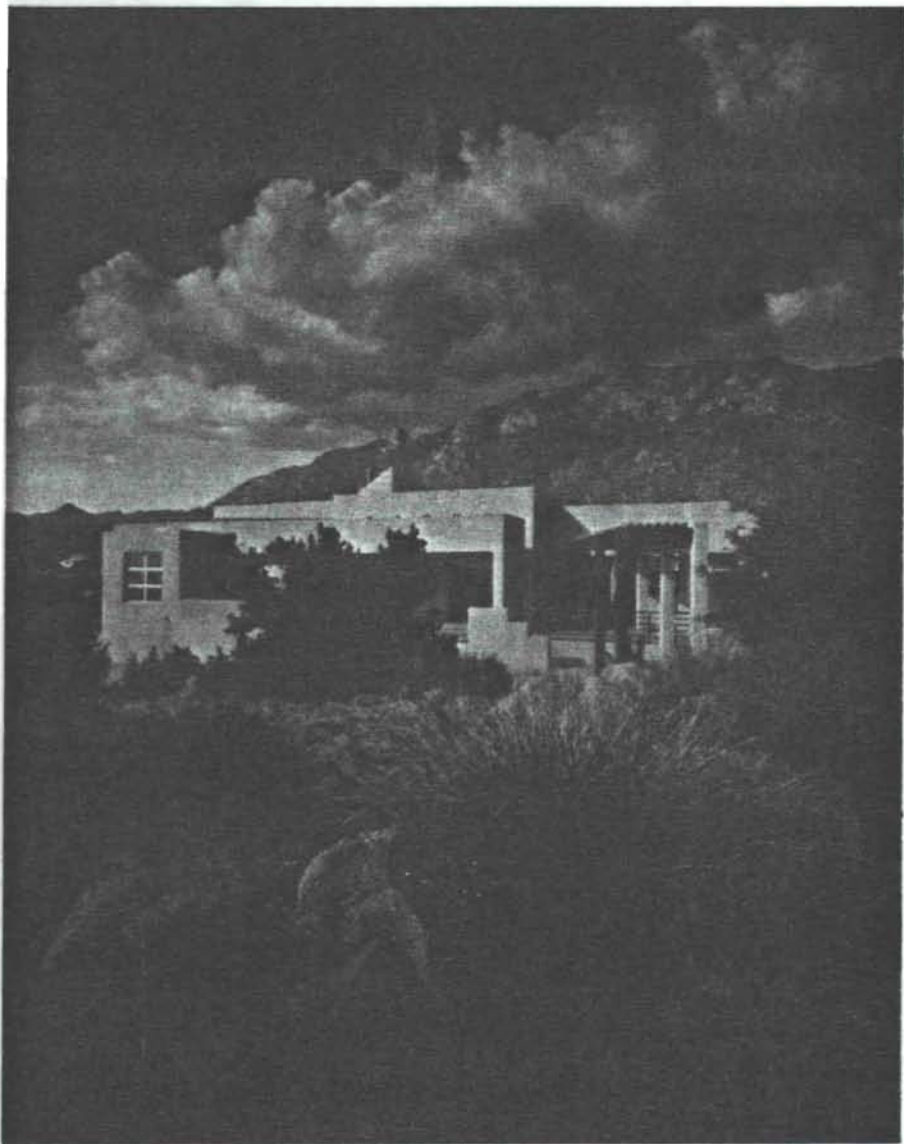


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"This house uses bold traditional southwestern forms and sits dramatically in the landscape with conviction. It represents the best of the tradition of this kind of architecture. Its layered front helps orient the house away from the sun and allows for the interior to take advantage of the landscape."



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Owner/Client:
Dr. Herb and Miriam Friedman

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Structural Engineer:
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General Contractor:
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As a metaphorical ship in the desert, the Friedman residence comes to rest between two rugged granite outcroppings in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains above Albuquerque. The power of this landscape is overwhelming and the air of mystery in this place is charged by the presence of megalithic granite boulders that dominate and shape much of the terrain. The ritual need to touch this landscape and bridge to it is acknowledged in the entry ramada that fingers out into the site. The tracery of the entry element is in counterpoint to the simple massive forms of the dwelling.

At evening, the home glows like a lantern in its desert setting with the entry ramada reaching out to welcome guests into the courtyard setting. The main living area at the center of the house fulfills the client's need for a backdrop for frequent entertainment of guests, and commands spectacular views of the rugged mountains to the northeast as well as vistas of the city to the west. Patio areas on both the northeast and southwest sides of the home provide settings for outdoor activities that are a tradition in the mild New Mexican climate. The master bedroom suite with the adjacent sunroom provides a quiet retreat for the owner as well as a chance to sample views and light from all directions.