The other buildings, consisting of office space and a hotel, would soon follow suit in completion, and although the complex came to have seven buildings across 16 acres of land (“The World Trade Center”, 2017)\(^8\), the twin towers would become the most iconic pieces of the World Trade Center. They would inspire various crazy stunts, such as Philippe Petit’s tight wire walk between the two towers in August of 1974 (“World Trade Center”, 2009)\(^9\). While the two were surpassed in height in 1974 by the Sears Tower, the Twin Towers continued to gain popularity, becoming two of the most recognized buildings in the United States. Around the twin towers were five other buildings. The Vista Hotel was a twenty-two-floor hotel, later becoming the Marriott World Trade Center (also known as WTC 3). WTCs 4, 5, and 6 were low-rise buildings. WTC 7 was the third tallest of the complex with 47 floors, and contained office spaces.

The World Trade Center became the hub for international trade access for businesses in the US. Business owners would come here to explore opportunities to expand their businesses to other countries (“What is a World Trade Center”, 2017)\(^10\). WTC 1 and WTC 2, known as the Twin Towers, quickly became an icon in New York, having starred in movies such as the 1976 King Kong remake, along with stunts performed by adrenaline junkies trying to prove themselves. They came to be loved by the population of New York, as well as the United States as a whole. Not only did these buildings play a role in becoming an icon for the country, but were also the home of some 500 businesses, including banks and law offices, as well as many more (Harris 2002)\(^11\).

The World Trade Center, with its popularity and connections with countries outside of

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8. "The World Trade Center" 2017