Tract F was occupied by the navy in 1961. If I was on a quiz show and had to take a wild guess at the month, I'd say April. The operations building ran roughly ~~east to west~~ **northwest to southeast** with a central corridor of the same orientation. Entrance to the site, and the building, was from the ~~east~~ **west**. On the right side of the center corridor was first a small lounge, then the navy relay (RBQA?), then Special Communications (super secret, those within forbidden to talk about what they did -- but from one clue and another we figured out that it was comms with the Polaris-missile submarines), and finally circuit control. I think the COMSEC Custodian's vault could be entered only through circuit control. On the left side of the corridor were a couple of rooms devoted to electronics and teletype repair, a head, an office housing the operations officer, operations chief, and operations yeoman, and last the message center (largest space in the building) -- tape cutting, message reproduction and distribution, ship-shore comms, fleet broadcast, and the desks of communications watch officer, traffic officer, and traffic chief. At the end of the corridor double doors opened out to our nearby incinerator.

The next-largest building, on the ~~right (north)~~ **south** side of the compound, was **completed by the Public Works crew** ~~a few months later~~ **in late 1968**. I remember movies being shown there in ~~late~~ 196**8** but the navy admin offices had not yet moved from tract A, I assume that move was made soon after, in early 196**9**. It contained offices of the captain, exec, admin officer, a mailroom, large admin/personnel office where the yeomen and personnel men worked, education & training office, small auditorium/theater, ~~offices and spaces~~ **and** **offices and a warehouse** for **S**upply. ~~and for public works.~~

**On the west side of the compound, adjacent to the entry gate, was the Public Works Building, which housed offices, the auto shop and parts storeroom, and a construction supply warehouse. Across the street was the Standby Power House, which contained three 250-KW generators for use if the supply from the Tract C power plant was interrupted. Also in this building was a small carpenter shop and a space for the crew of seven indigenous facilities maintenance workers.**

**An older building on the north side of the compound housed the electronics and antenna repair shop.**

~~There was a row of smaller buildings along the south side of the compound but I don't remember anything about their uses.~~

Before moving to tract F the navy occupied a small corner of tract C; as you entered the compound it was at the right rear of the building. The same functions mentioned in the message center of tract F were there except that the relay (and everything else) was unclassified only -- there was an adjoining crypto center but it had no circuits (? - my memory could be at fault here) and was mostly handled by junior officers. We also had a small quonset hut off that right rear corner, partitioned in two. Half of it belonged to the electronic technicians, the other housed ship-shore CW and a couple day workers.

**The Tract F buildings survived until about 2004. They can be seen on Google Earth at Latitude 15-18-51.91 North, Longitude 38-53-47.42 East in the 2-8-2004 picture. After 2004, all traces of Tract F disappear and there are now houses on the site.**

~~Consider the foregoing to be "as best as I can remember". There are probably a few inaccuracies/mistakes somewhere in it.~~

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