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Significance: This sentry guardhouse was used to control access to Nike Missile Base SL-40. This building was built in 1958 from standardized drawings approved by the Corps of Engineers. Originally, all buildings were to be pre-fabricated structures, but were rather unsightly and did not contribute to troop morale and, therefore, were changed to modified emergency design.

Description: The sentry guardhouse is a small, square structure containing 39 square feet. It has concrete footings, foundation, and floor, and cinder block walls. There are three plate glass windows in wooden casements and one door with a window, facing the road. The roof is slanted and constructed of a wooden frame with metal roofing. The sentry box has a sealed interior, fully insulated, and with electrical service.

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