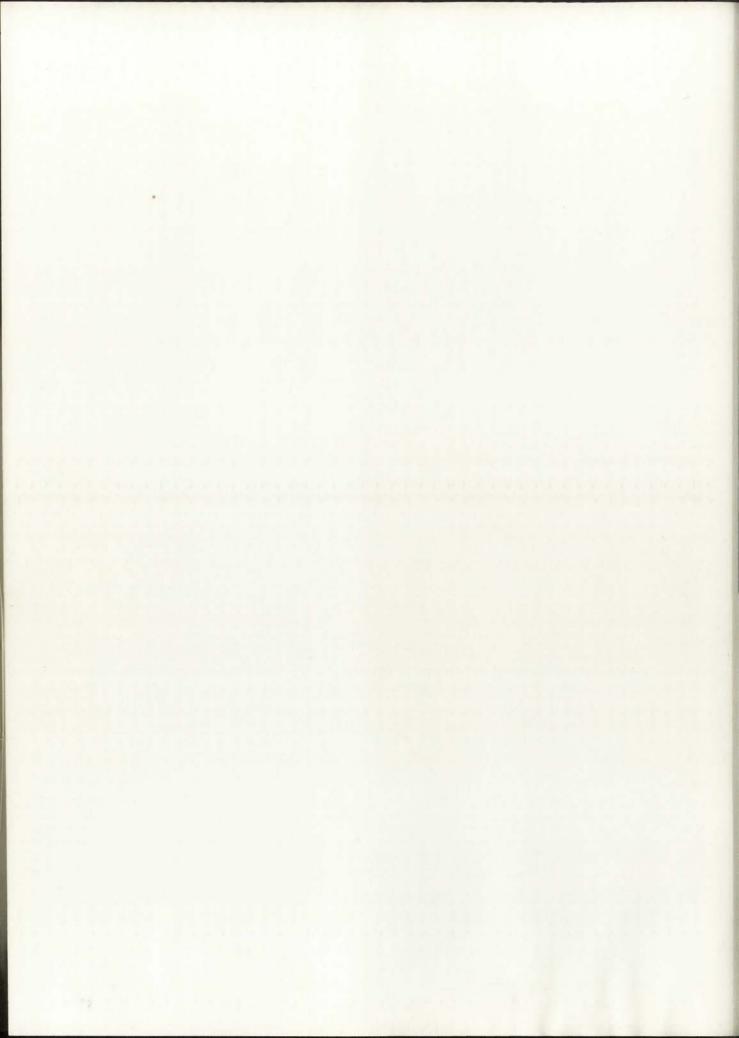




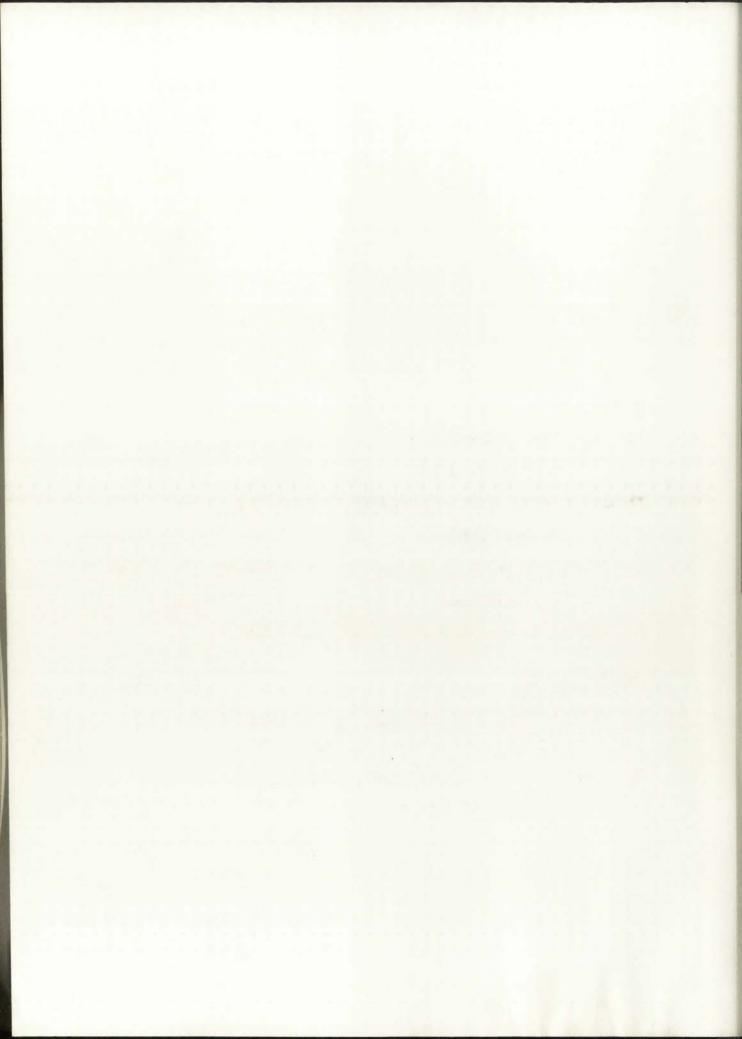












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