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Elegant Hideaway

Hidden in the privately secured, sixth floor of the Beverly Prescott Hotel, Chantique offers cosmetic surgery outpatients the luxury of a hotel, and the privacy of their own homes. The 12 private suites of Chantique — meaning “Beauty” in Indonesian — offer confidentiality and attentive care, employing professionally licensed medical personnel for post-operative care during recuperation from every form of cosmetic surgery.

Maggie Lockridge R.N., the administrator, opened Chantique in June of '94 and has developed it in 10 short months to house an international guest list. Lockridge is not new to this business, however. She was the administrator of Le Petit Ermitage, once Beverly Hills' most luxurious aftercare facility, but when it closed its doors in '93, Maggie began planning Chantique.

She maintains that she is selective of her employees. Not only must they be knowledgeable of the specific needs of the cosmetic surgery patient, but they must be warm of personality and genuine of heart. “They must also be tight of tongue,” she adds with a smile.

FIT FOR A QUEEN

After their surgery, the guests are picked up from the surgeon's surgical suite by a nurse and chauffeur, who whisk them away to Chantique. They are driven through an underground garage to a privately keyed elevator that takes them directly to their personal suite. Oriented to the room, assisted to bed, and given royal comfort treatments, each and every guest is considered a special VIP. Guests' calls are screened, their visitors identified — it's all part of the service. Industry tycoons continue to conduct business on multiline phones, entertainment executives fax contracts back and forth to their offices and actors and actresses continue to read

new scripts. Life goes on almost as usual with the exception of bandages, liposuction girdles and ice compressors. There's even remote-controlled televisions with first-run movies and VCRs to keep healing bodies occupied.

Additional information can be obtained by calling (310) 277-2270. Guests check in for anywhere between two days and three weeks, depending on where they're from and to what degree of healing they desire to have taken place before re-entering the world of bright lights and inquiring minds.

