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FORT SNELLING, TEMPORARY MOTOR SHED
(Fort Snelling, Bldg. No. T203A)
Fort Snelling Drive,
Minneapolis Vicinity
Hennepin County
Minnesota

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1940
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and subsequent owners: United States Government
4. Builders, contractors, suppliers: Unknown
5. Original plans and construction: Building records list "O.Q.M.G. Plan No. 700-372"; this could not be located for this study.
6. Alterations and additions: New siding was installed in 1971. In 1981, the General Services Administration put out an order to replace all 30 wood double doors, which were measured at 14' high, 10' wide. There is no record whether the order was carried out but physical evidence suggests not. A new 16' x 14' wood overhead door was put in at the north end to replace the previous sliding wood door.¹

B. Historical Context: For context of site, see HABS No. MN-56-AA: Fort Snelling, Building 202, Part I.B. After the original stable on this site burned in 1939, Building T203A was constructed as a motor shed with a capacity of 30 vehicles. When Fort Snelling was decommissioned after World War II, this and surrounding buildings were transferred first to the Veterans' Administration and then to the Air Force. In the late 1960s, after the structure was transferred to the General Services Administration, it was used for storage of snow removal equipment and of equipment for various government agencies.²

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Since this building is nearly identical to building T203, see HABS No. MN-56-BB: Fort Snelling, Building T203, Part II, for information on everything except floor plans. This building, unlike its counterpart, has two rooms, separated by a wall parallel to the southwest wall on the southwest end between the second and third doors from the end. This wall is made of unfinished timber 2" x 8"s. The room the wall creates is not accessible from the rest of the building, and must be entered from the outside.

PART III. SOURCES

See HABS No. MN-56-AA: Fort Snelling, Building 202, Part III.

¹Information for date of erection and original plans is from Q.C., Building T203A; information on alterations is from General Services Administration, "General Building Profile" for Buildings T203A and 209, 14 February 1989, in the offices of the General Services Administration Facilities Director, Bishop Whipple Federal Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, 20.

²Information from Q.C., Building T203A; Lander to Hellison; and General Services Administration, file floor plan.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

See HABS No. MN-56-AA: Fort Snelling, Building 202, Part IV. The report was prepared in October 1992 by historians Charlene K. Roise and Deanne L. Zibell of Hess, Roise and Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.