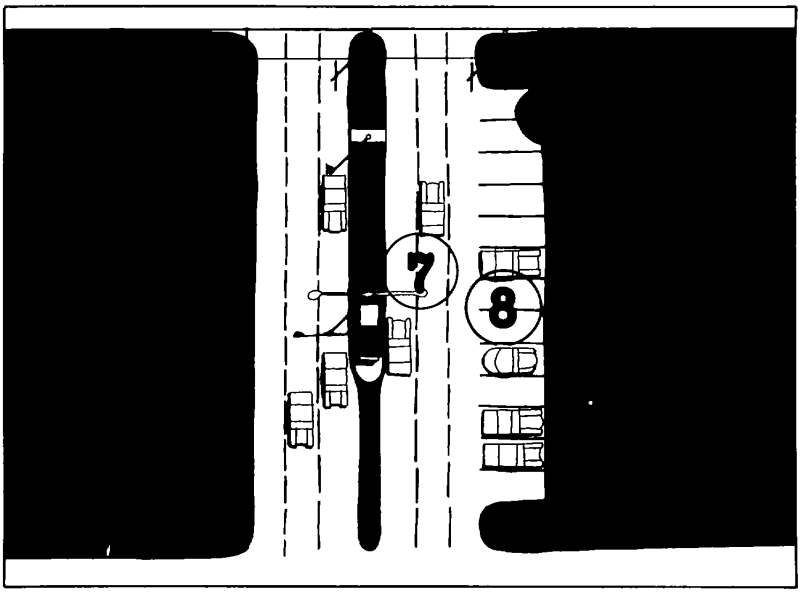
Figure 14-1:
Main Entrance Problem.
Main entrances establish the initial visual impression of a military installation. In addition to serving as a gateway and checkpoint for access control and security, they are critical areas for directional and informational signing to guide motorists to their destination. The design of main entrances should be attractive as well as functional, conveying an appropriate "sense of entry" that reflects the desired image and identity of the installation. The existing main entrance illustrated here contains many problems observed at various installations, including:



1. An unattractive overall appearance, lacking an appropriate physical "sense of entry."
2. Ineffective identificational signing.
3. Visually cluttered and competing elements along the entrance.
4. Unattractive overhead utility lines.
5. Barren landscape character.
6. Unattractive chain link boundary fencing.
7. No traffic channelizatlon provisions for turning movements or temporary stopping without obstructing traffic.
8. Unsafe on-street parking.
9. No overhead weather protection at gatehouse checkpoint.
10. Uncoordinated directional signing.

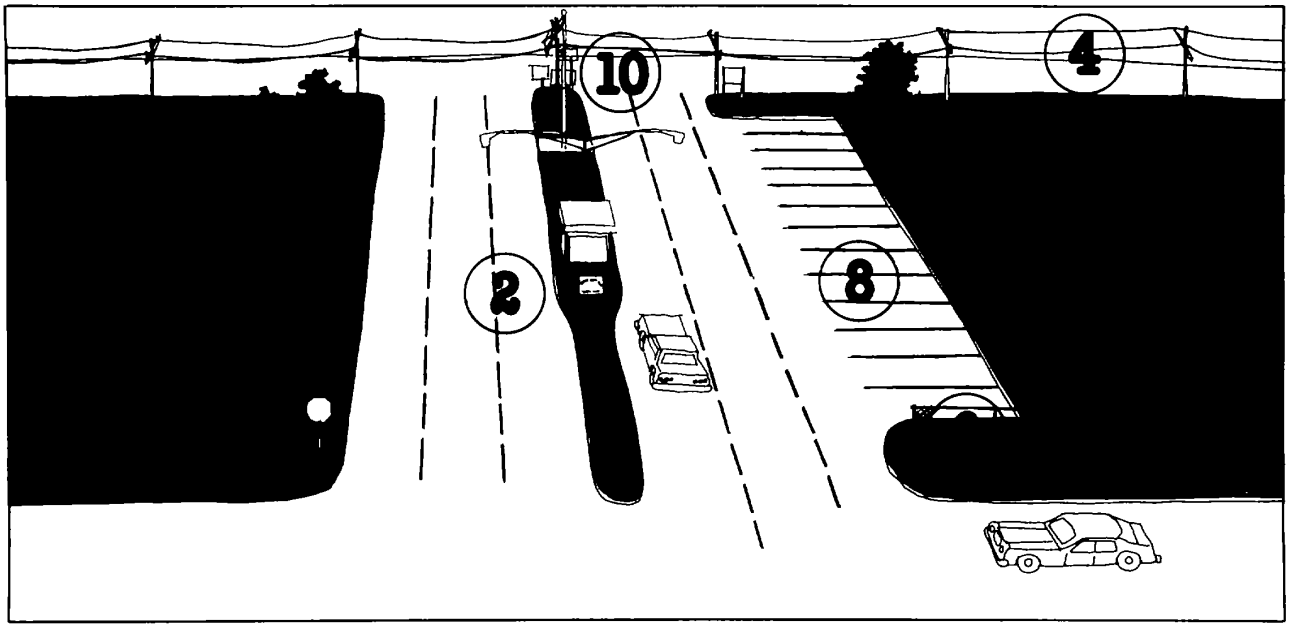


Figure 14-2:
Main Entrance Solution.
The primary visual design objective is to create an attractive and safe "sense of entry" that reflects an appropriate character, image and identity for the installation. Essential elements of the improvement program 1llustrated here include: 1. A pylon entrance sign serving as an identificational landmark for approaching traffic.

2. A simplified entry median design utilizing flagpoles to highlight entrance.

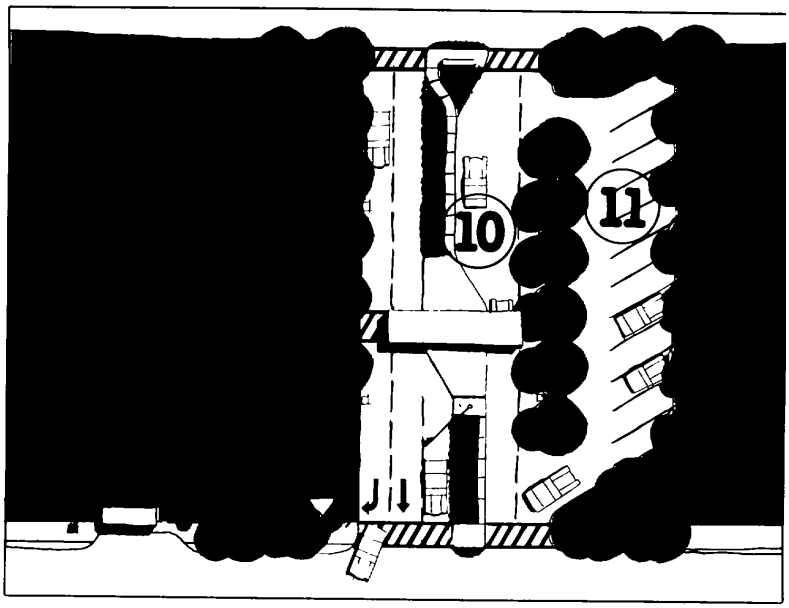
3. Overhead utility lines relocated underground.

4. Lighting standards relocated to minimize competing visual elements along entry median.

5. Low-maintenance ground cover planting to enhance entry median and reduce sun glare and solar heat reflection while preserving sight lines.

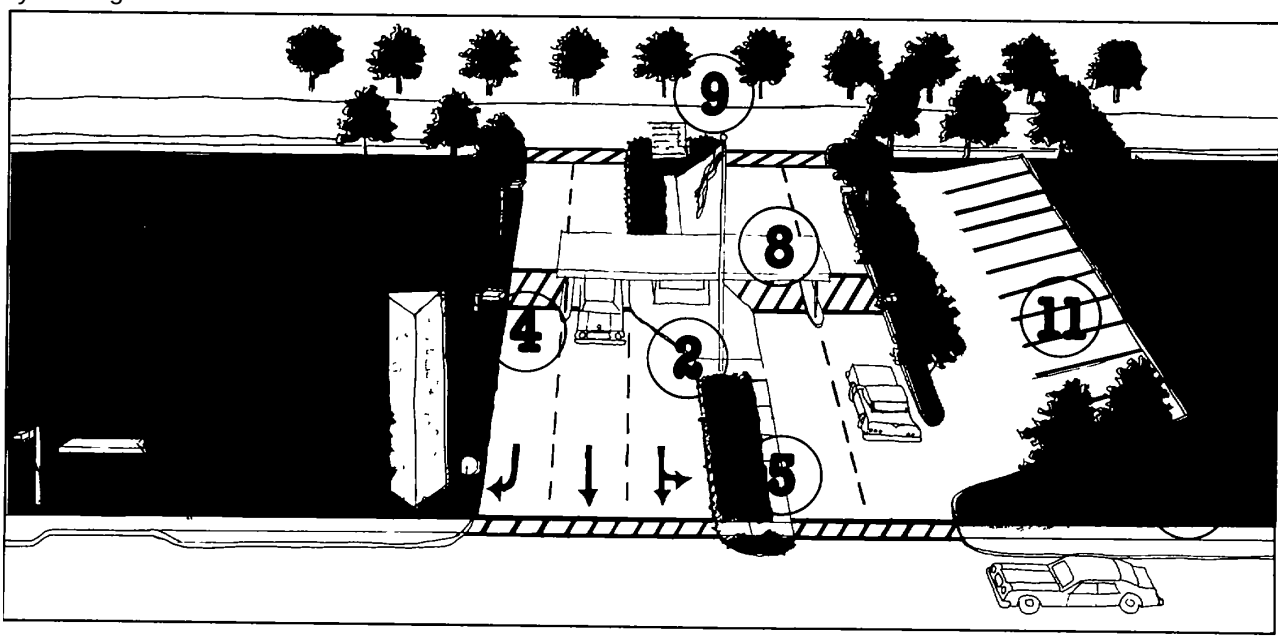
6. Street trees to spatially define entrance area and visually reinforce traffic circulation.

7. Plant material and dull black finish to minimize the visual prominence of the chain link boundary fencing.



8. Overhead gatehouse canopy to define checkpoint and provide weather protection.

9. Coordinated directional signing at the strategic motorist decision point, designed as part of an overall signing system for the installation.

10. Provision of left turn lane and pull-off lane for temporary stopping to improve traffic channelization.

11. Provision of off-street parking with planted earth berm screening to minimize its visual impact.