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1. INTRODUCTION

Acres Specialist Consultants Panel Meeting No. 5 was held on February 17, 1982 in Buffalo. The meeting was attended by Dr. A. Hendron, Dr. R. Peck and Mr. M. Copen. Dr. Lynn Sykes was unable to attend the meeting. The objectives of this meeting were to review the project general arrangements prior to completion of the final draft feasibility report.

2. AGENDA

- 08:30 Introduction - J. D. Lawrence
- 08:45 Project general arrangements - J. D. Lawrence
- 09:15 Relict channel geology - S. N. Thompson
- 09:30 Relict channel treatment - D. W. Lamb
- 10:00 Reservoir level selection - J. W. Hayden
- 10:30 Discussion
- 11:00 Seismic design parameters for dams - J. D. Lawrence
- 11:30 Discussion
- 12:00 Lunch (brought in)
- 1:00 Watana Dam design and construction materials - D. W. Lamb
- 2:00 Discussion
- 2:30 Devil Canyon design - R. K. Ibbotson
- 3:00 Discussion
- 3:30 Wrap-up - J. D. Lawrence
- 4:30 Comments by panel
- 5:00 Adjourn

3. LIST OF ATTENDEES

Acres External Panel Members

Dr. R. Peck  
Dr. A. Hendron  
Mr. M. Copen  
(Dr. L. Sykes was unable to attend)

3. LIST OF ATTENDEES (Cont'd)

Alaska Power Authority

R. Mohn

Acres

~~Dr. D. H. MacDonald~~

~~H. Eichenbaum~~

~~L. Wolofsky~~

~~I. McCaig~~

~~J. G. S. Thomson~~

~~D. C. Willett~~

~~J. D. Lawrence~~

~~J. W. Hayden~~

~~D. W. Lamb~~

~~S. N. Thompson~~

~~L. C. Duncan~~

~~R. Miller~~

~~R. K. Ibbotson~~

~~V. Singh/D. Peck - Recorders~~

4. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS (Speaker: J. D. Lawrence)

John Lawrence started the meeting by a welcoming address and briefly stated the objectives of the meeting. In particular, five major objectives, listed below, were outlined.

- Five Major Objectives: (i) Seismic Design Parameters for Dams  
(ii) Watana Dam Design and Construction Material  
(iii) Devil Canyon Arch Dam Design  
(iv) Reservoir Level Selection  
(v) Relict Channel Treatment.

A brief description of each objective was given along with a summary report on the status of each objective.

5. PROJECT GENERAL ARRANGEMENT (Speaker: J. D. Lawrence)

First, the general arrangements for the Watana site were presented. The main features of the Watana project are main earthfill dam, underground powerhouse facilities located on the north bank, a 3-gated spillway with an emergency spillway (fuse plug type) on the north bank, a multi-level intake, and two diversion tunnels. The discussion on main dam was presented later by D. Lamb. The diversion facilities consist of an upstream cofferdam, two separate 35-ft diameter tunnels at different elevations and a downstream cofferdam. One of the tunnels will be modified into a low-level outlet during the project operation. The upstream cofferdam incorporates a slurry cutoff trench through the riverbed and an impervious core to reduce/control seepage during diversion. Gray Thomson stated that the cofferdam construction schedule

was tight and that he was concerned. A discussion ensued on the aeration slots in the spillway. G. Thomson stated that a publication on Guri project in Venezuela presents an interesting discussion on slot size which are designed on the basis of model tests. Dr. Hendron had some questions about the spillway trajectory. John Hayden explained that the trajectory is aligned with the river centerline. All transformer facilities are underground.

After a discussion with APA Board, emergency spillway was widened at the inlet so that the earthen fuse plug height could be reduced. Construction should start early in 1985. The fill placement for the main dam is on critical path.

Devil Canyon general arrangements were discussed next. The main features are main arch dam, a saddle dam on the south bank, main gated spillway, emergency spillway with erodible fuse plug, underground powerhouse and multilevel intakes, diversion tunnels and a long tailrace tunnel. Additionally, seven gated openings with valves are provided in the arch dam for water release. Some questions were raised by the panel concerning the cold climate effects on the concrete in the arch dam. Acres' response was that they did not consider that to be a serious concern. Gray Thomson expressed reservations about deep vertical access shafts and preferred inclined adits. It was also suggested by the panel that a more permissive language should be used in the reports when discussing seepage cutoff, grouting and the like. No other serious questions were raised. A short discussion on construction schedule followed. It was stated that the construction of the Devil Canyon project is being pushed back.

#### 6. RELICT CHANNEL GEOLOGY (Speaker: S. N. Thompson)

During a previous meeting with the APA Board in Anchorage, the question of potential for liquefaction and mitigating methods was raised. In that context, S. Thompson briefly described the geology of the relict channel and various stratigraphic units that depict different geological time and processes. Although the information available is of a limited nature, the correlations between data gathered from borings and seismic refraction surveys were developed to demonstrate that a preliminary understanding of the geology has been developed. It was pointed out that additional investigations will be conducted to further define the geology and gather more definitive data.

#### 7. RELICT CHANNEL TREATMENT (Speaker: D. W. Lamb)

D. Lamb briefly described the four potential problem areas relating to the relict channel. These are (1) leakage, (2) piping, (3) permafrost, and (4) liquefaction. He stated that the first three were adequately discussed in Anchorage to the satisfaction of the APA Board; however, the question on liquefaction was still outstanding. Since then, Acres has made more detailed geologic interpretations of the area and evaluated potential alternatives. With the use of profile drawing, D. Lamb explained that the layers below layer "H" are believed to have been overconsolidated due to glacial ice loads and probably shaken by earthquakes several times

under saturated conditions. Therefore, the concerns for liquefaction are more likely limited to the layers "H" and above. It was also pointed out that the normal operating reservoir level has been lowered to elevation 2185 and that the saddle dike across the relict channel would only provide freeboard during high flood conditions. An alternative was presented to deal with the liquefaction of layers above layer "H", should it be deemed necessary during future studies. This would include excavation of a trench (about 135-ft deep) and construction of an embankment within this trench. The total amount of excavation is estimated to be  $30 \times 10^6$  cyd. It was stated that the cost of the alternative will be included in the project cost but the alternative will not be included in the design at this time. Future investigations and studies will be carried out to determine the need for it.

8. RESERVOIR SELECTION STUDY (Speaker: J. W. Hayden)

J. Hayden stated that the economic study was done on the reservoir level selection which indicated that the project economics will not change significantly if the reservoir level is lowered to elevation 2115 ft. Such a lowering will result in 50-million dollar loss of energy and 100-million dollar reduction in the cost. Panel made a comment that in that case it may be more desirable to lower the dam rather than pay the cost penalty which will also reduce the potential of liquefaction in the relict channel. However, there were other considerations including emergency spillway fuse plug and use of excess energy produced by the project. Given all these constraints, a normal operating reservoir level of 2185 was selected by Acres. There were no further discussions on this subject.

9. SEISMIC DESIGN PARAMETERS FOR DAMS (Speaker: J. D. Lawrence)

J. Lawrence described that after discussions with the APA panel, Acres has adopted the deterministic approach for the seismic design of the dams. The Watana Fill Dam will be designed using time history analysis for a Benioff Zone magnitude 8.5 event. Devil Canyon arch dam will be designed using response spectrum approach and trial load method of analysis. For this approach, the ground motions generated by a terrain earthquake of magnitude 6 to 6-1/4 near the site will be more severe than Benioff Zone earthquake. It was further stated that Dr. Seed believes the design of arch dam should be done for a Safety Evaluation Earthquake; however, the input motion in the analysis should be reduced to 0.8 of its peak value to compensate for the limitations in analytical procedures. This will be consistent with design approaches used on other important projects of similar critical nature. It was also stated that the design will be done for the 84th percentile ground motion for the Benioff Zone events and 80th percentile for the terrain events. There were some concerns raised by the panel as to the validity of reduction of ground motion to 80 percent and the use of a 10-percent damping in the concrete. Mr. Copen stated that he felt this was quite acceptable. It was further stated there were still some questions about the magnitude of the terrain earthquake to be used. Dr. Sykes believes that the magnitude should be 6-1/4 to 6-1/2, whereas WCC maintain that magnitude 6 should be an upper limit. APA panel in Anchorage stated that the design should be based on

6-1/4 magnitude. Some discussion took place about 1943 event which is magnitude 7.3. It was a general concensus that this event is probably related to a fault remote from the dam sites and that it was, in light of WCC's findings, not critically important to locate that fault.

10. WATANA DAM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL (Speaker: D. W. Lamb)

D. Lamb presented the design of Watana fill dam. The key features of this dam are central impervious core, wide u/w and d/s filters, a relatively free draining u/s shell and provisions for the grout curtain and the drainage curtain. The foundation treatment includes provisions for removal of all the overburden under the dam, weathered loose rock under the shells and excavation to sound rock under the core and the filters. Some discussion centered around the excavation volumes and philosophy and panel indicated that in its view too much rock was being excavated. It was clarified that up to 40 ft of rock excavated under the core and the filters included allowance for shaping for foundation, cleaning and preparation of deep gullies filled with weathered rock and overburden and allowances for the shear zones. The dam cross section used in the presentation did not show a filter blanket under the d/s shell and it was pointed out this will be shown on the final drawings. Panel stated that the arguments to have drainage galleries under the dam were not very convincing in the text although it did not object to having such galleries should there be need for them.

The proposed slopes of the dam are 2:4H:1V u/s and 2H:1V d/s. These slopes, particularly the u/s slope, may be revised during the final design phase. The u/s shell will be constructed using processed gravel/cobbles from the riverbed with minimum size of 1/2 in. to 3/4 in. and maximum size equal to 1/2 the lift thickness (lift thickness 36 inches). Panel indicated that normally the maximum size allowed is equal to 2/3 to full thickness of lift. For the core material, some questions were raised about the moisture content. Panel believes that it is not critical if the maximum density is not achieved during compaction. Some questions were raised about the availability of the material and related environmental concerns for mining of gravels/cobbles from the riverbed. It was stated that sufficient reserves have been located for the dam construction.

It was pointed out that allowance was made for post-construction settlement (1 percent of height) and slumping during seismic event (0.5 percent of height).

11. WATANA DAM EARTHQUAKE ANALYSIS (Speaker: A. S. Burgess)

A. Burgess presented results of earthquake analysis. The dam geometry analyzed included 2:4H:1V slopes upstream and 2H:1V slopes downstream. Two cases were analyzed: one with a soft core ( $K_2 = 200$ ) and one with a stiffer core ( $K_2 = 700$ ). The material properties were selected using data from the Oroville dam analysis. The properties for other materials were discussed. At the end of construction, some arching was noticed when soft core properties were used and almost no significant arching when stiffer core properties were used. The effective stresses in upstream shell were much smaller than those in downstream shell and shear stresses were also low in the upstream shell. Effective stresses in core

were about 1/2 of the overburden load. The time history used in the analysis had a maximum peak acceleration of 0.55g and length of record between 10 sec and 30 sec. Three iterations were used and a good convergence achieved between second and third iterations. The maximum acceleration at the crest was 0.36g for the soft core and 0.39g for the stiff core. The dynamic shear stresses were within shear strength except in top of core and shallow depths in shell indicated some ravelling of slopes may occur. However, no large scale failure was indicated. The pore pressures in the upstream shell would dissipate. For the final design, slopes steeper than those used in this analysis will be investigated.

12. DEVIL CANYON ARCH DAM DESIGN (Speaker: R. K. Ibbotson)

Arch dam analysis was done using response spectra and trial load method of analysis. Program ADSAS was used. Response spectra representing maximum terrain earthquake was used. Critical damping for the concrete was 10 percent and the maximum acceleration was reduced to 80 percent of its value to obtain input motion for the analysis. The resulting stresses were discussed and found to be acceptable. It was discussed that greater arching effect can be obtained by shortening the radius but the gains were small. The stresses in cantilever portion were not too high. The natural period of the dam is between 0.14 and 0.5 seconds. The results indicated the dam to be safe under earthquake loading conditions.

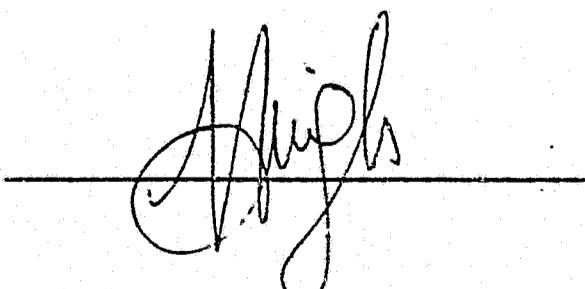
13. ROCK MECHANICS CONSIDERATIONS (Speaker: S. N. Thompson)

A discussion took place about rock mechanics considerations at both the sites. The d/s portals for the diversion tunnel is in favorable location. At the intake, the main problem is joint set II which is about 20 degrees oblique. The cut is about 200 ft. high and needs to be minimized. The cut is outside the shear zone and thus increases its height. The rock cuts are high and may have stability problems. Additional investigations will be required and the money should be included in the cost.

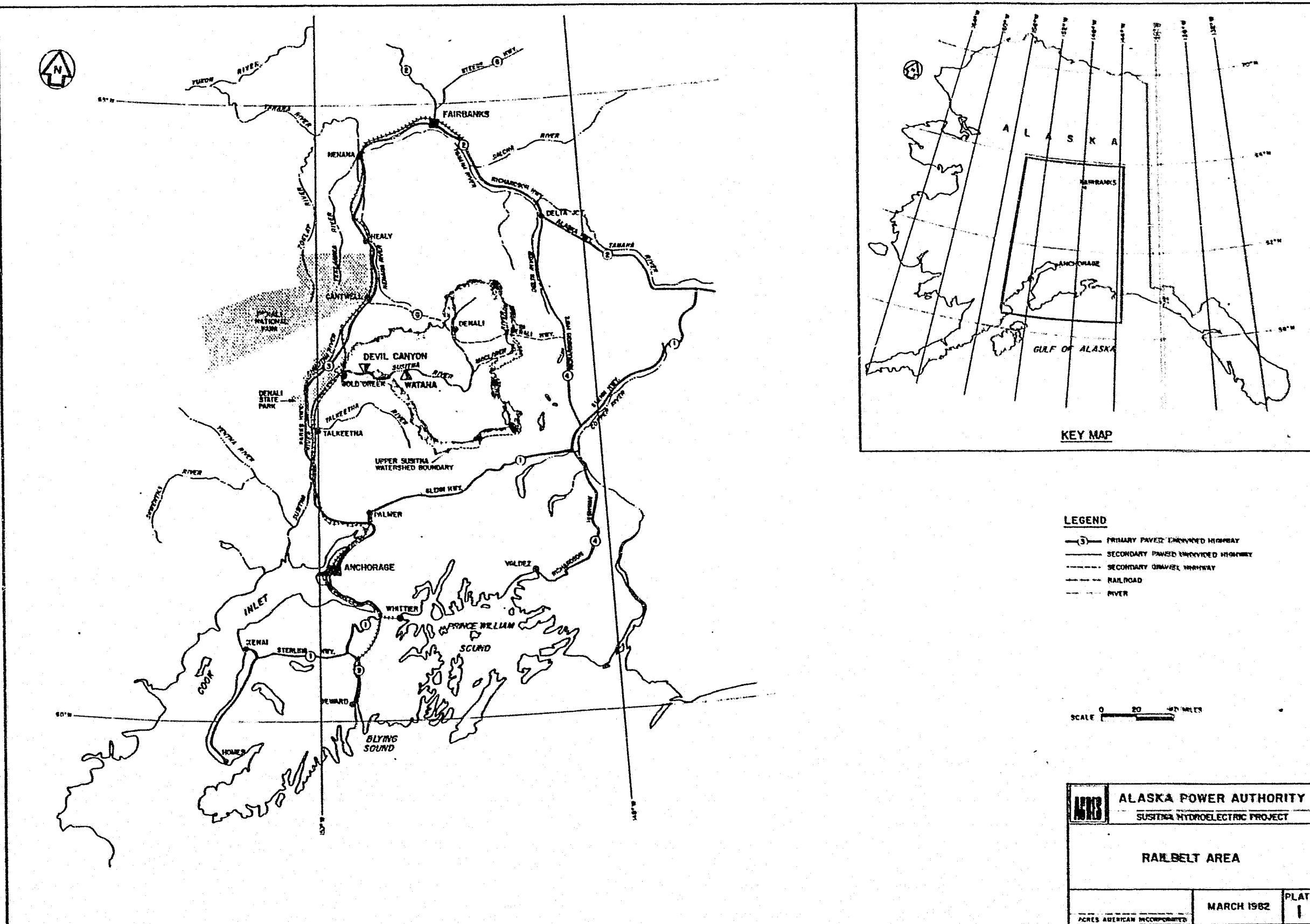
At the Devil Canyon site, major joint set I perpendicular to the main spillway cut and the secondary set is sub-parallel. The high cuts for the spillway channel are laid back along the bedding planes. Joint sets are favorable on that side for the tunnel. Joint set III is very localized.

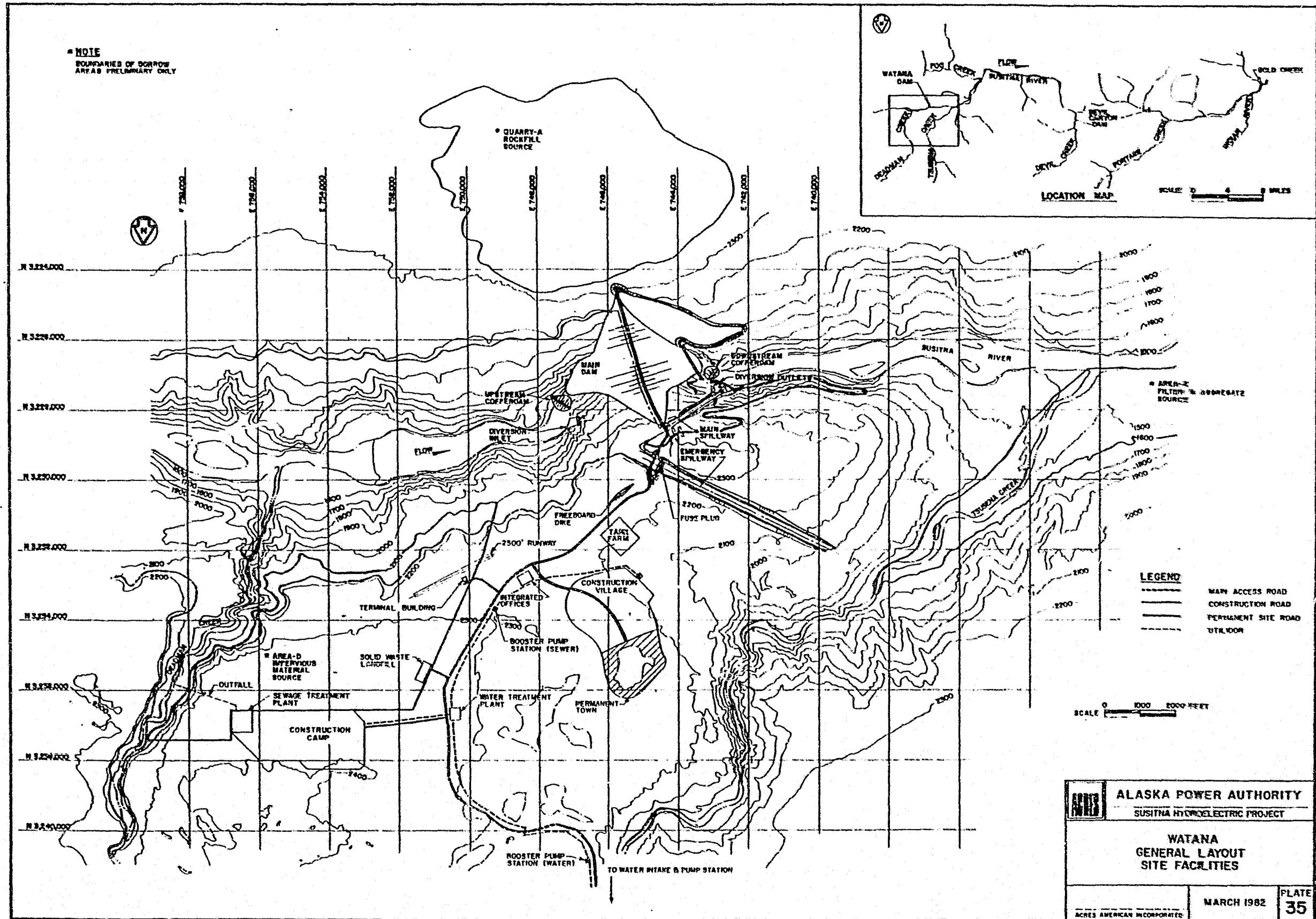
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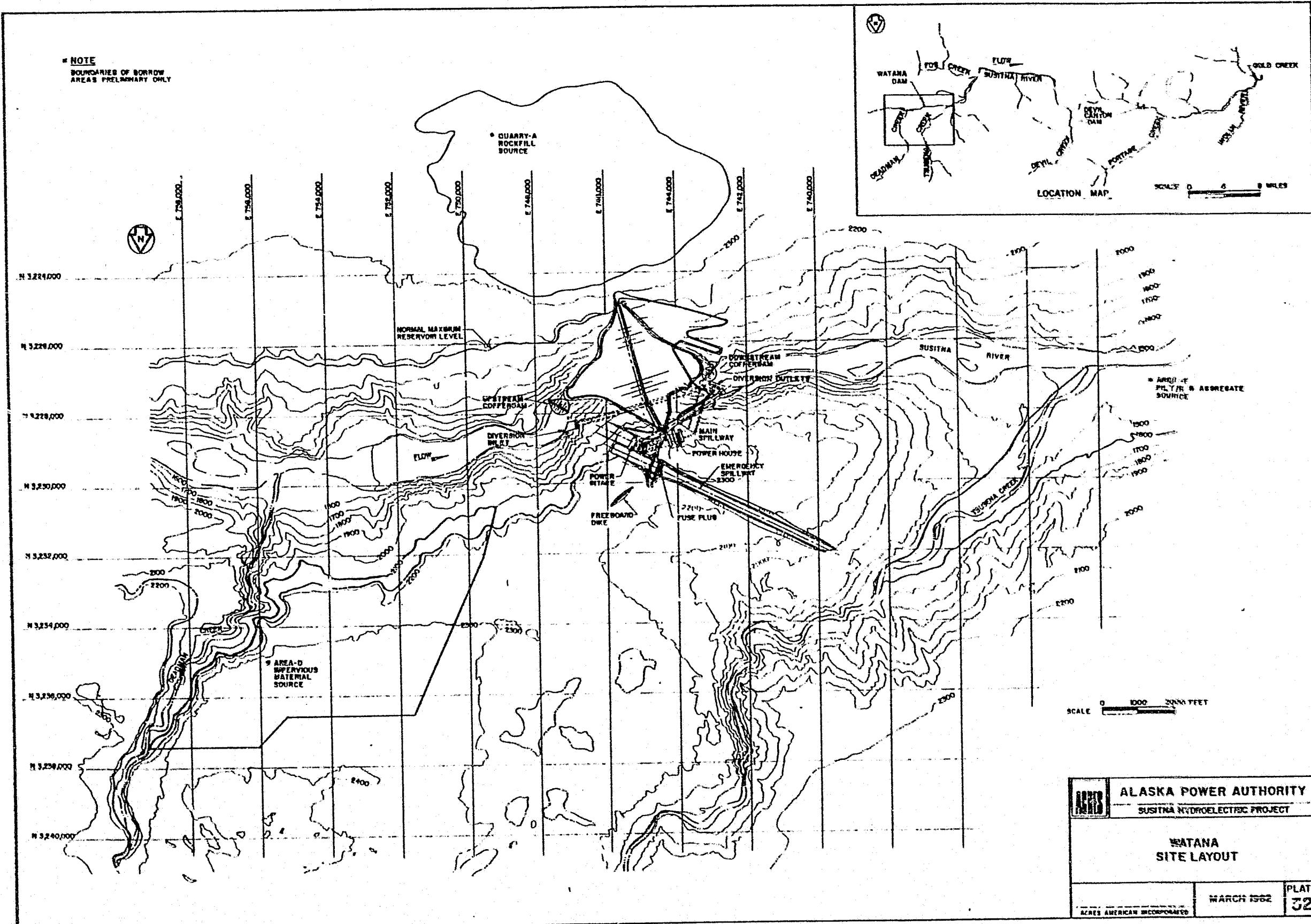


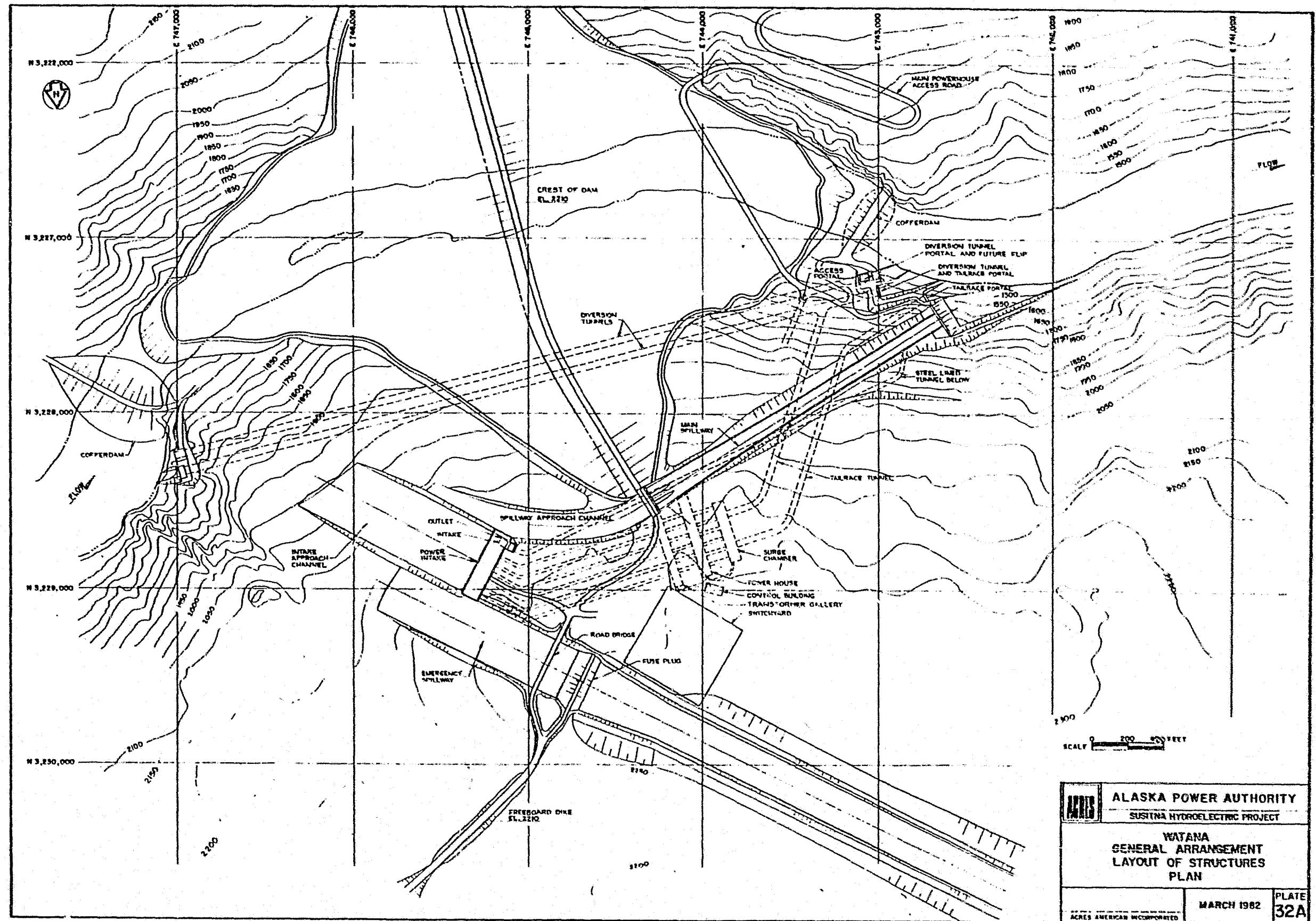
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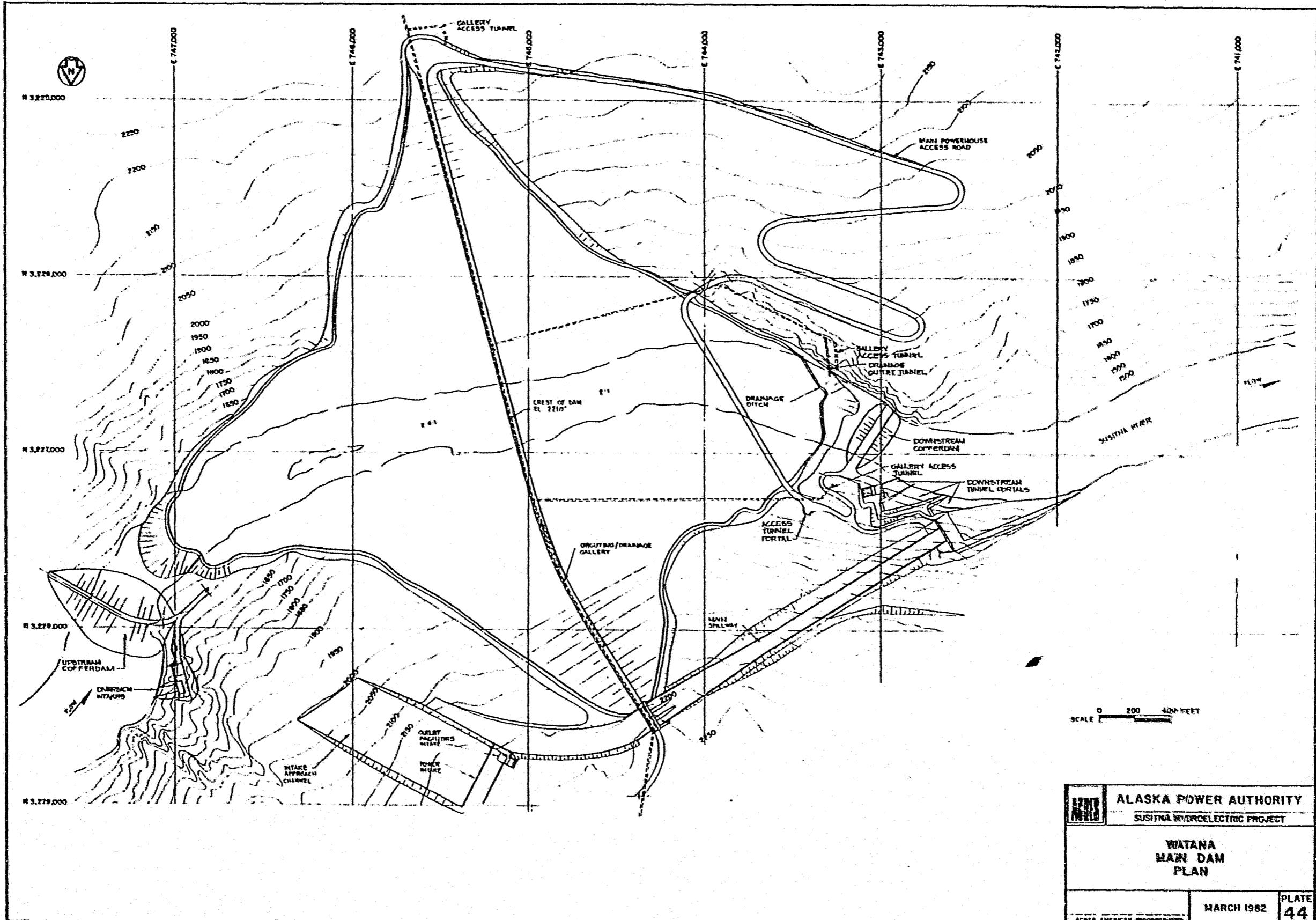
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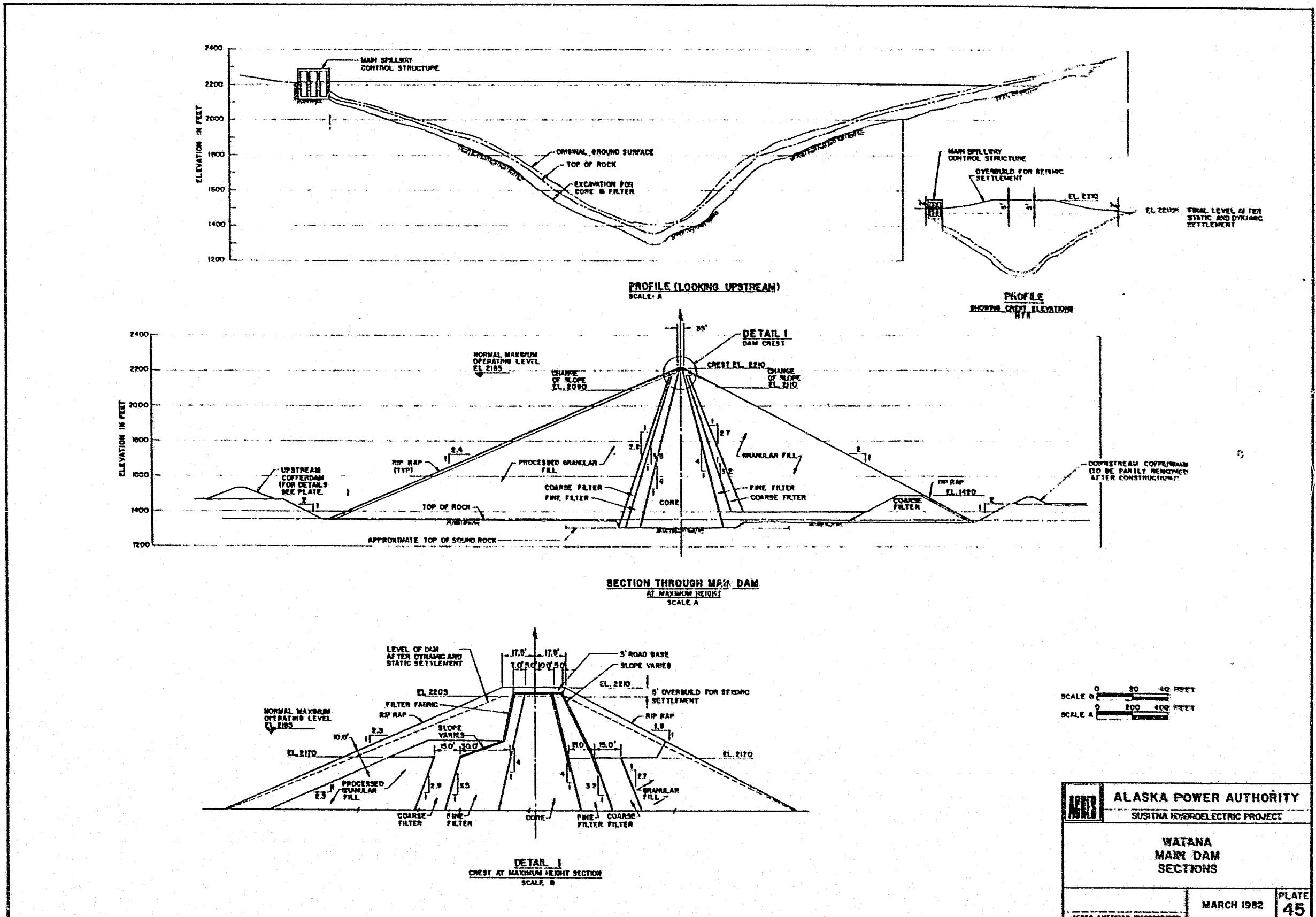
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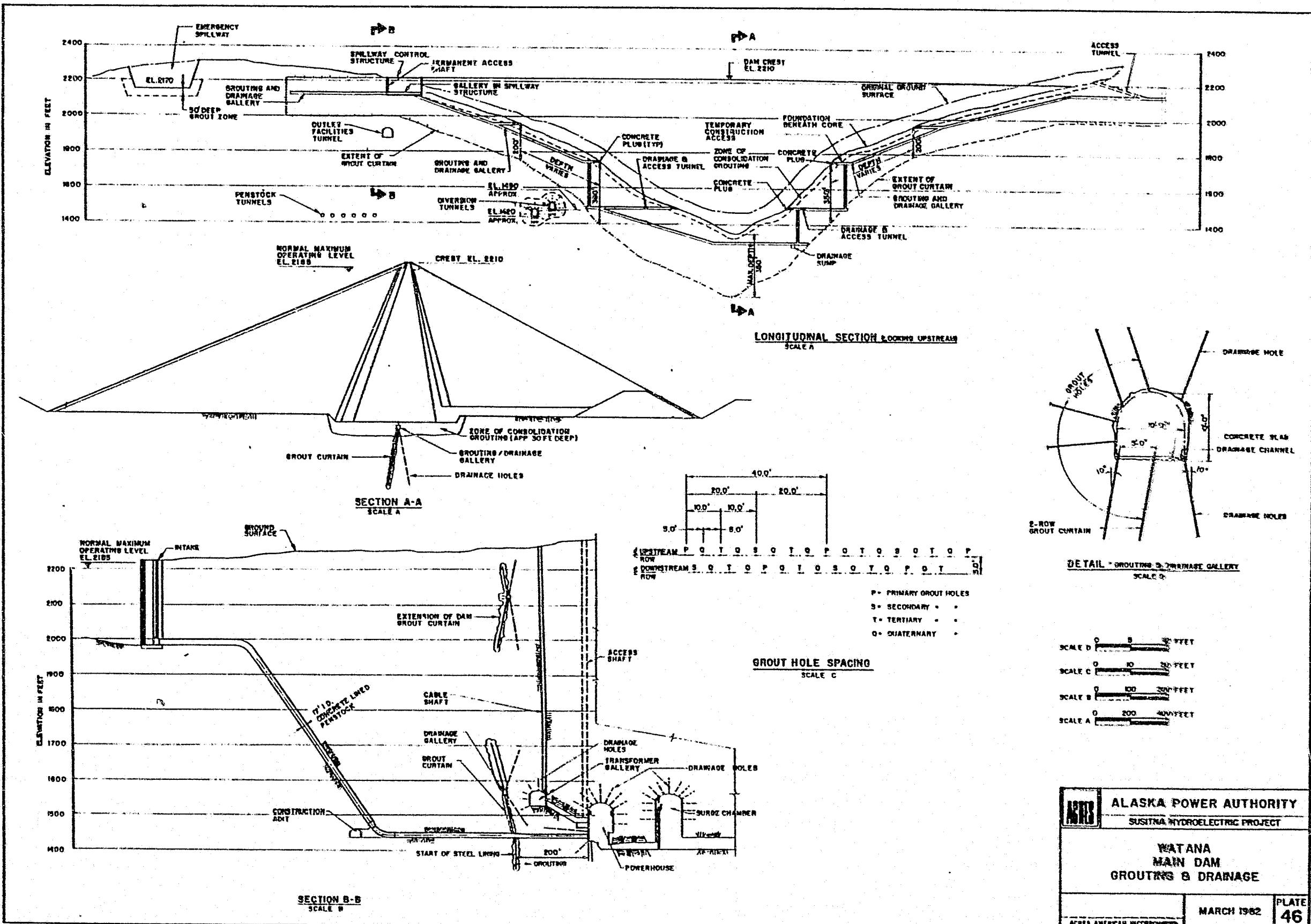
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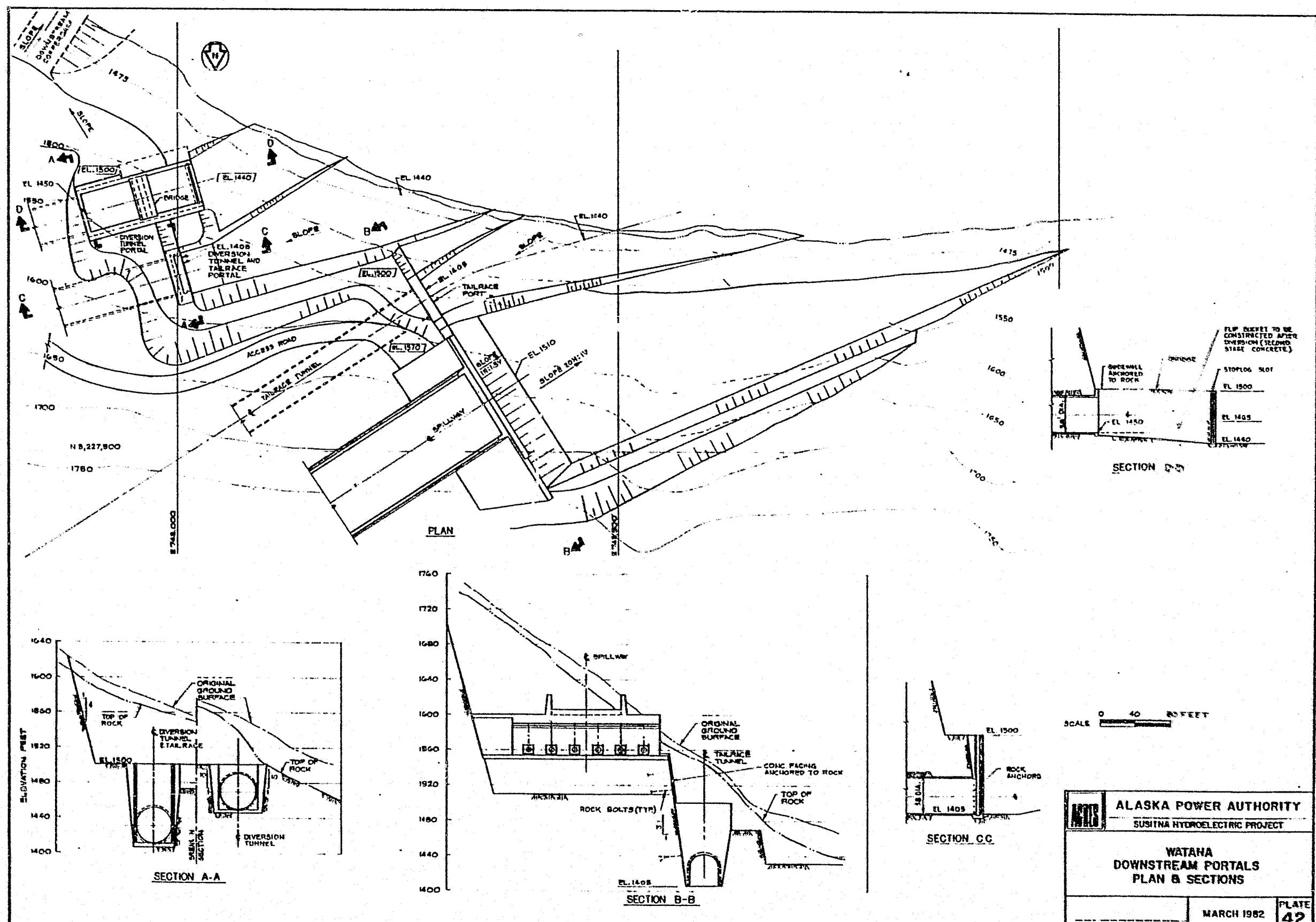
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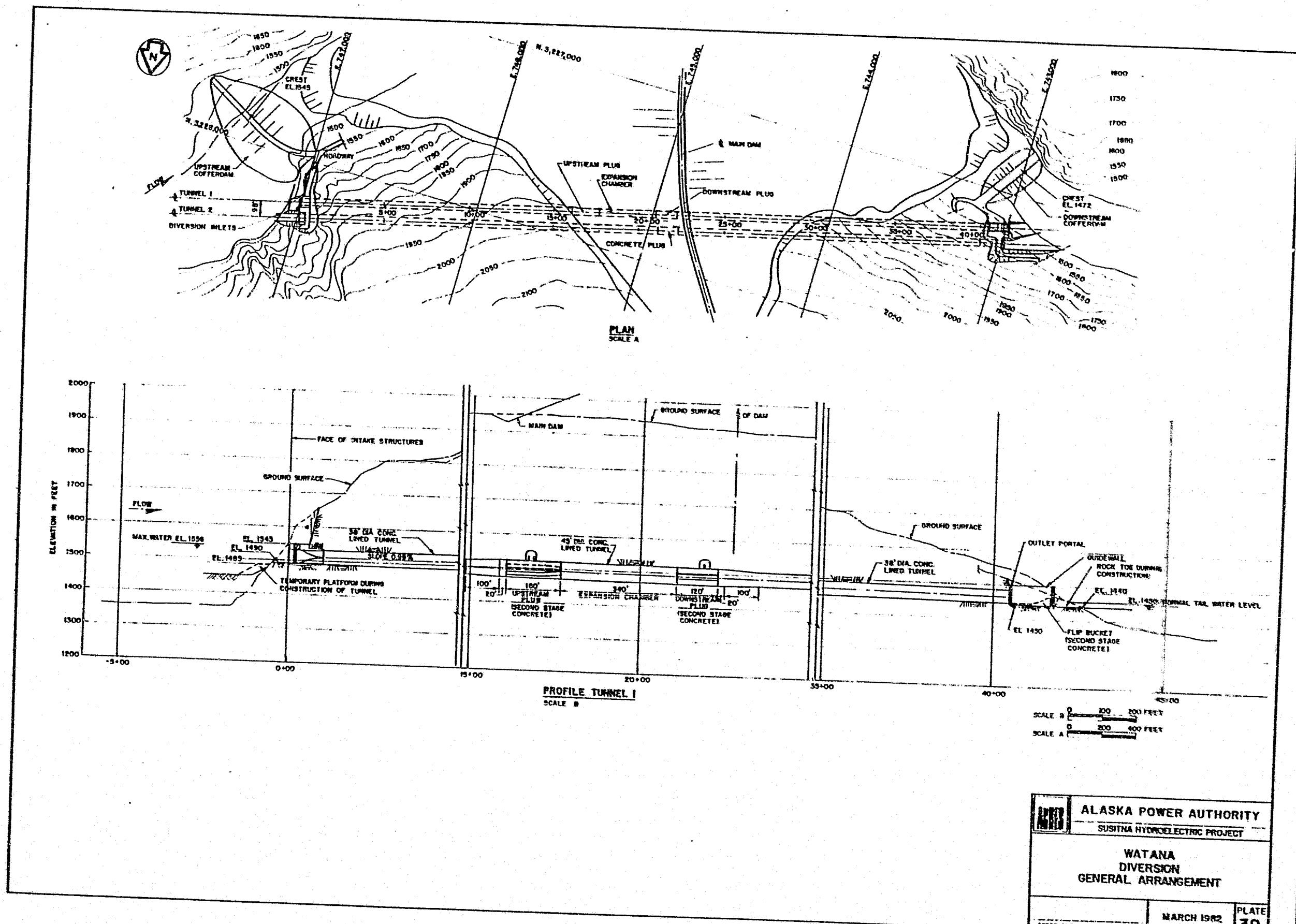


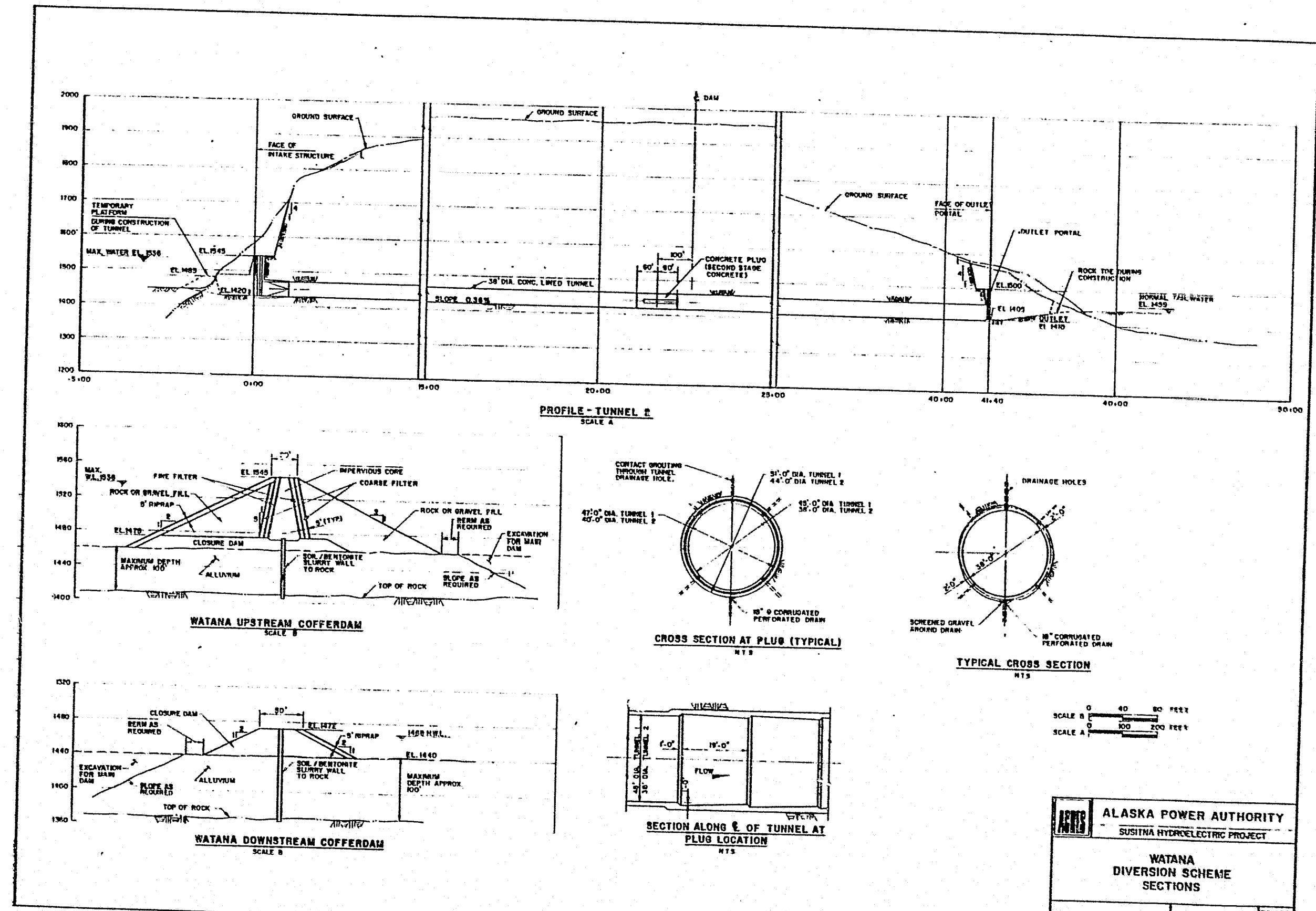
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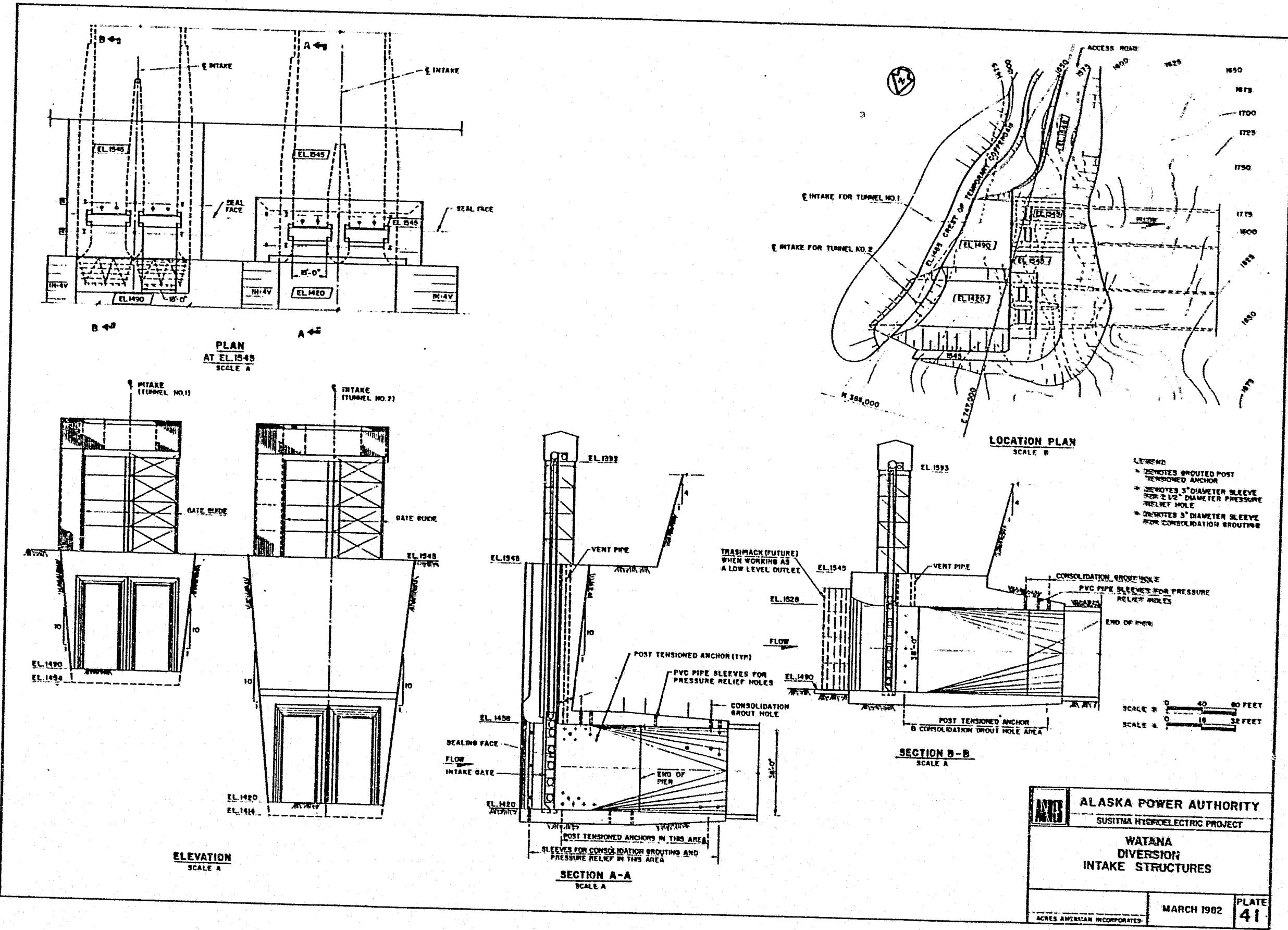
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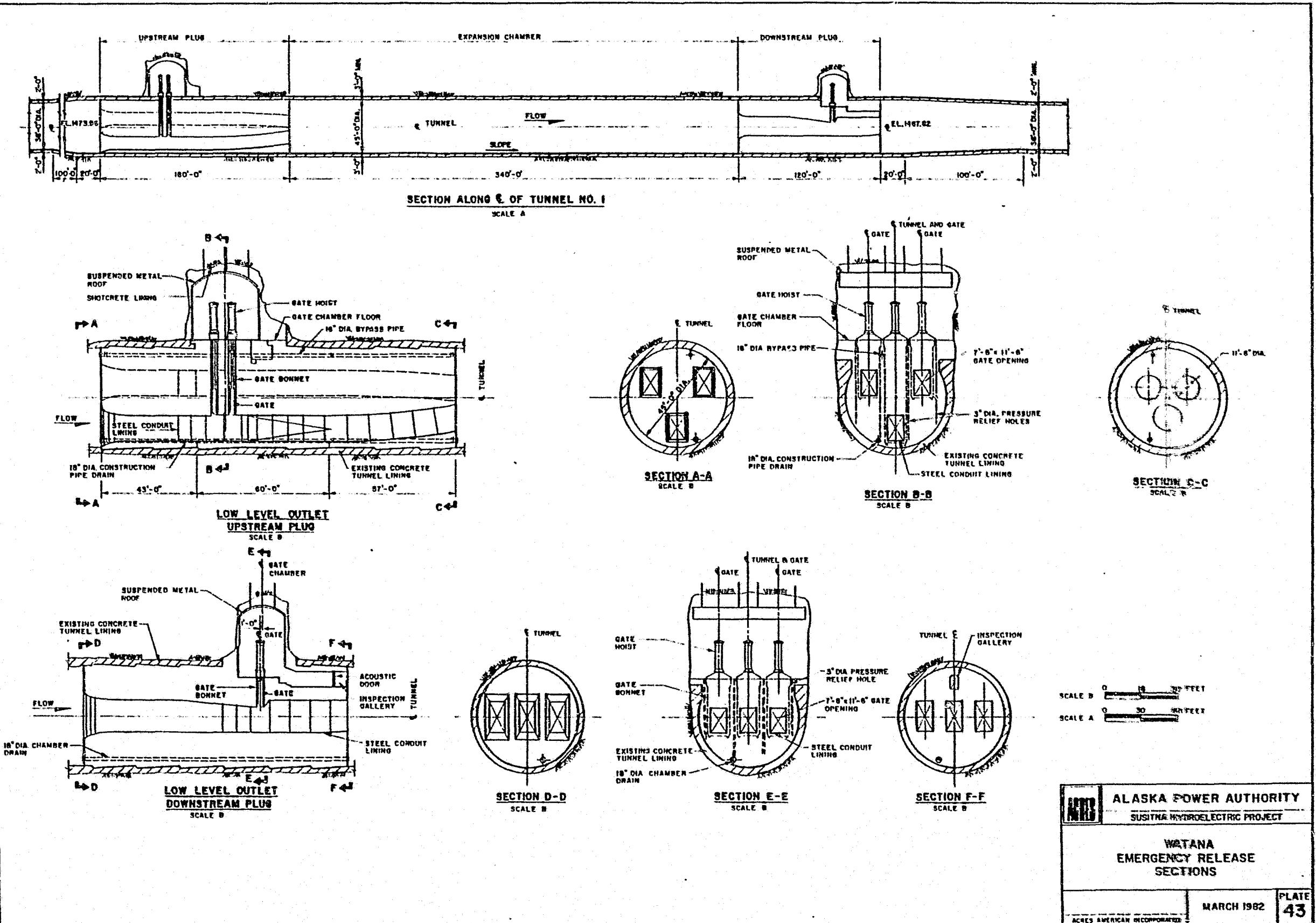


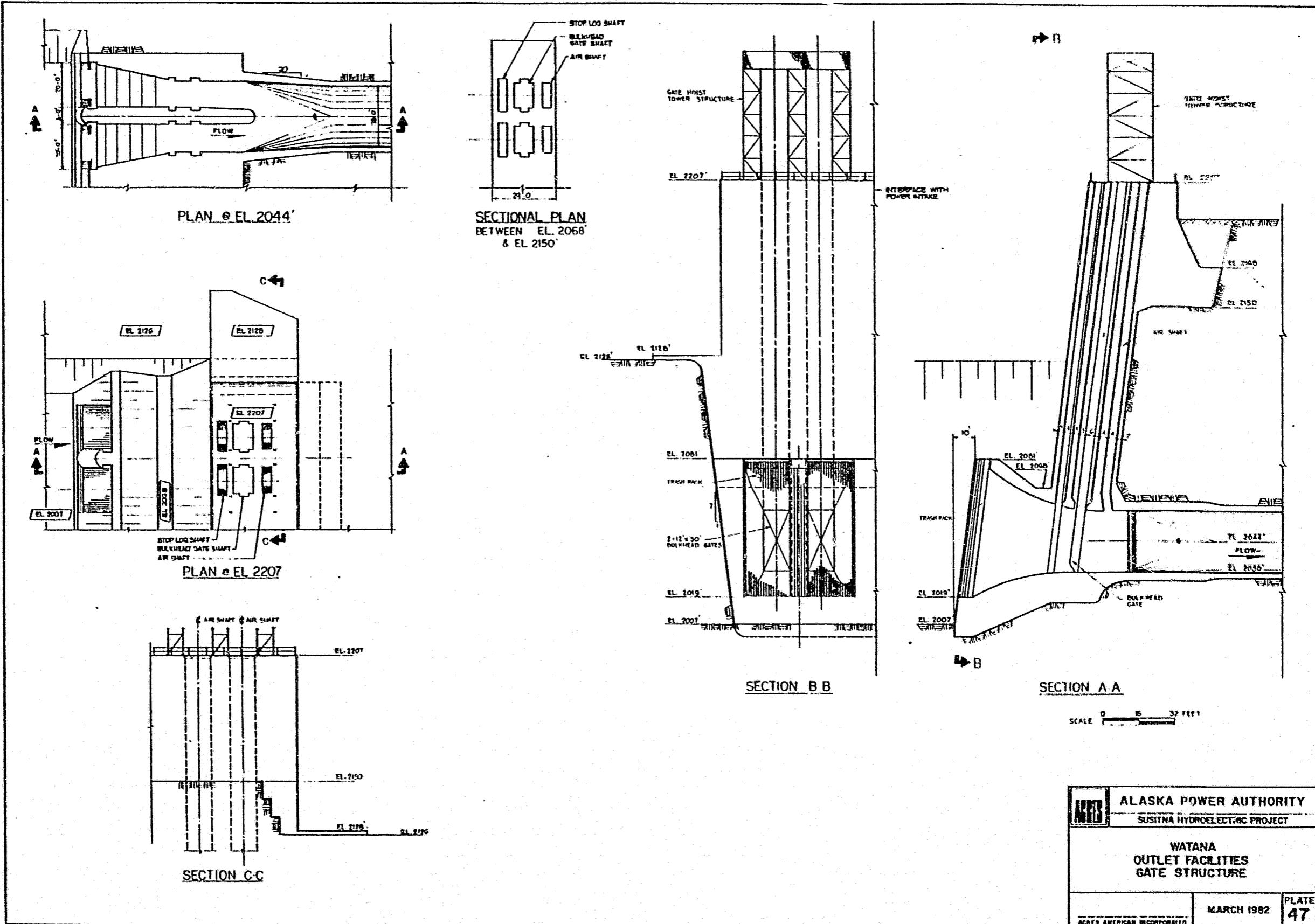


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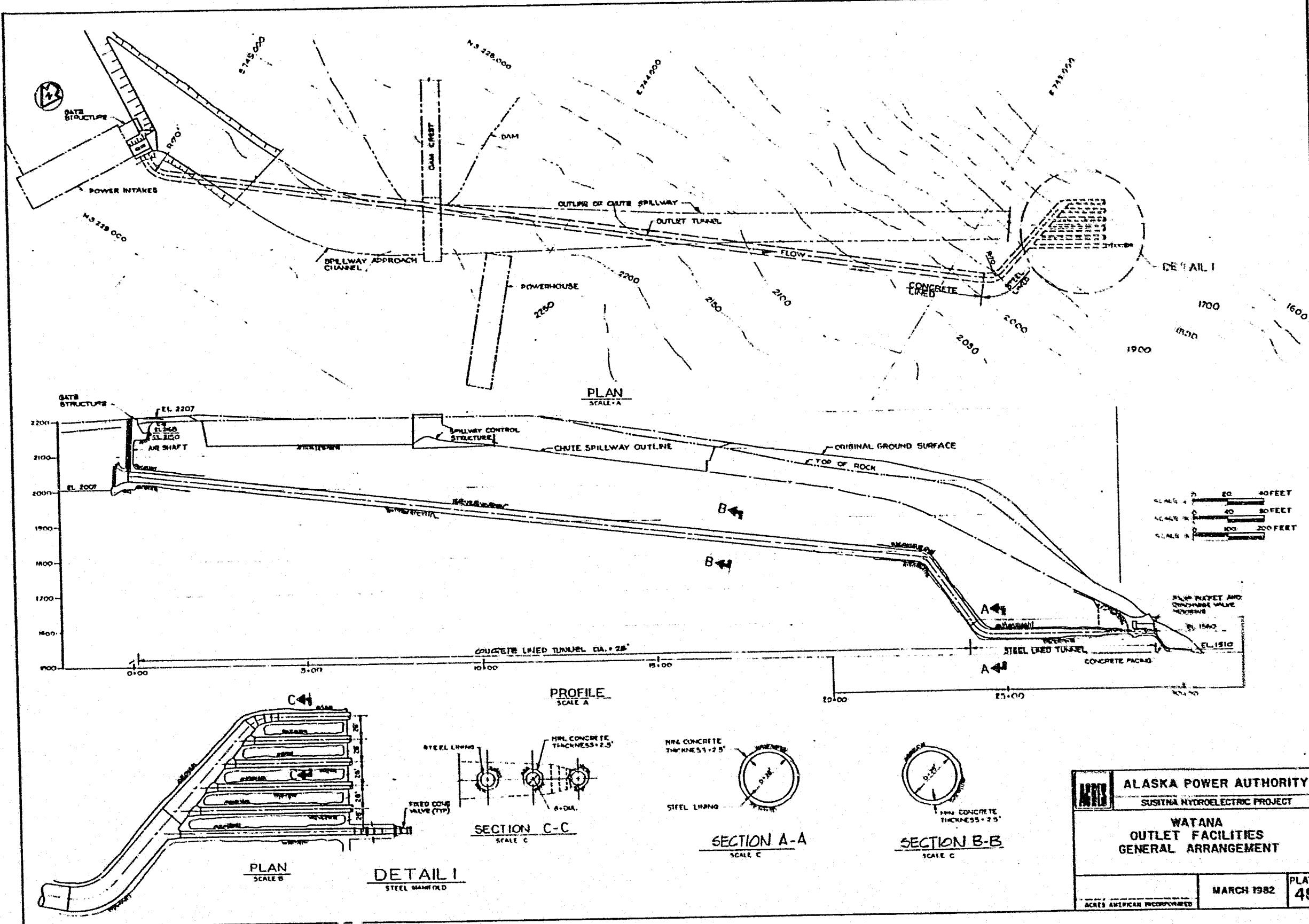
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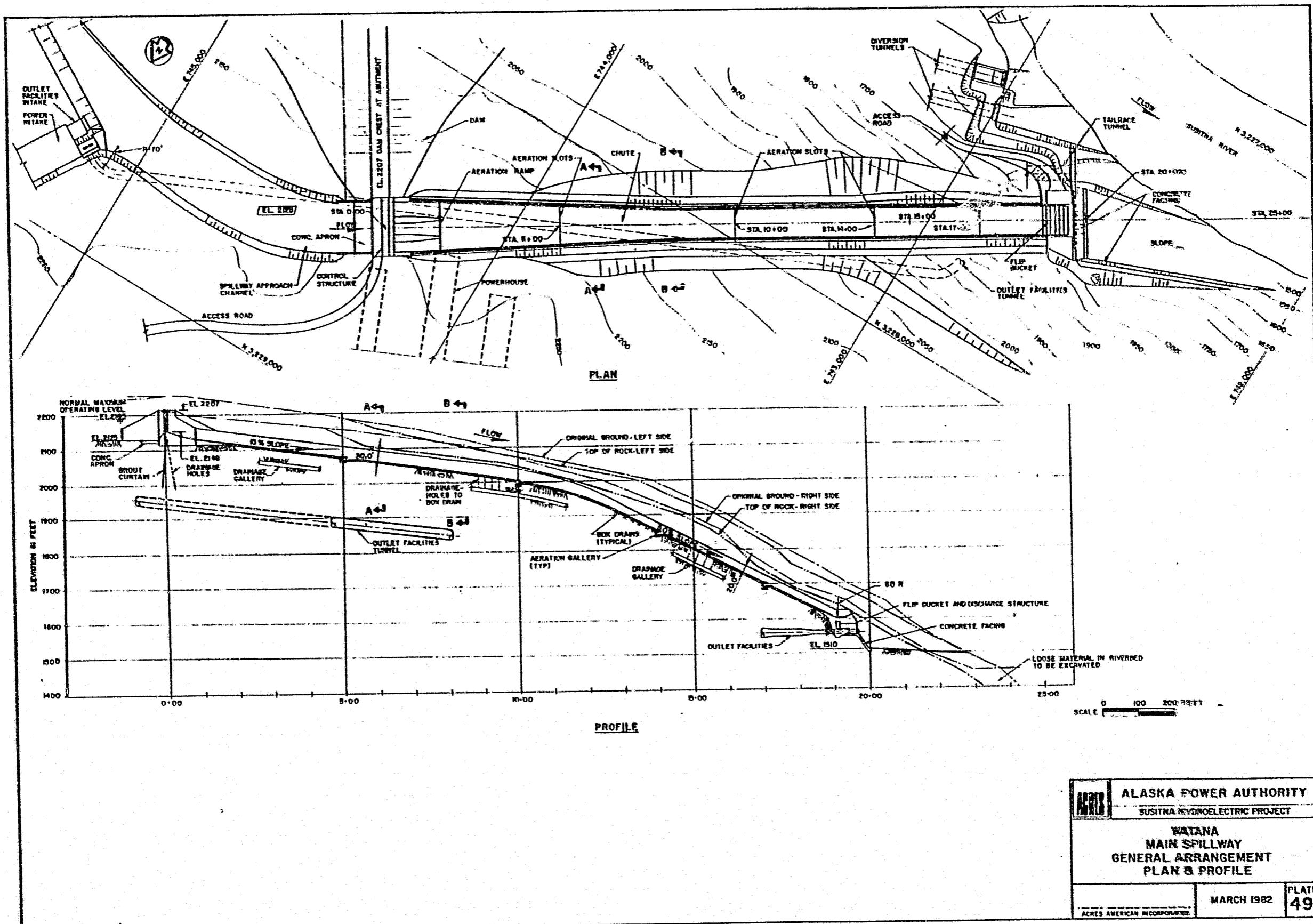




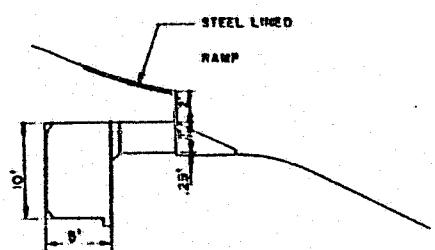
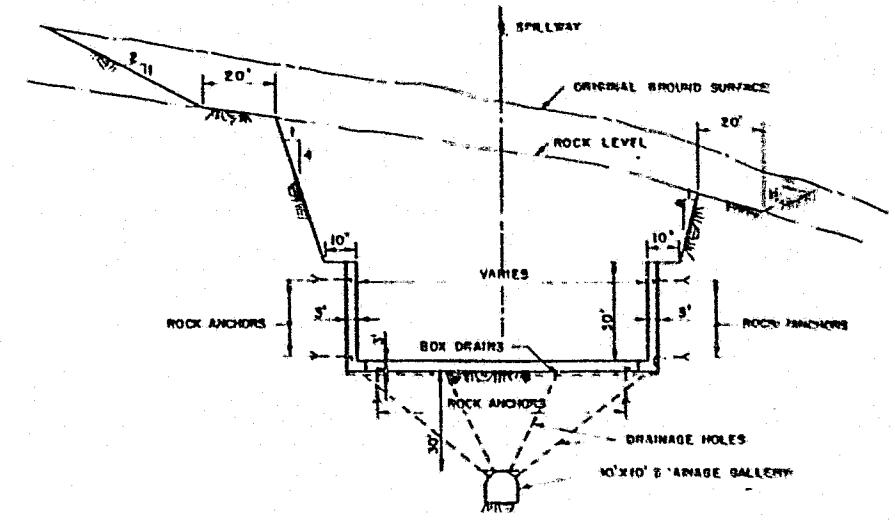
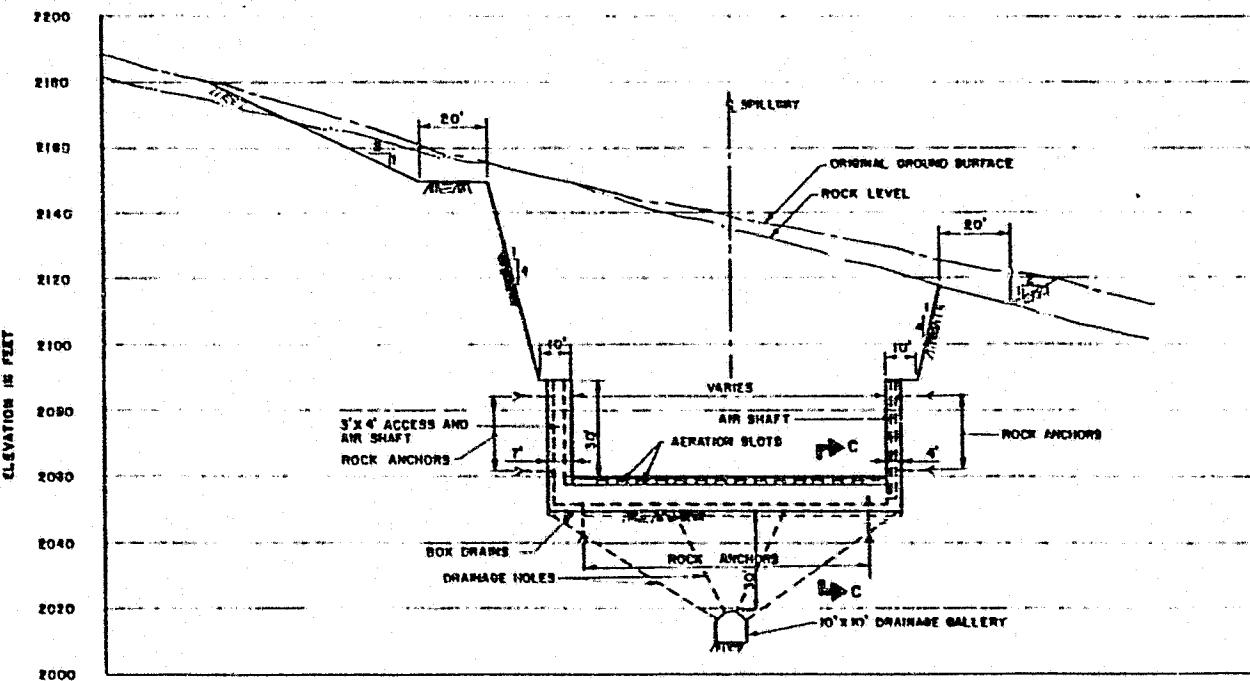
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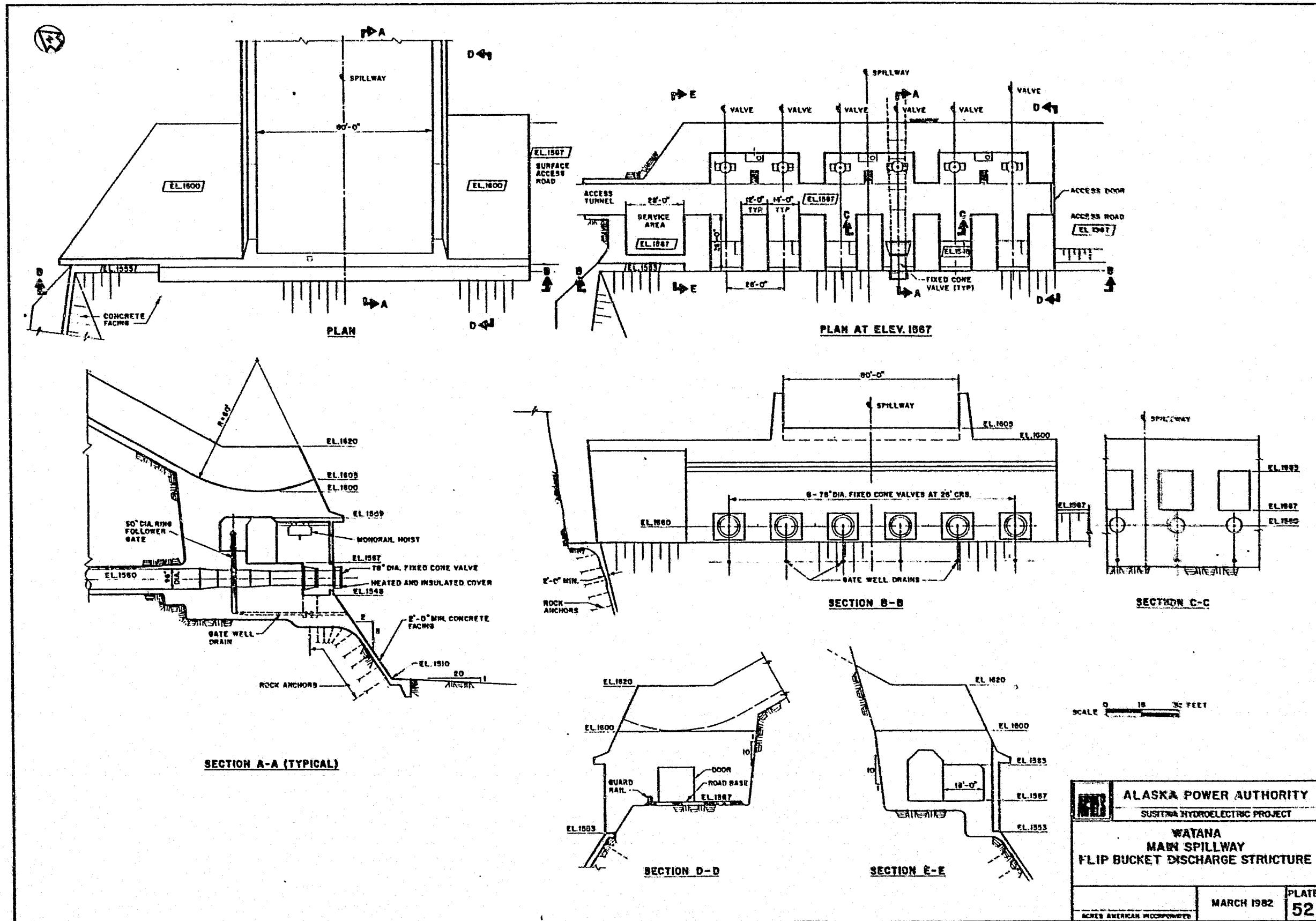


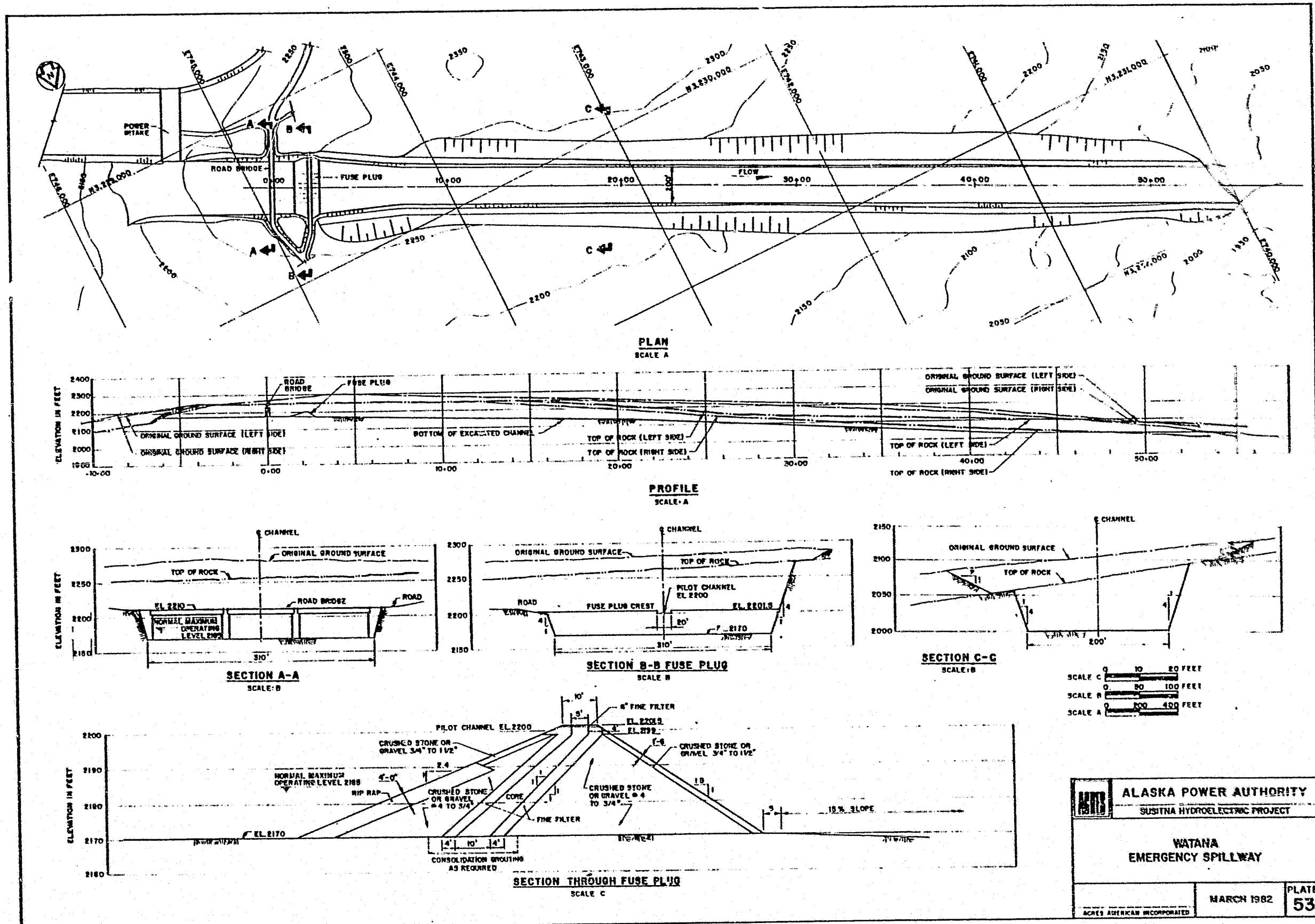


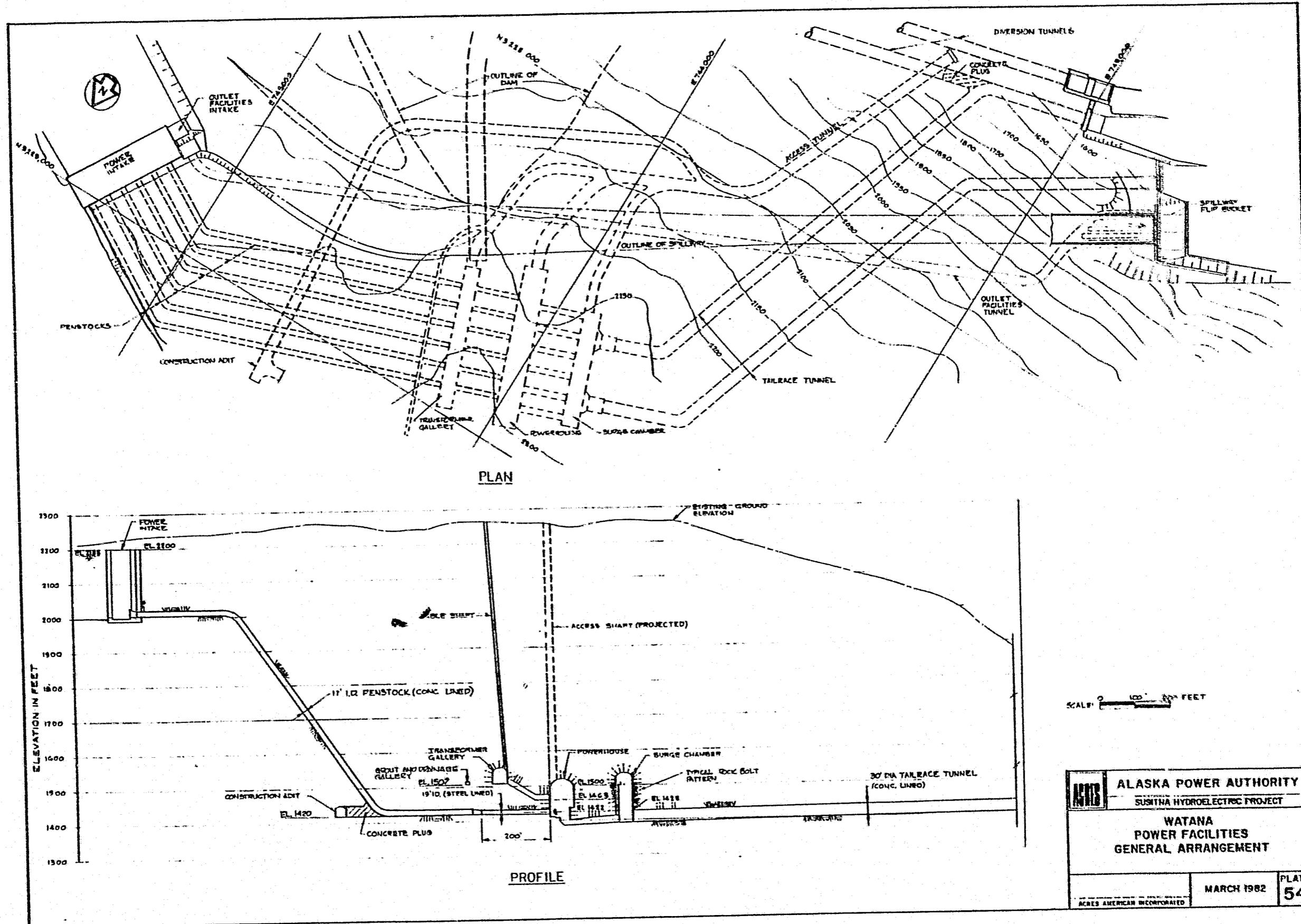


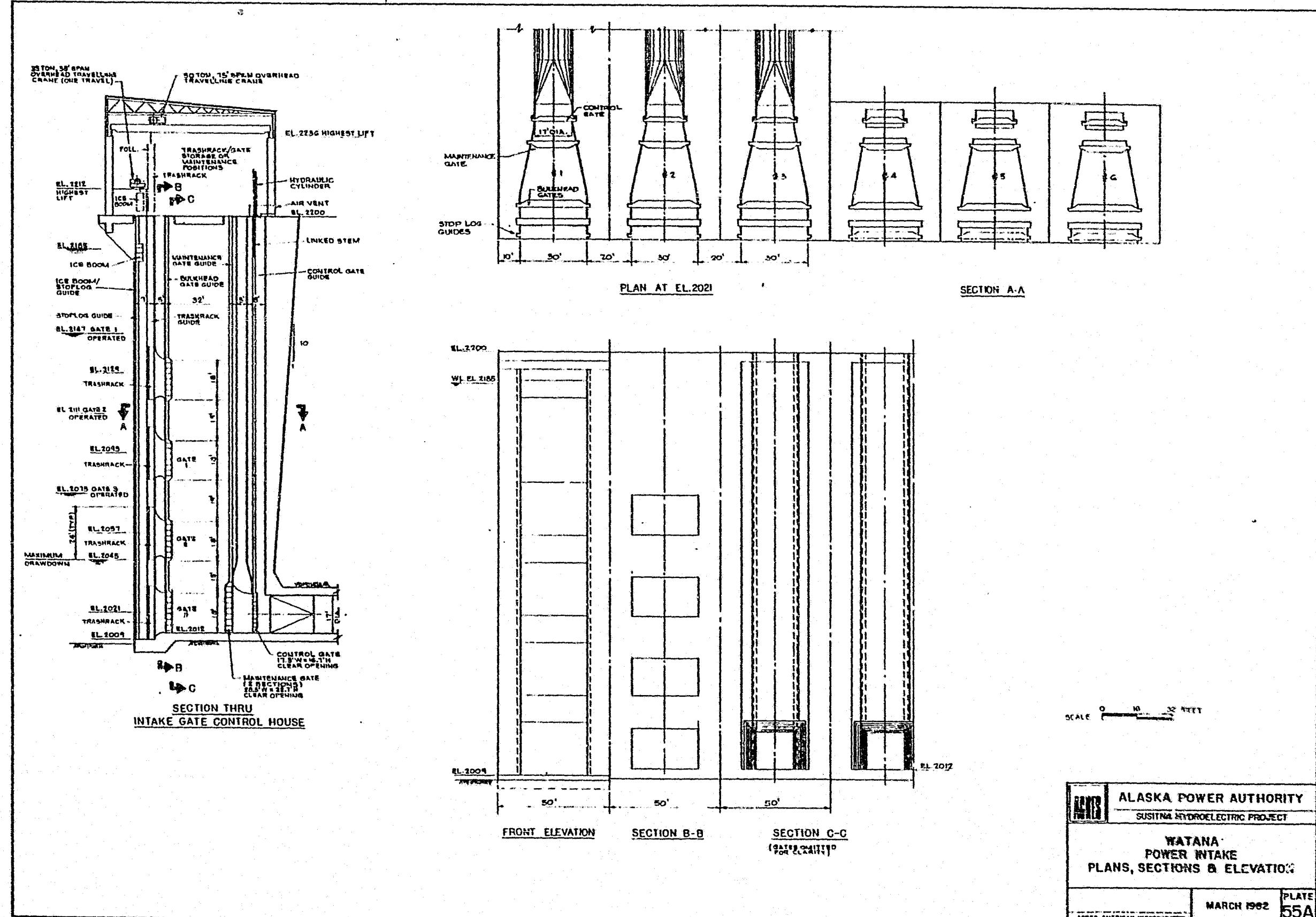
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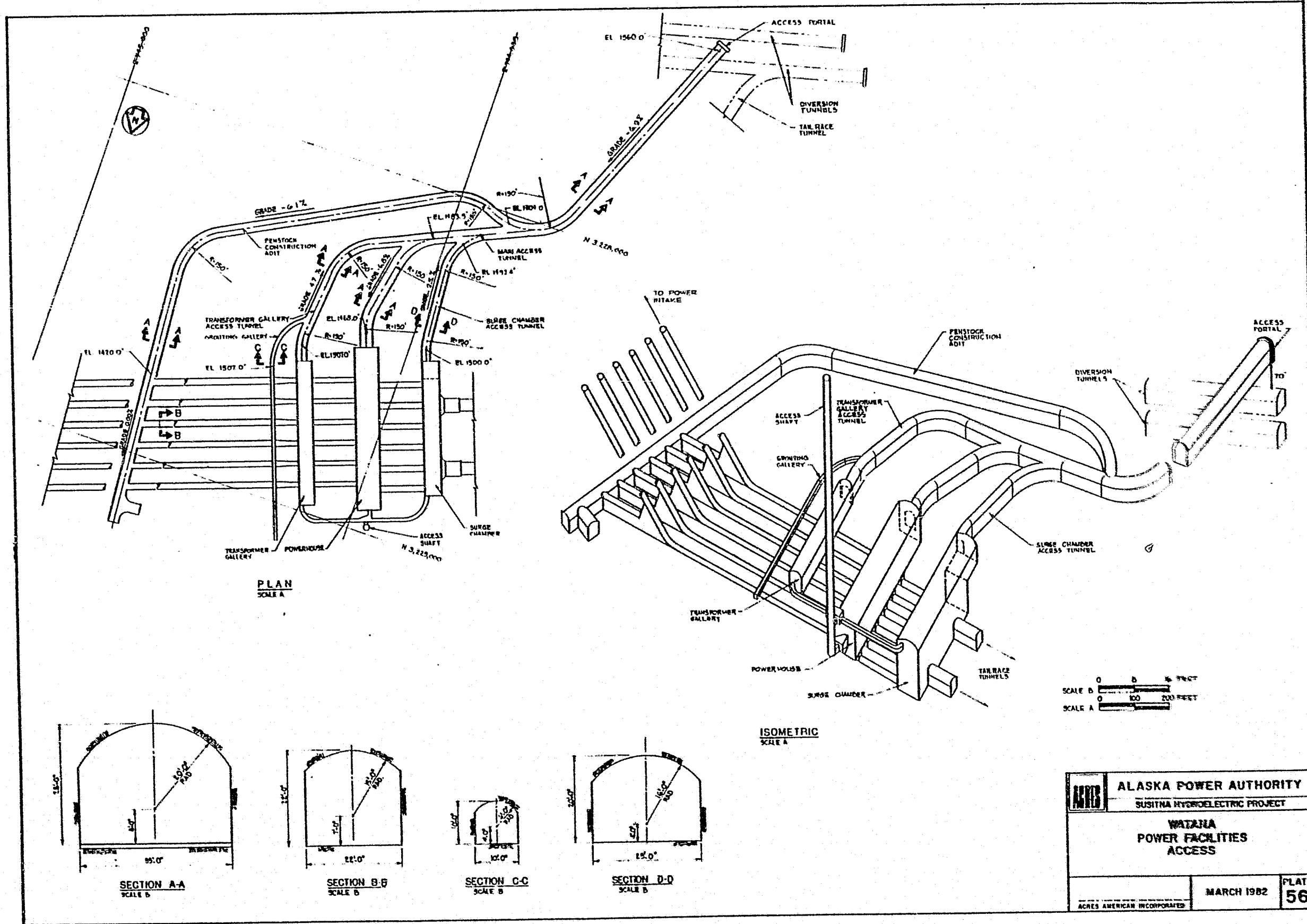




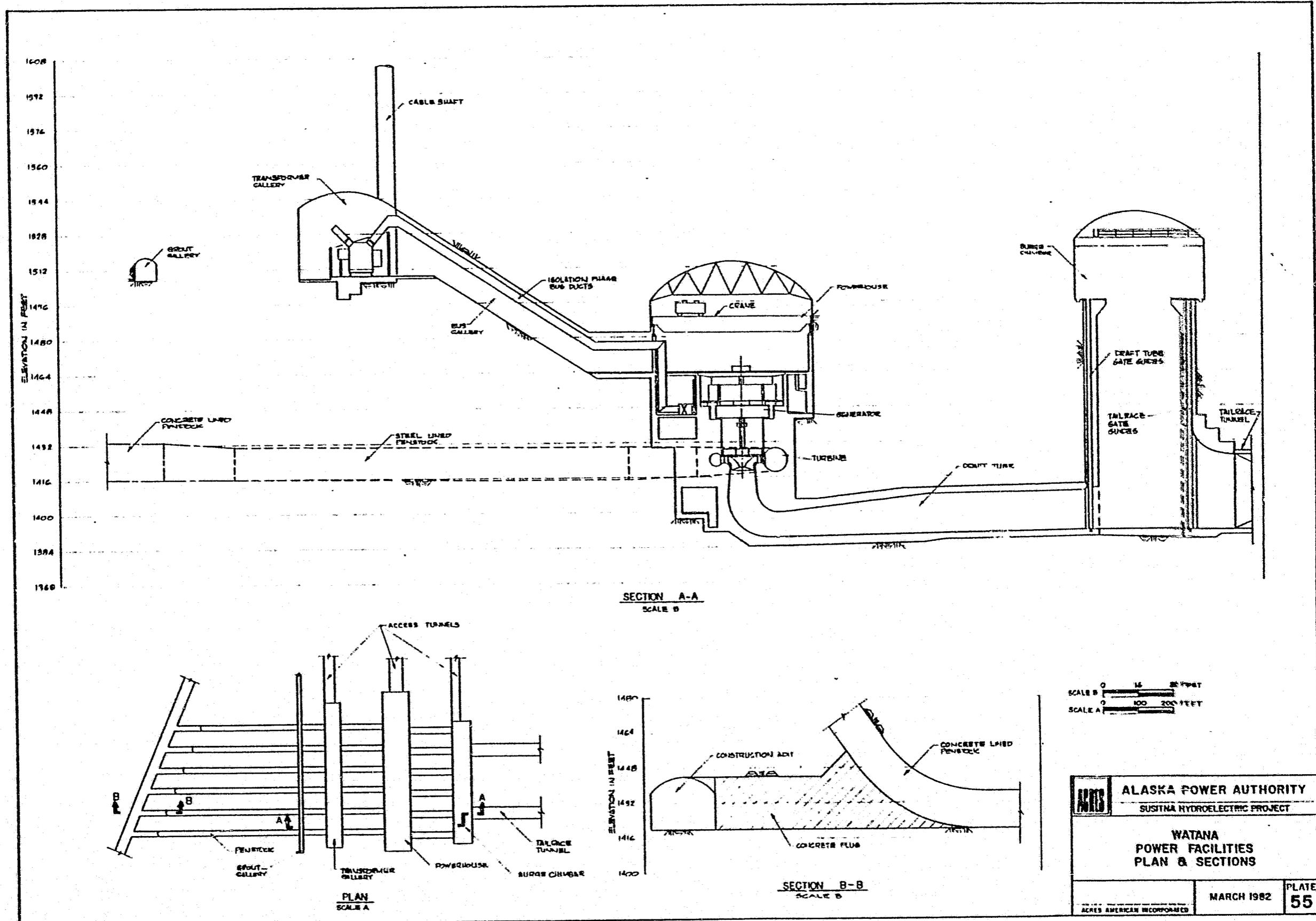


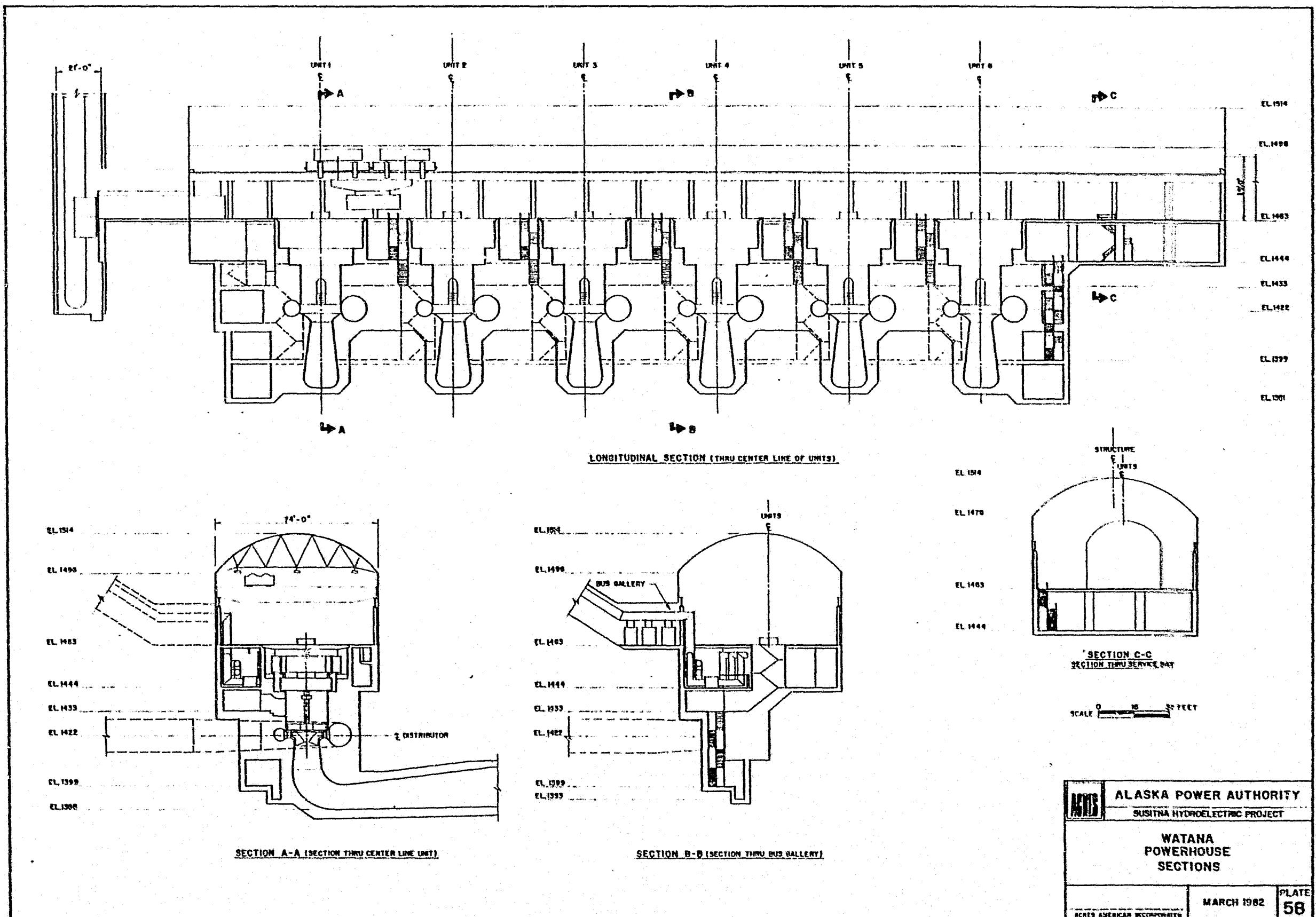
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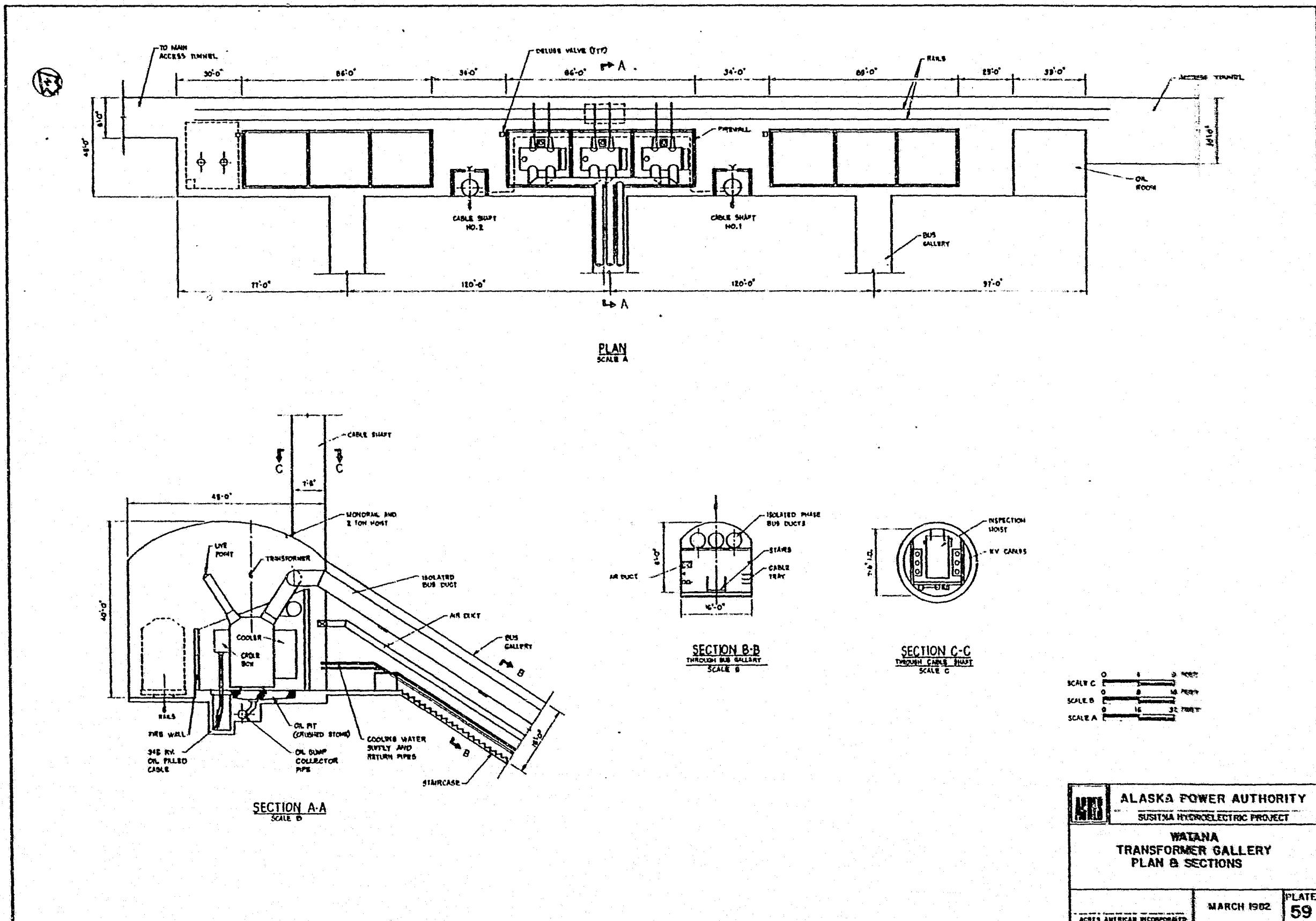
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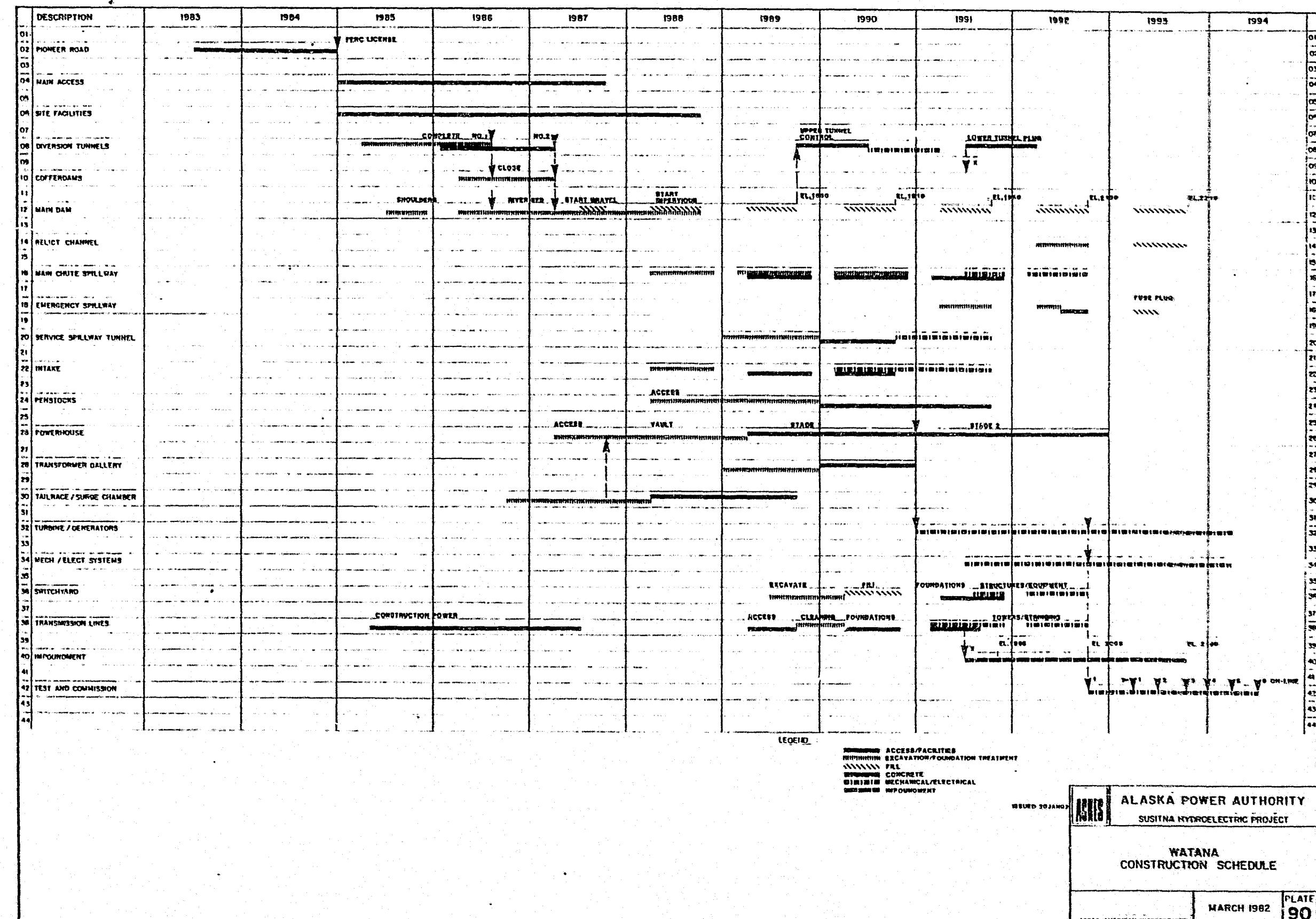


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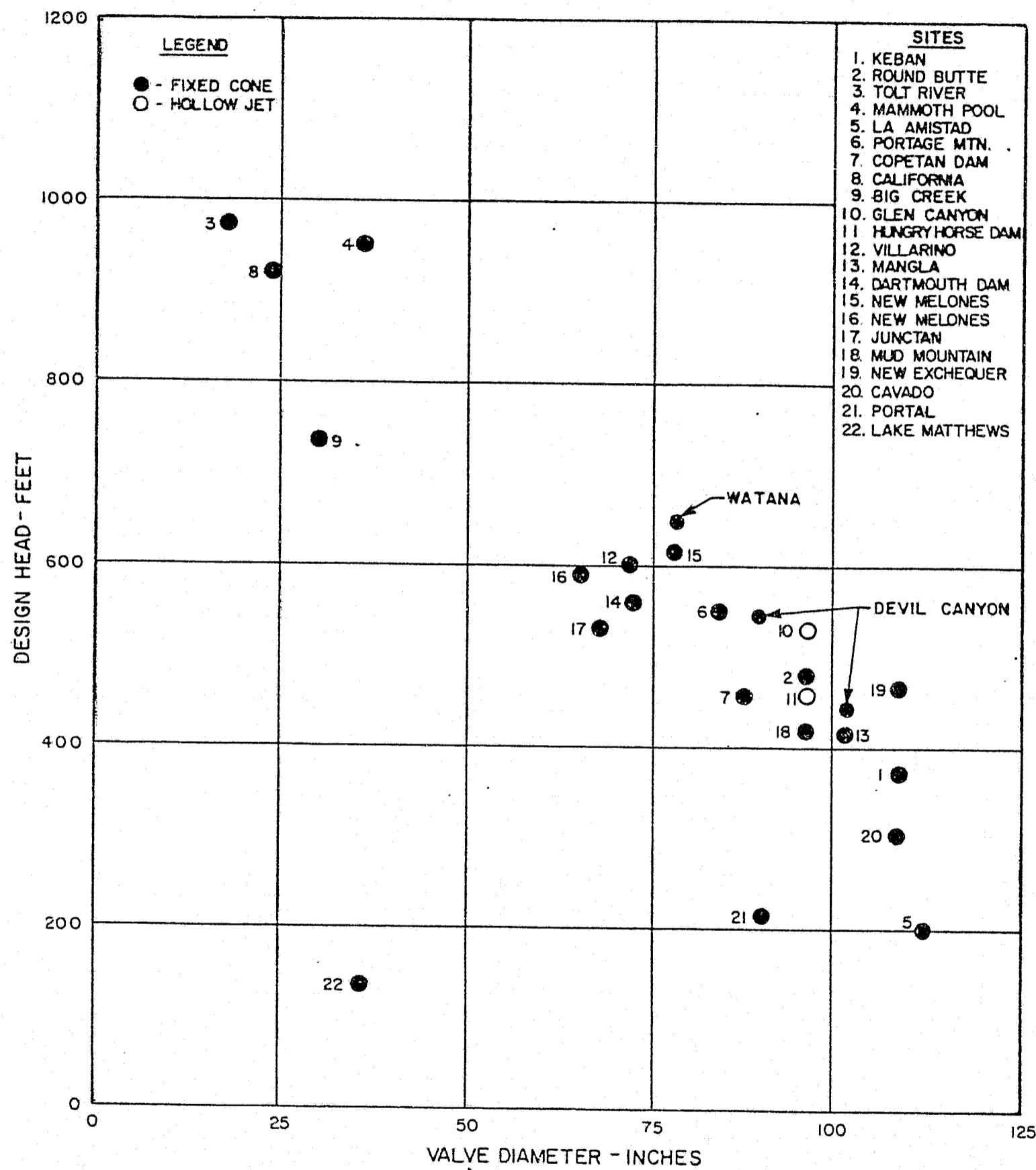




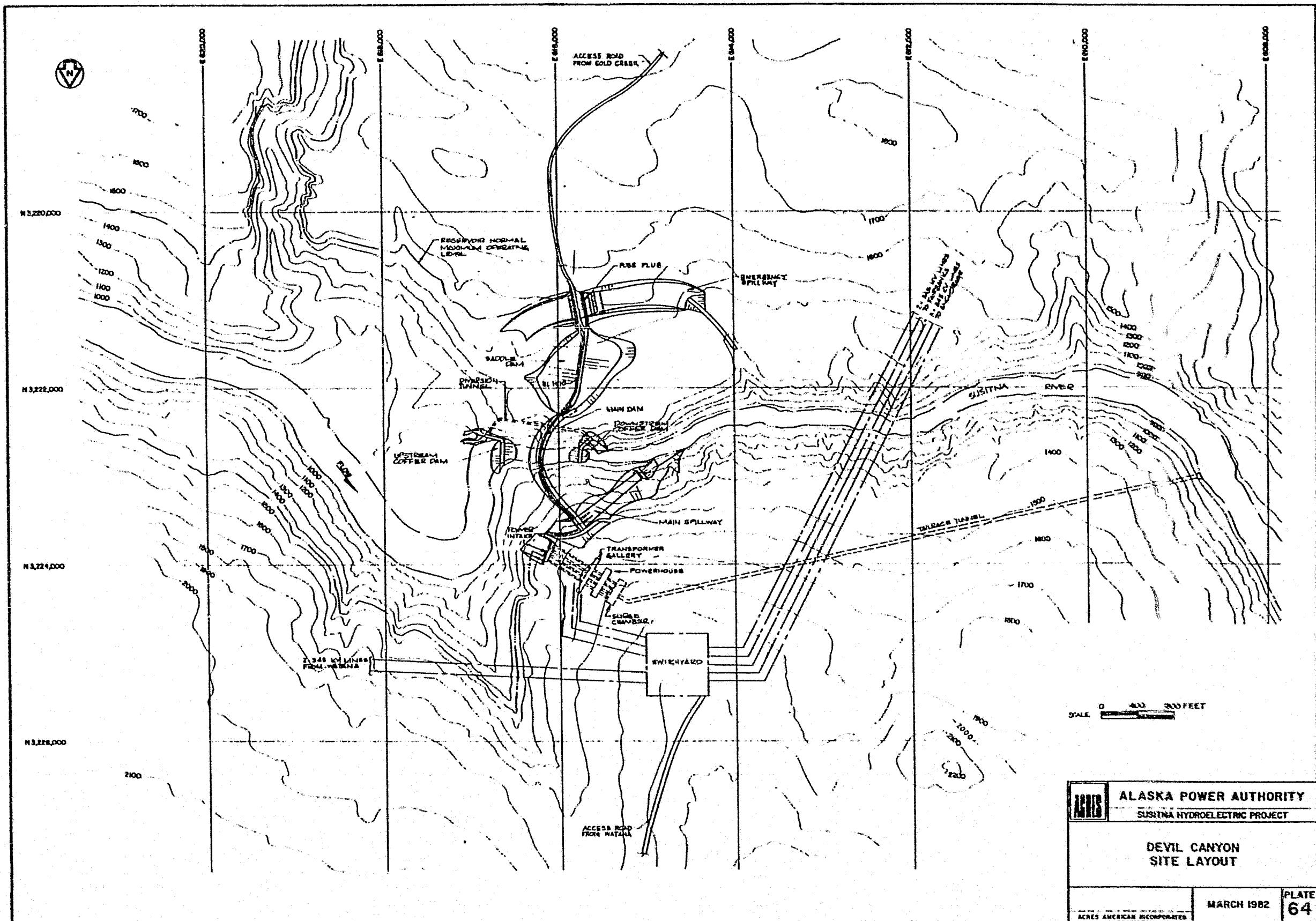
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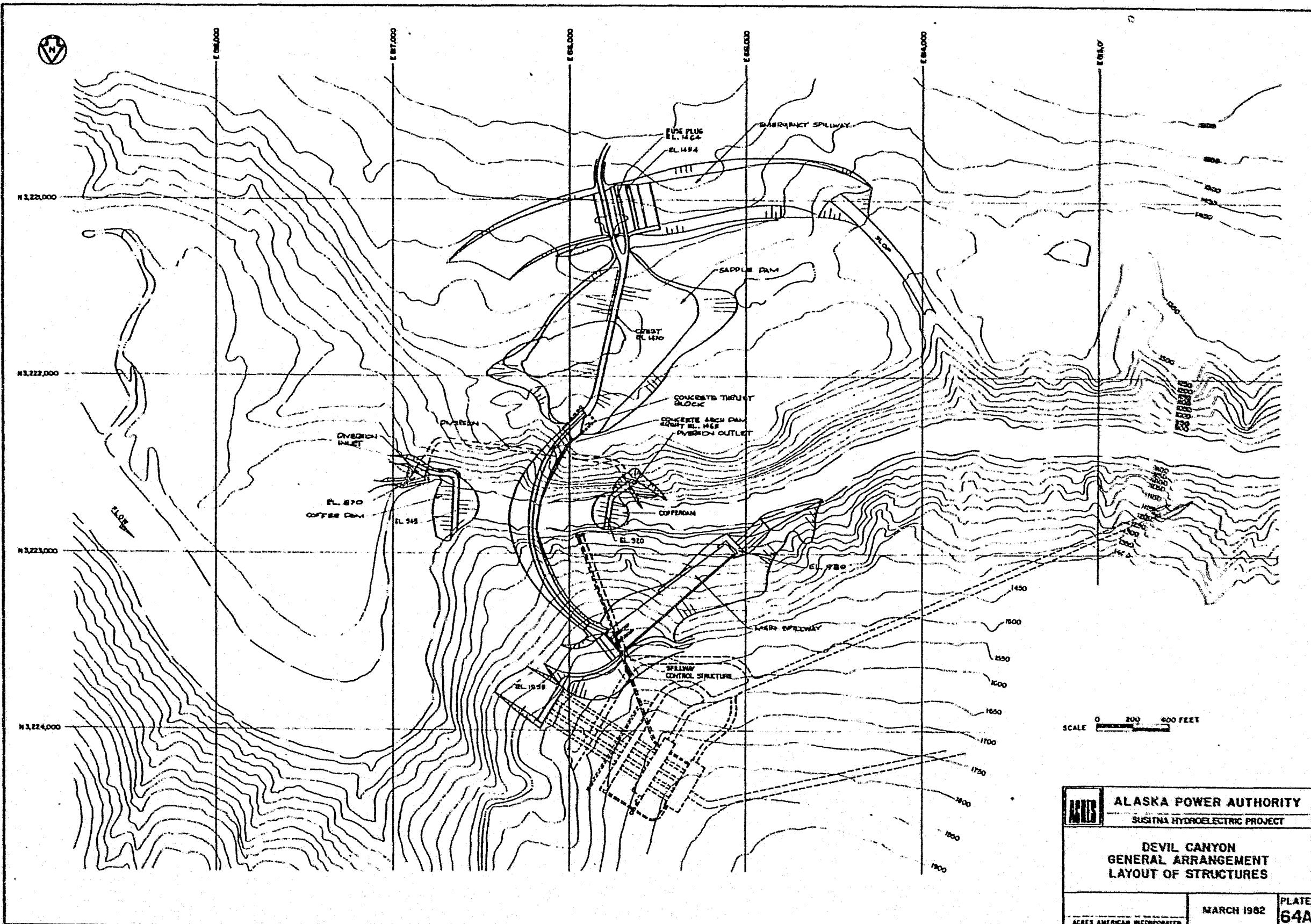
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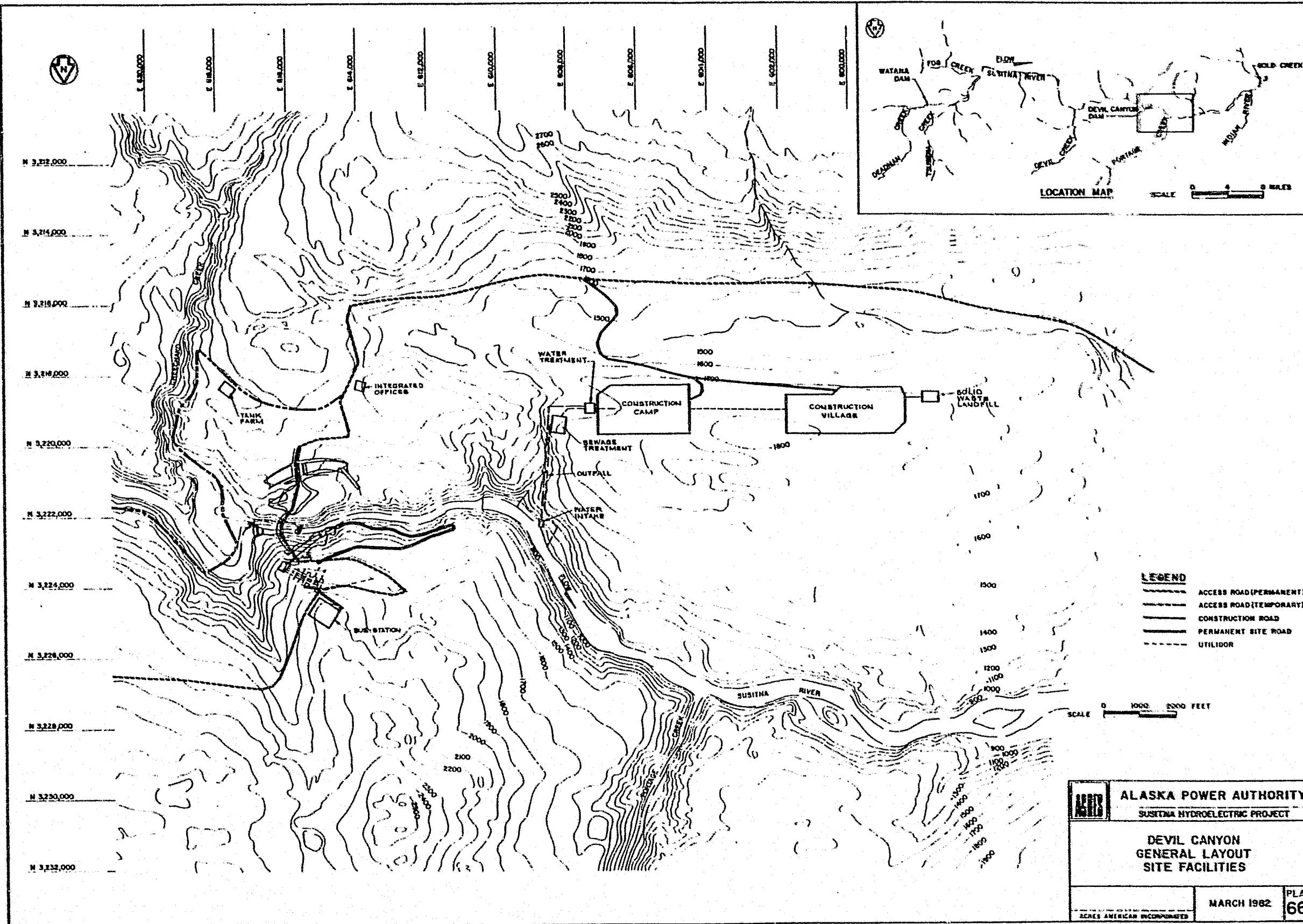
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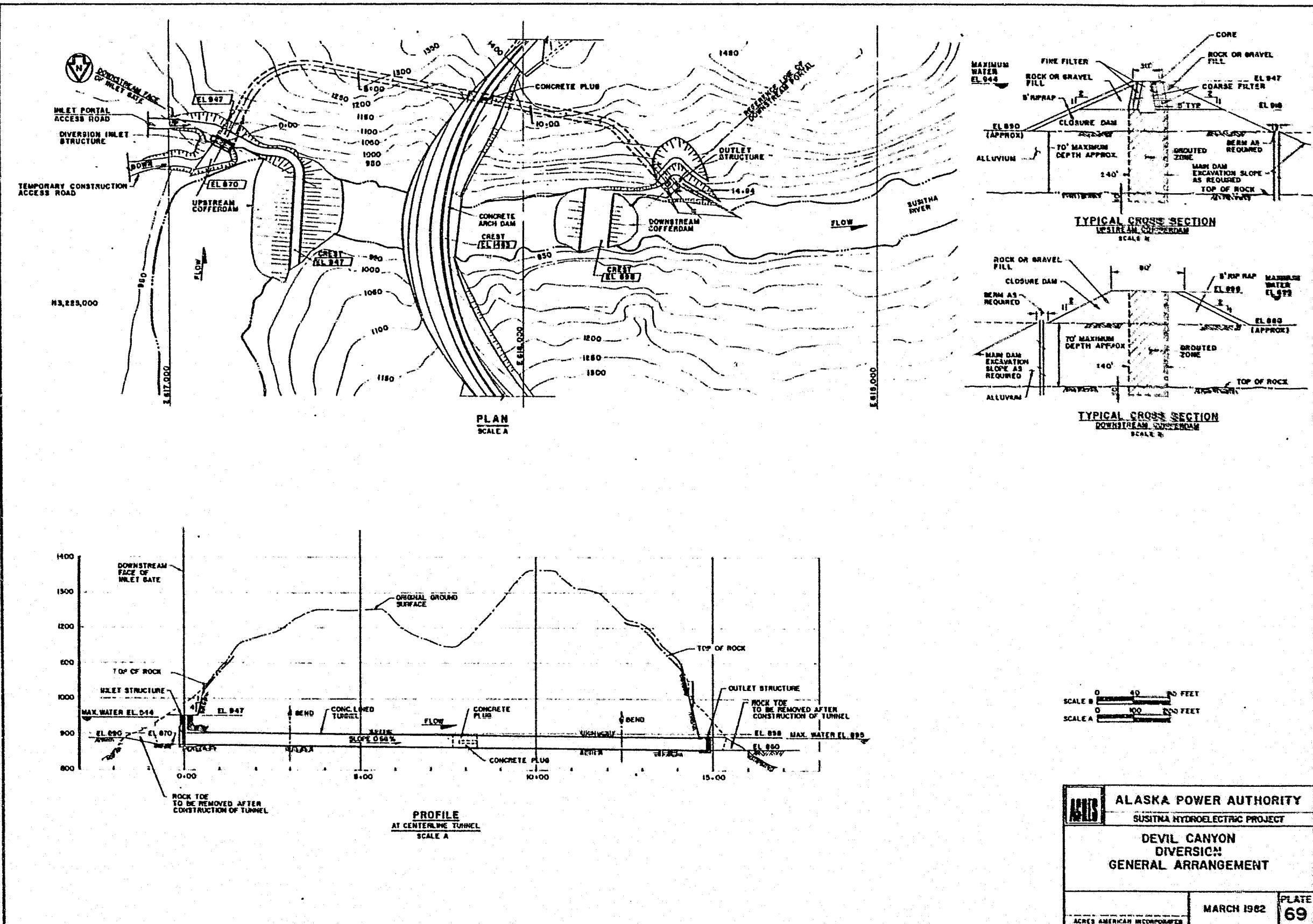


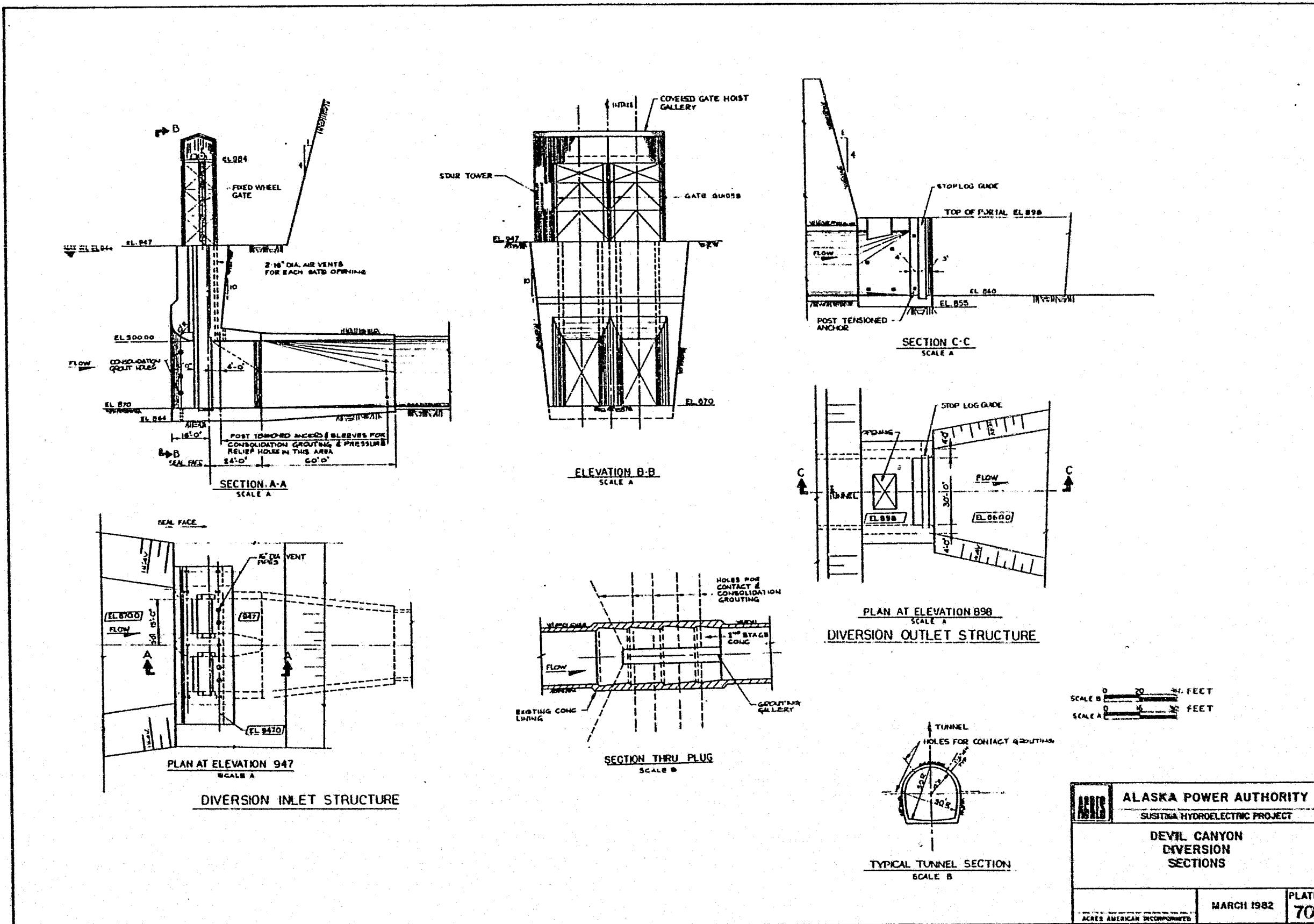
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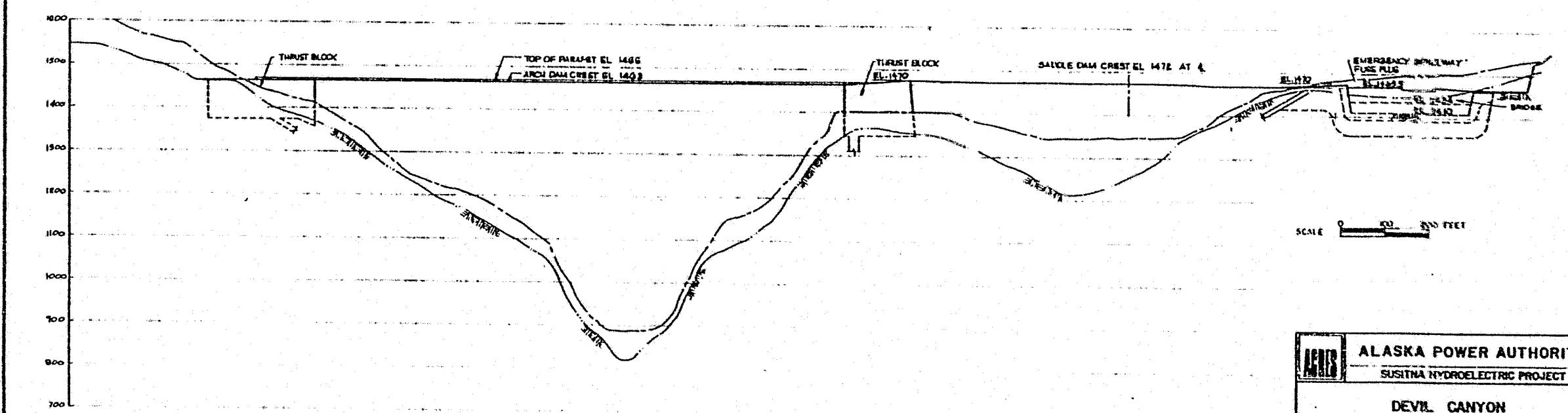
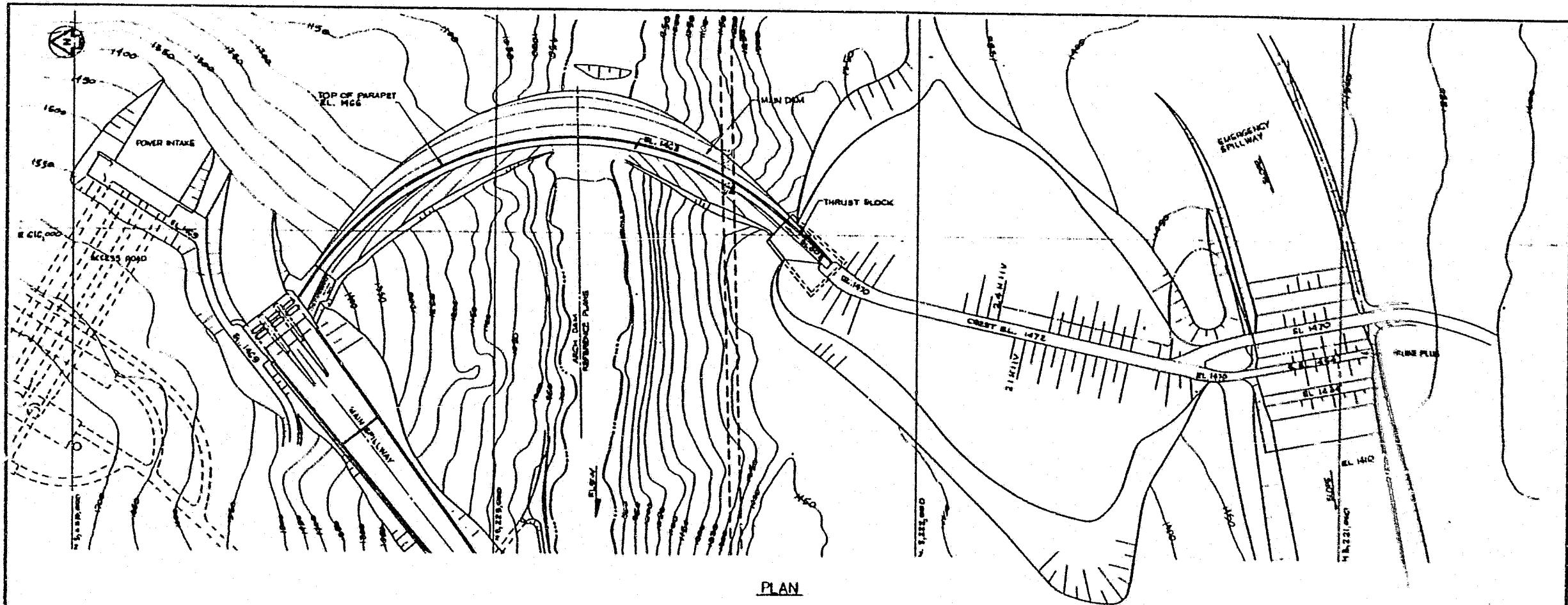


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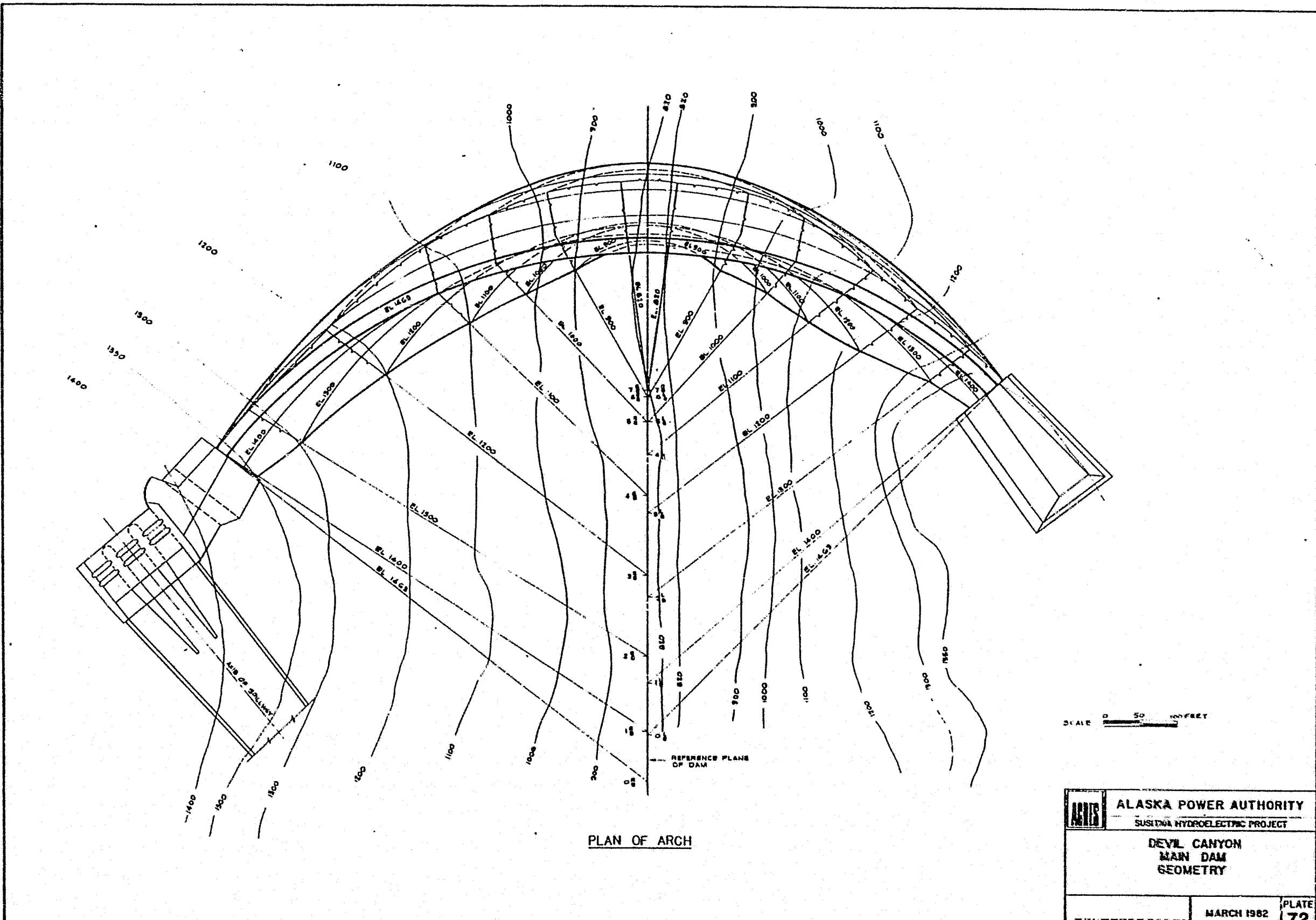
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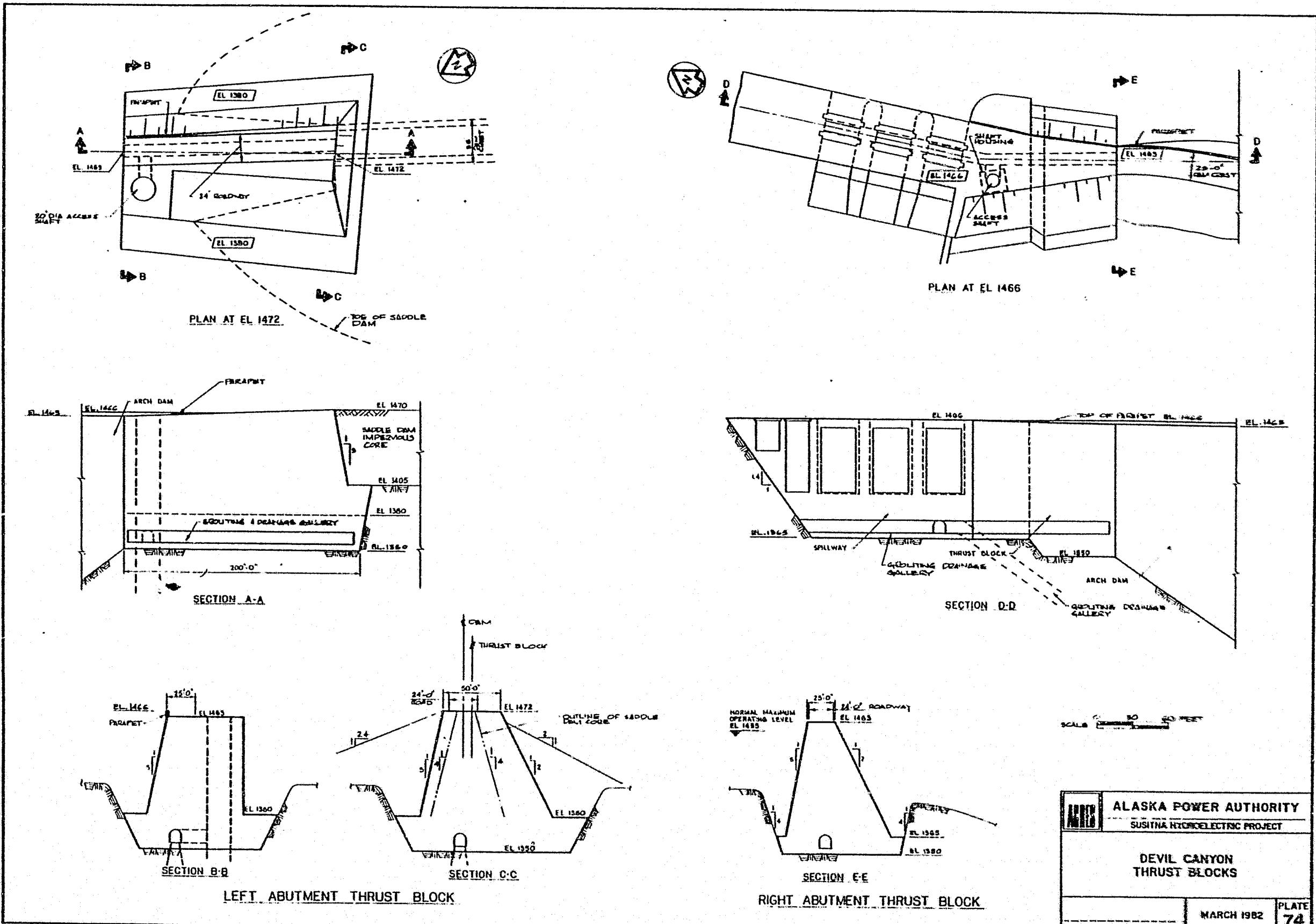
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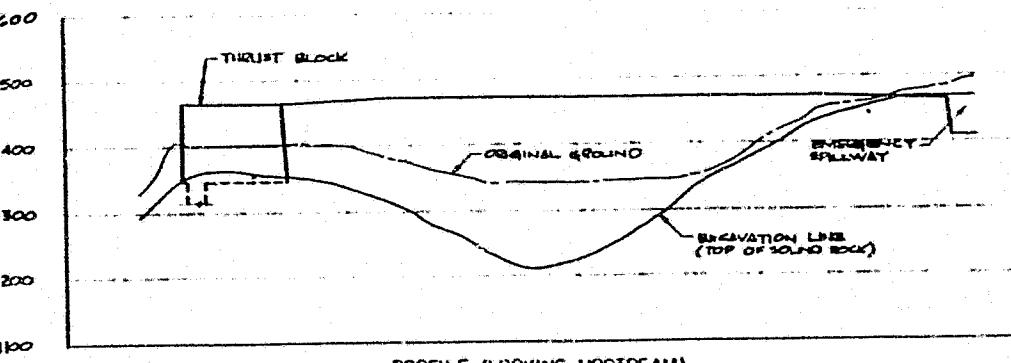


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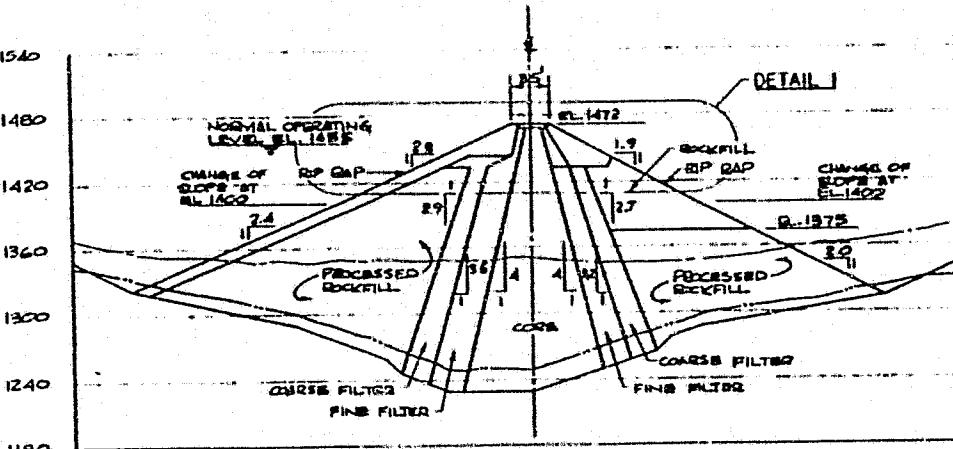
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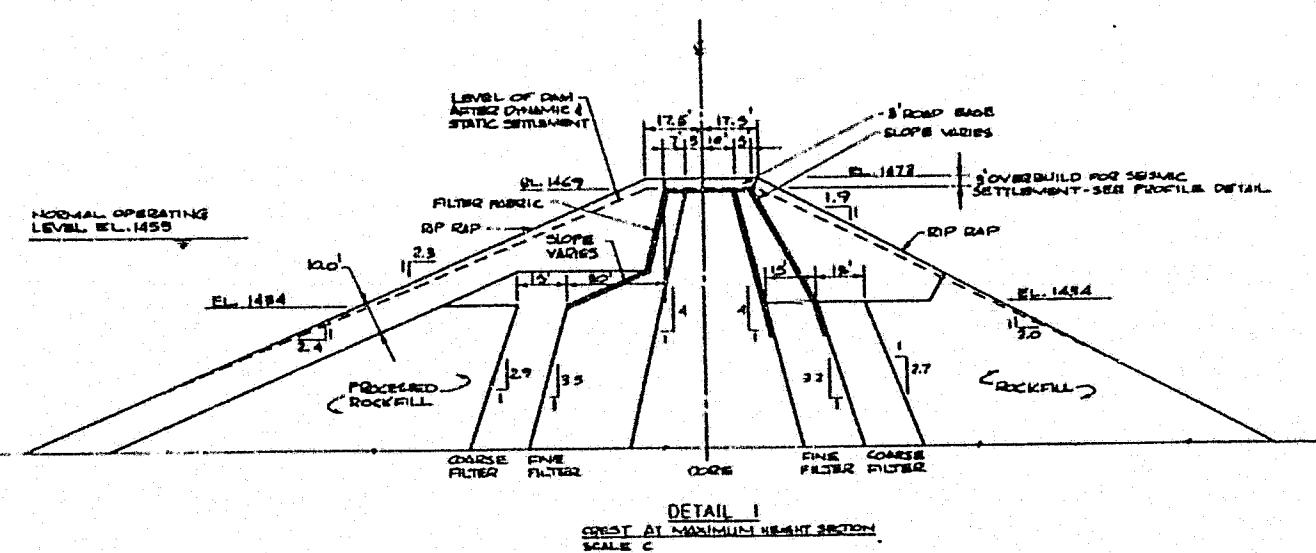
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SECTION THROUGH SADDLE DAM

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**DEVIL CANYON**  
**SADDLE DAM**  
**GENERAL ARRANGEMENT**  
**SECTIONS**

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## **SEVEN CANYON**

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SADDLE DAM**

## **GENERAL ARRANGEMENT**

## **SECTIONS**

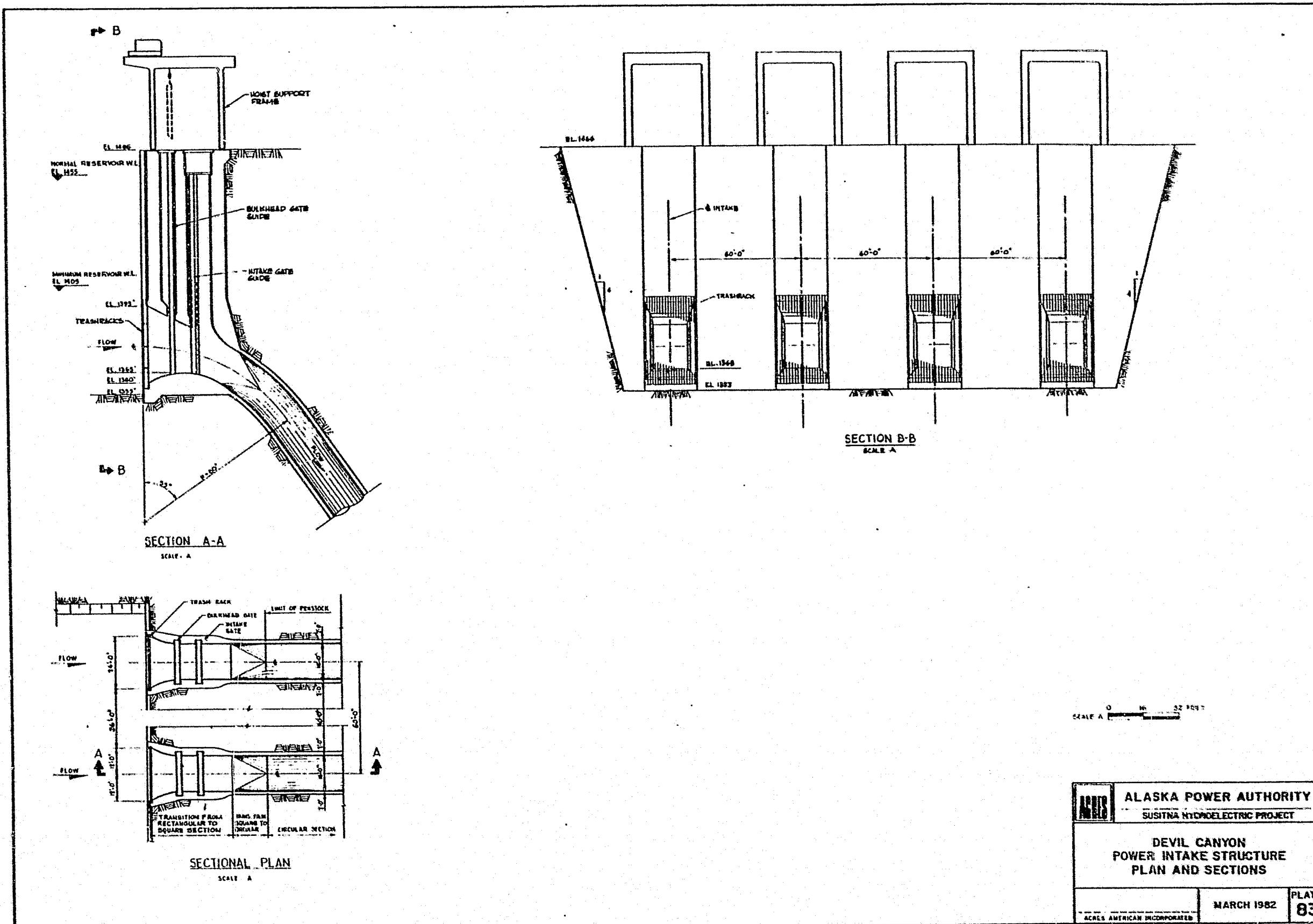
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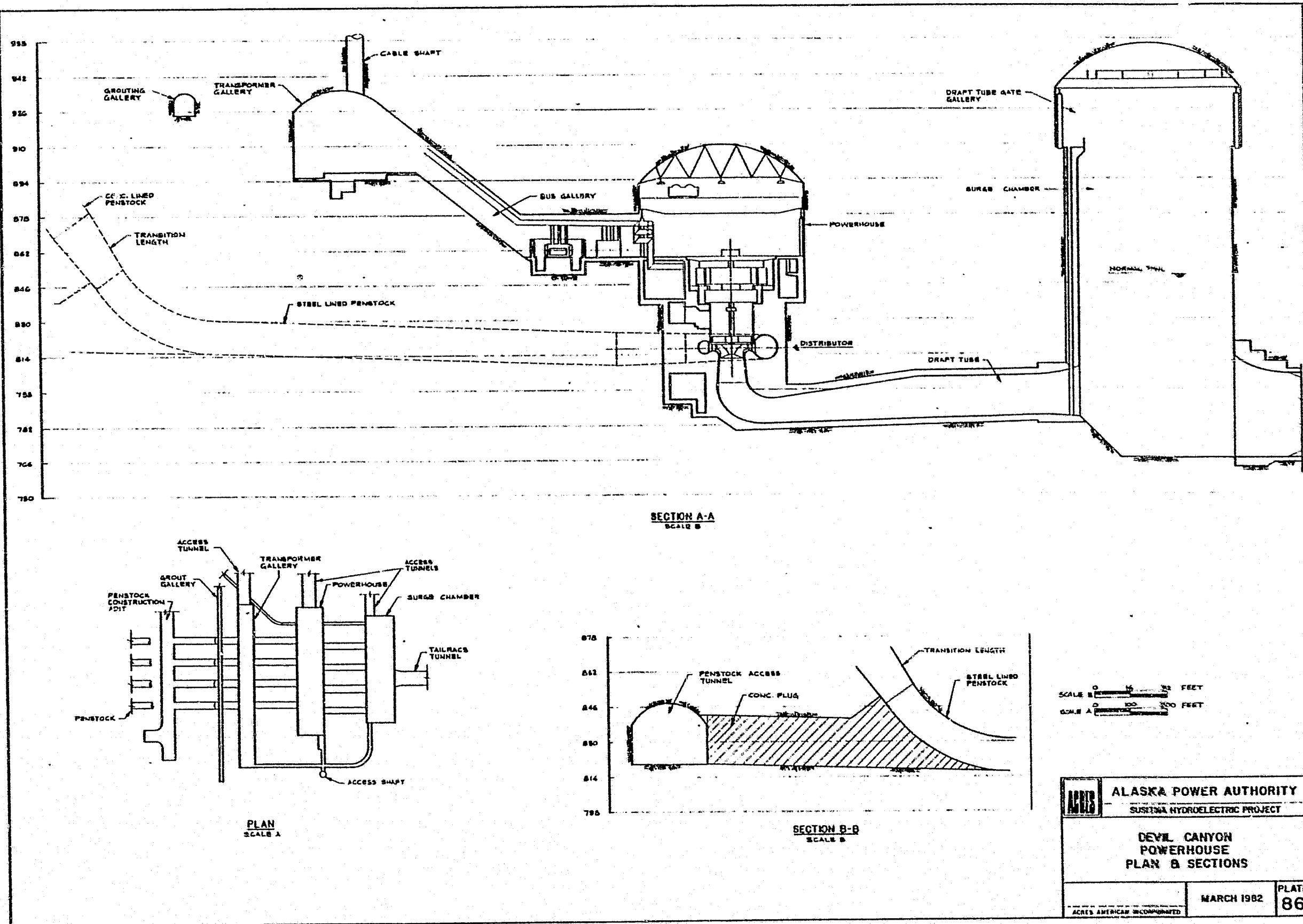
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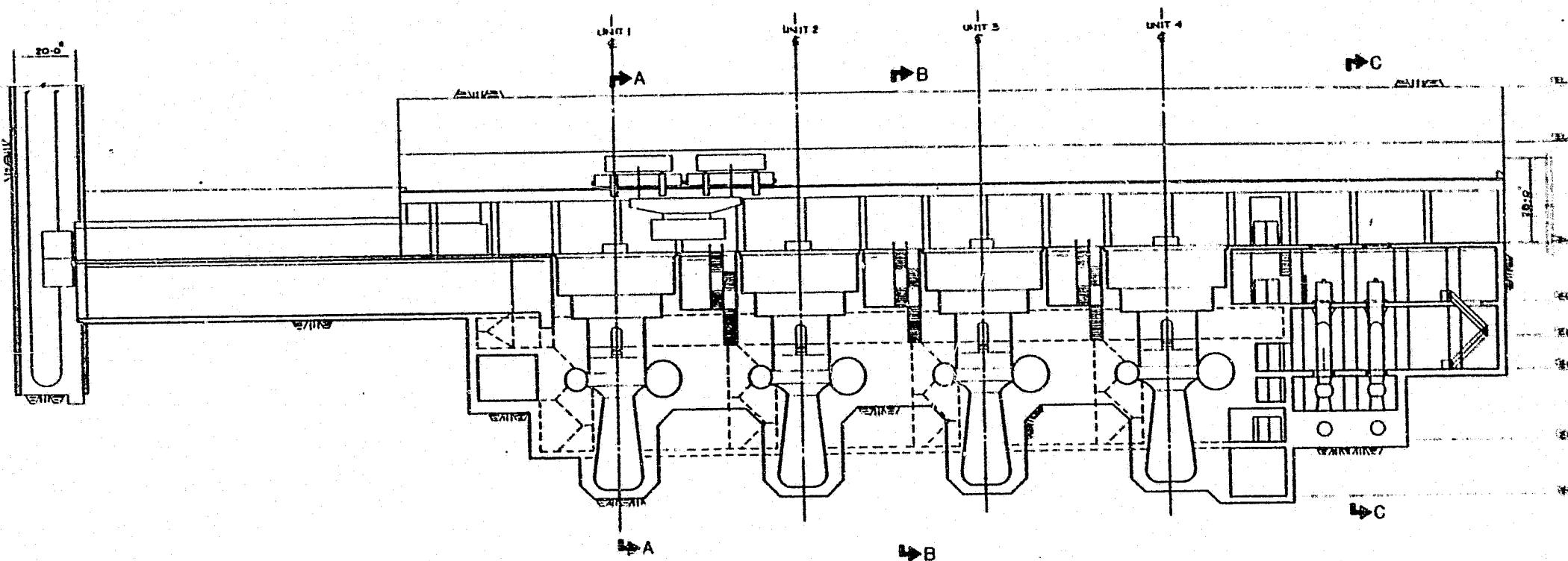
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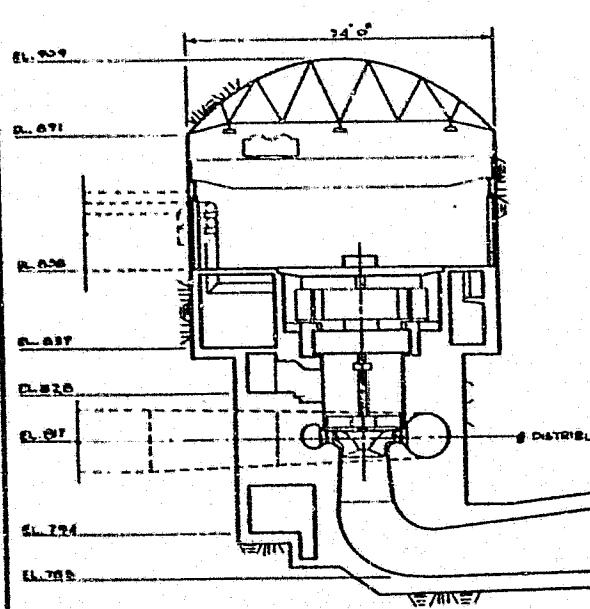
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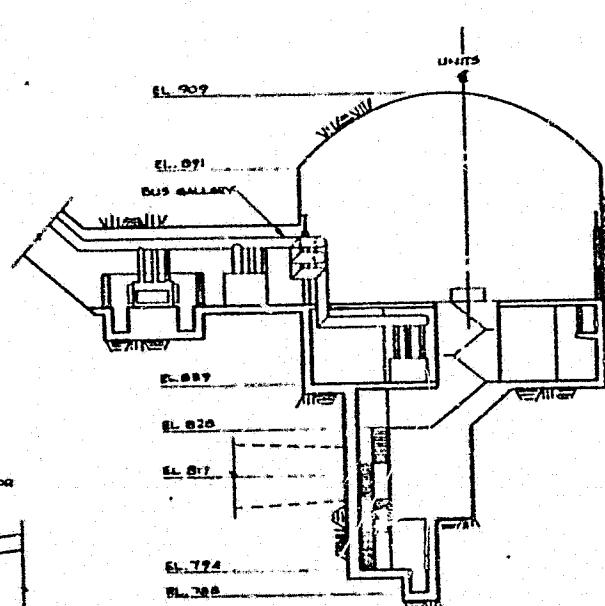




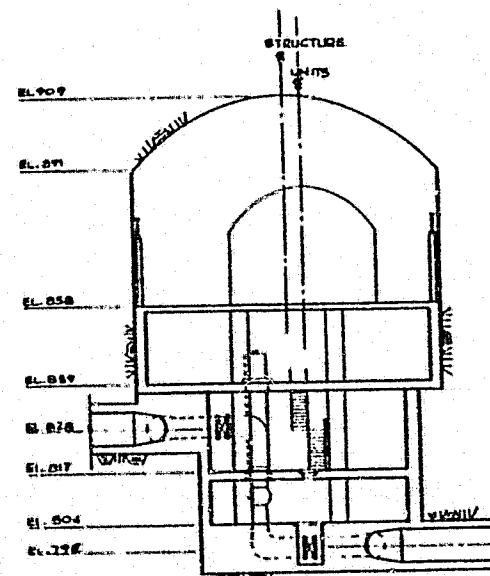
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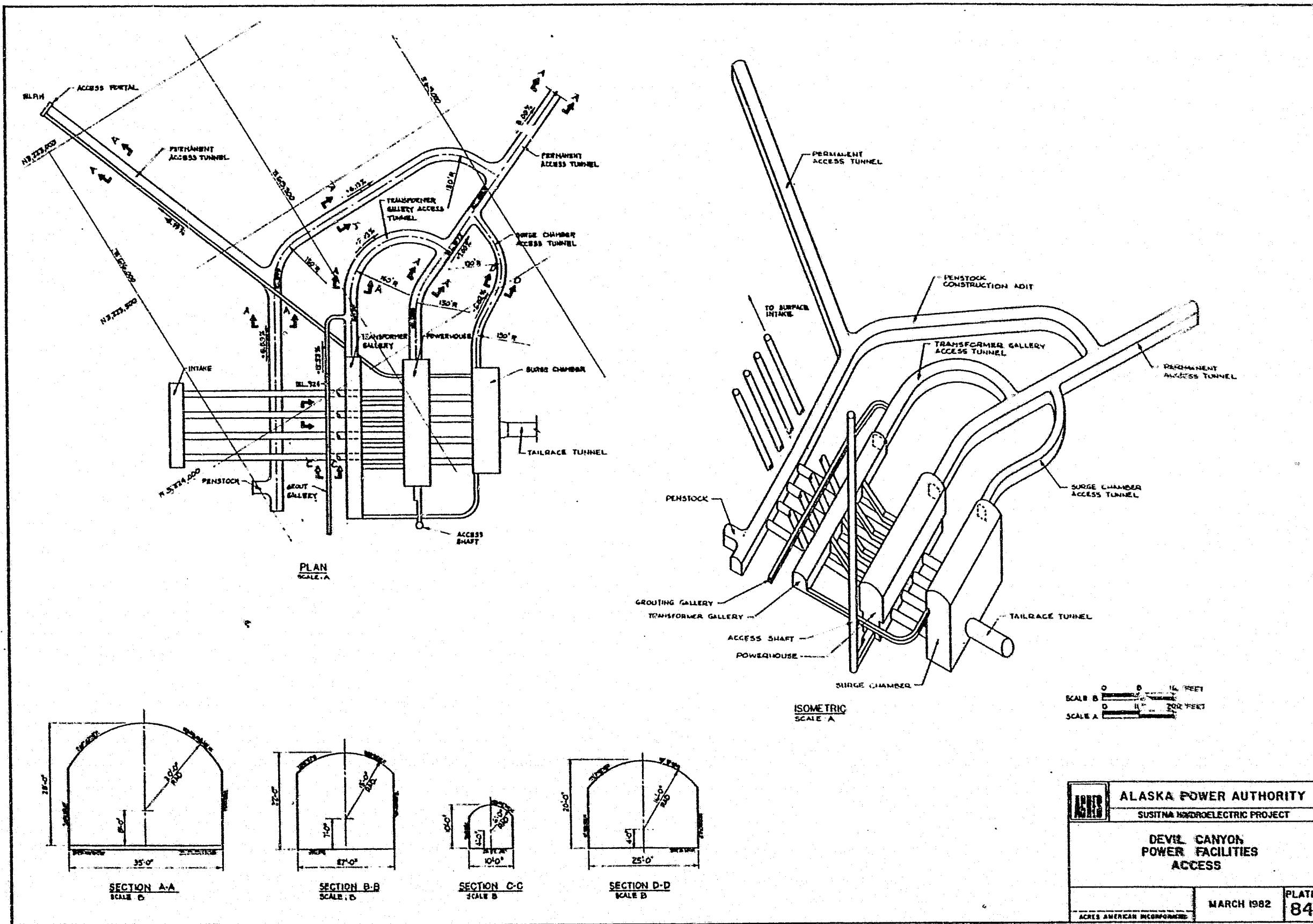


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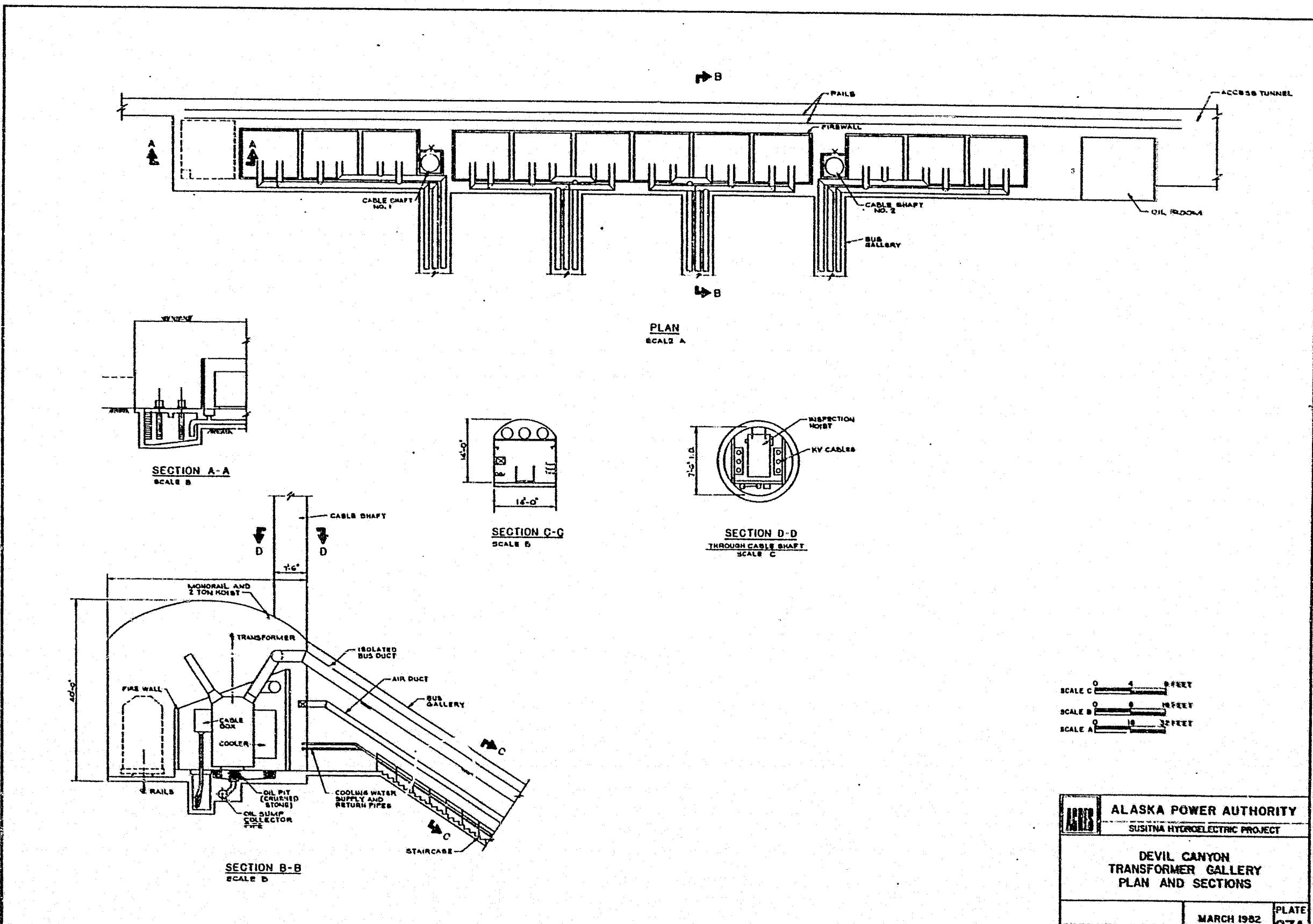
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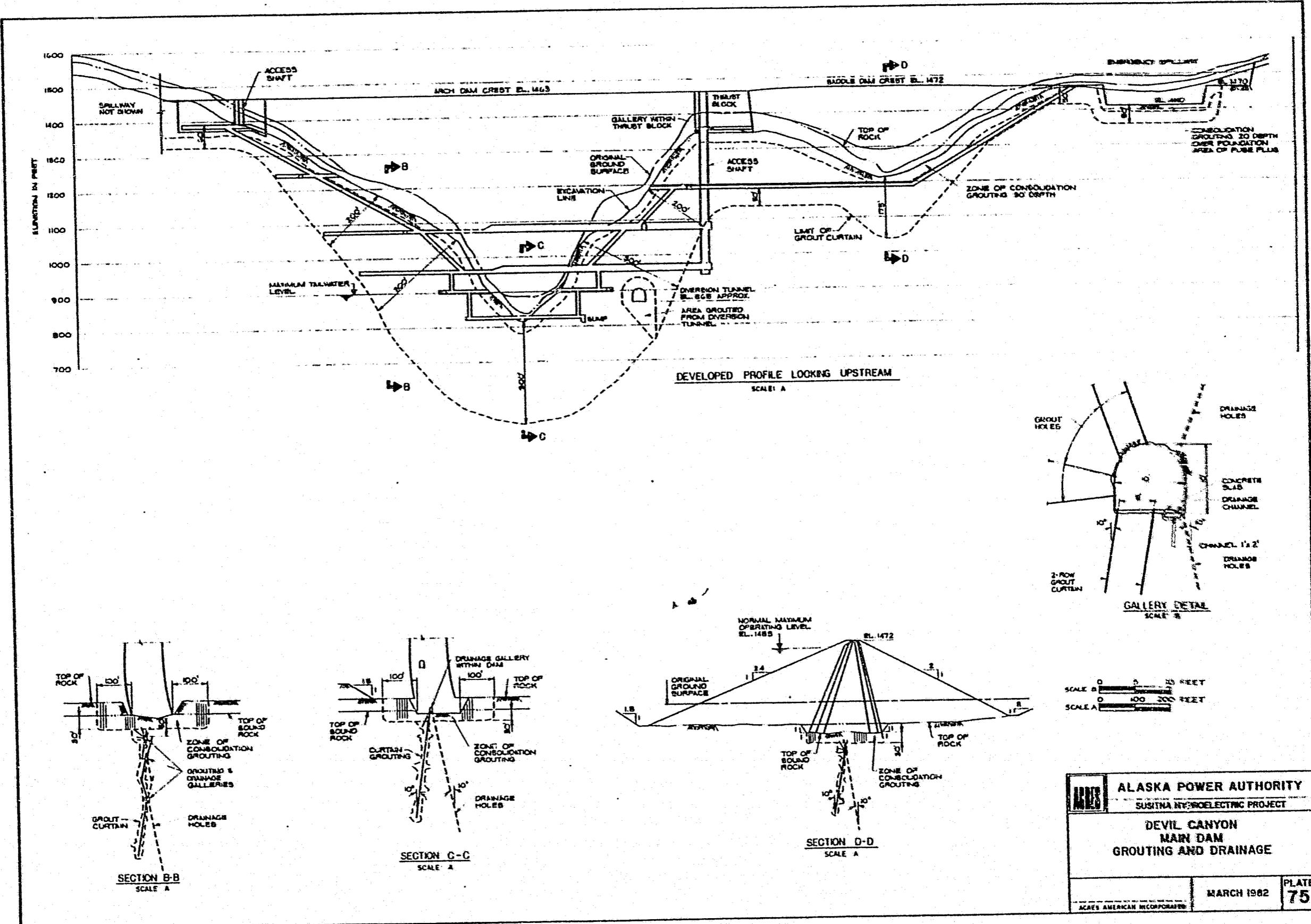
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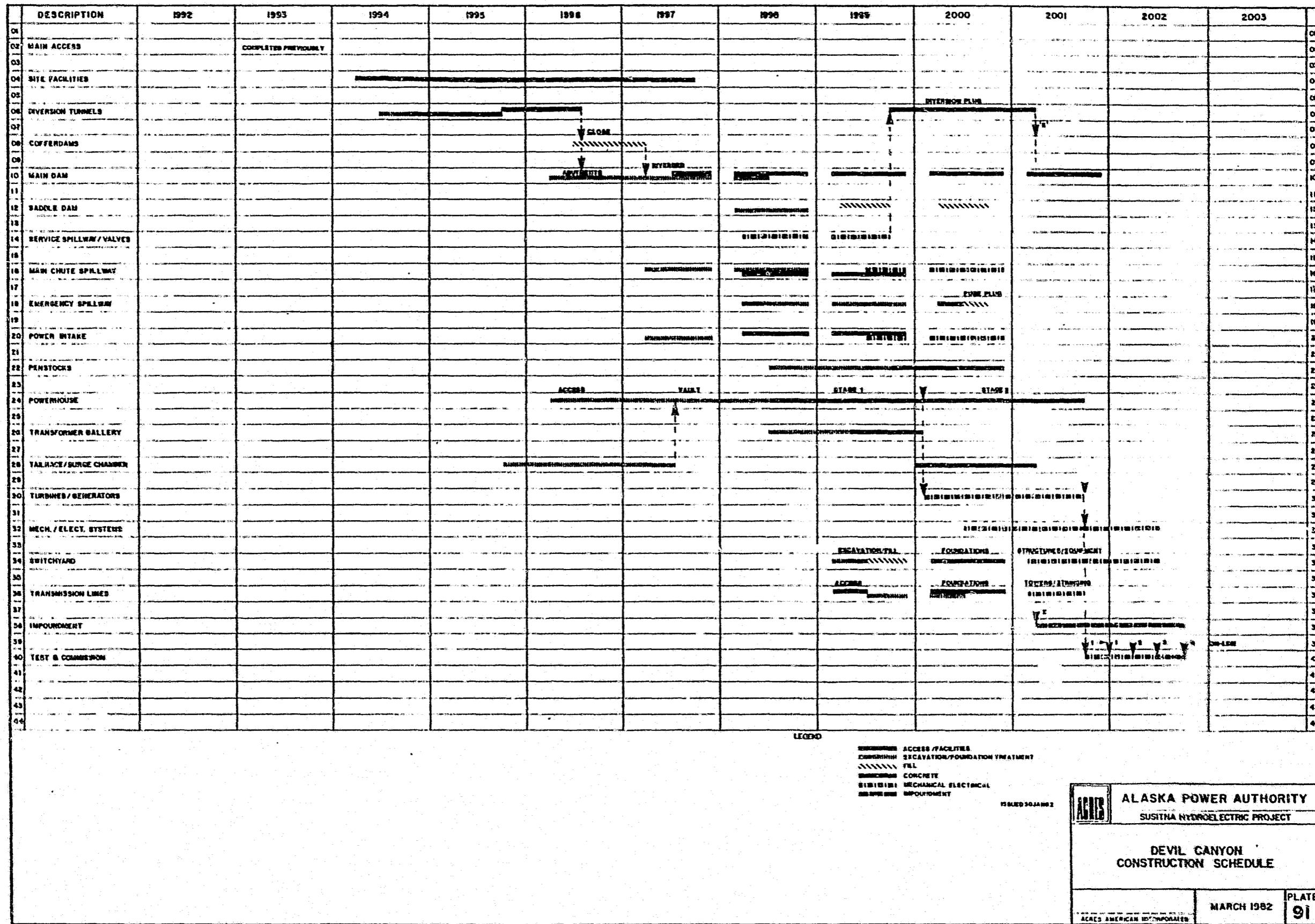


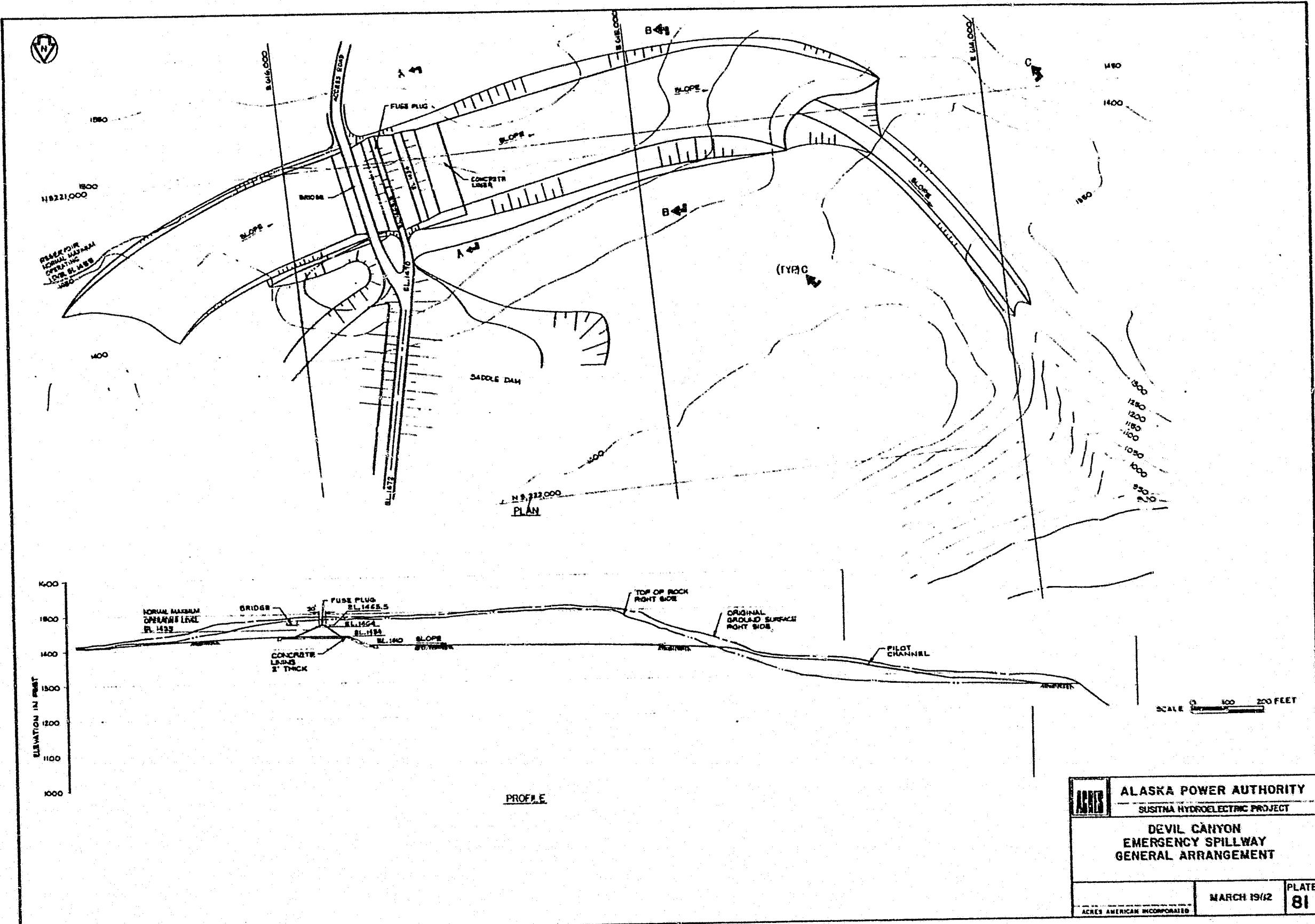
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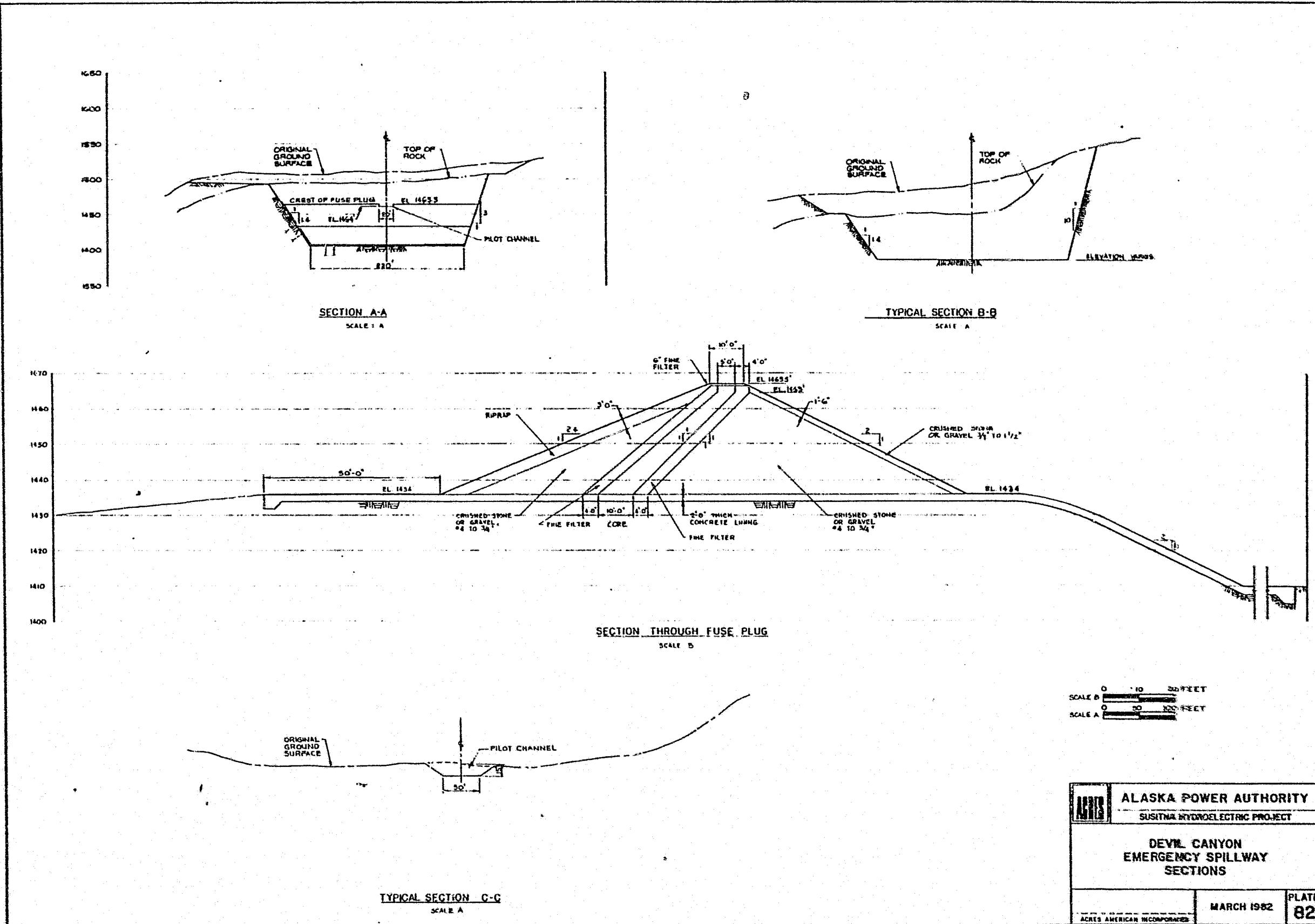
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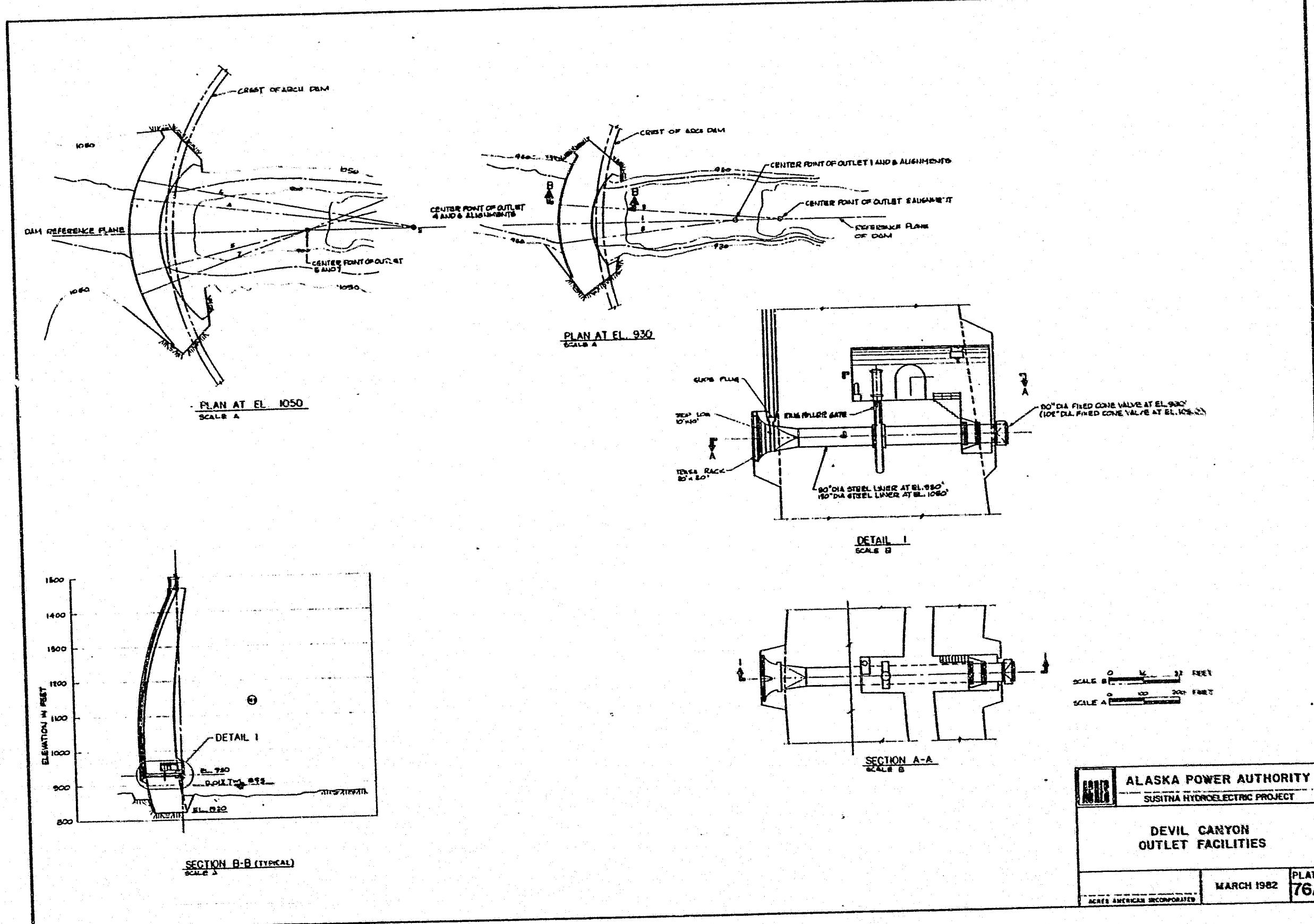


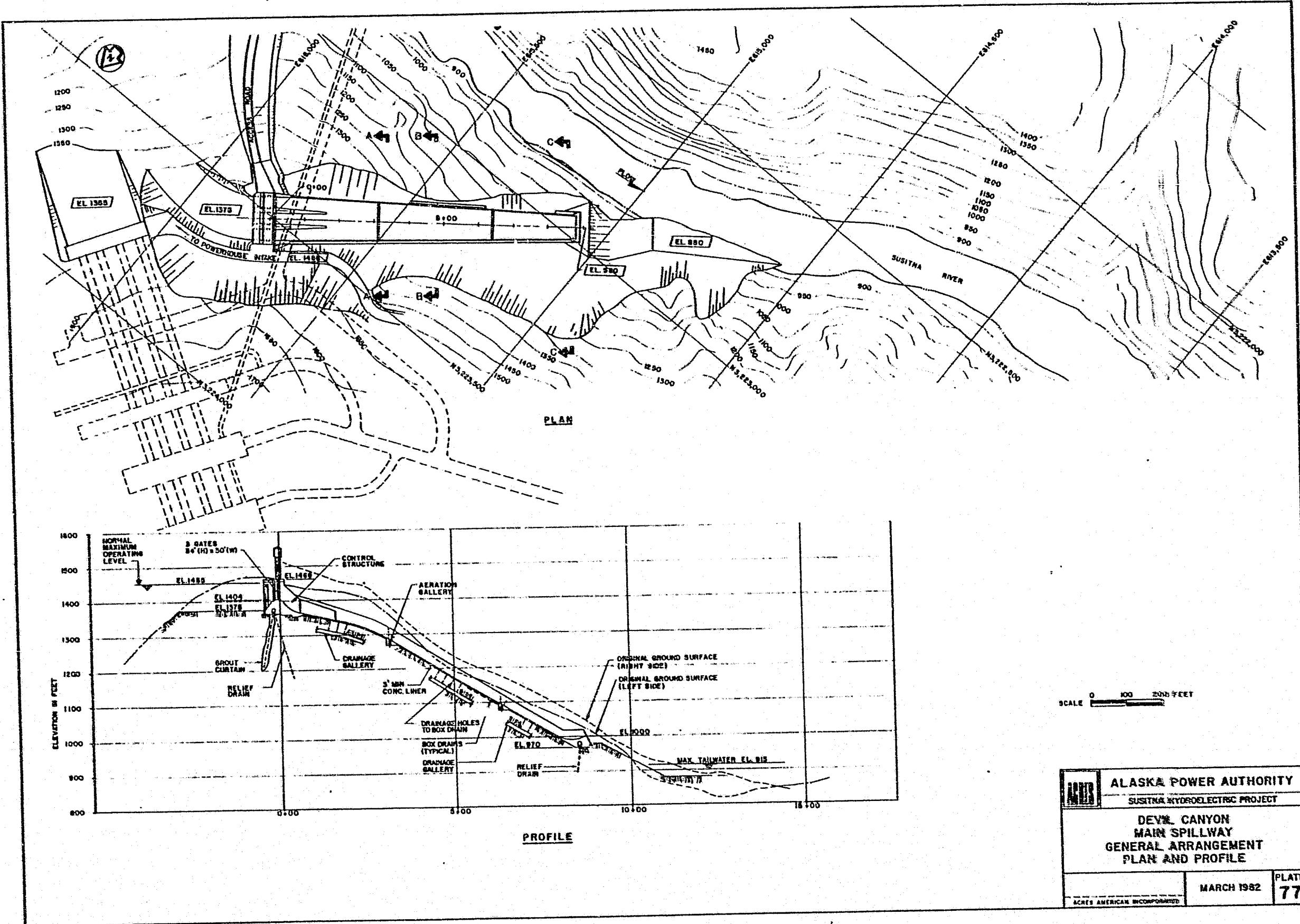


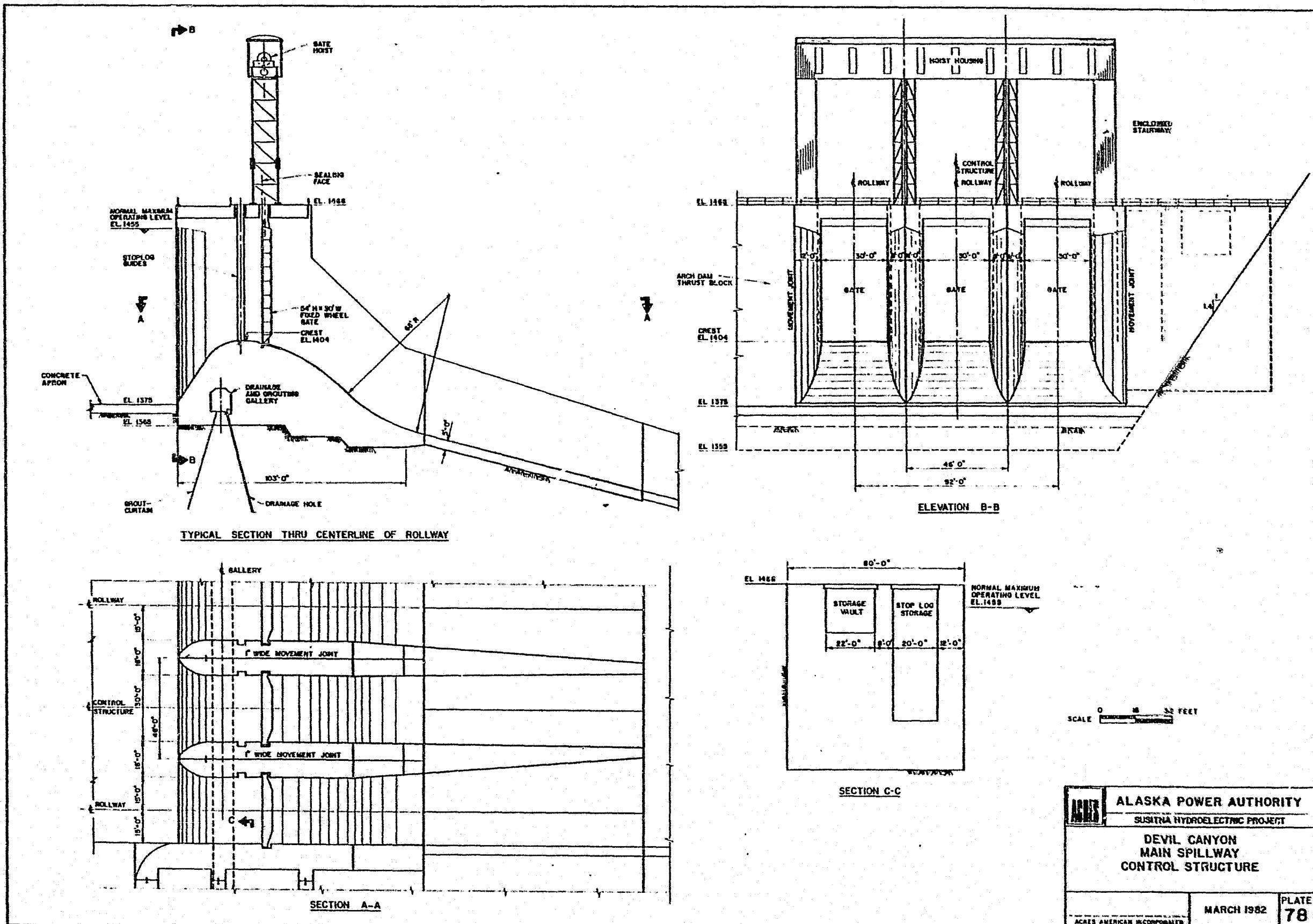


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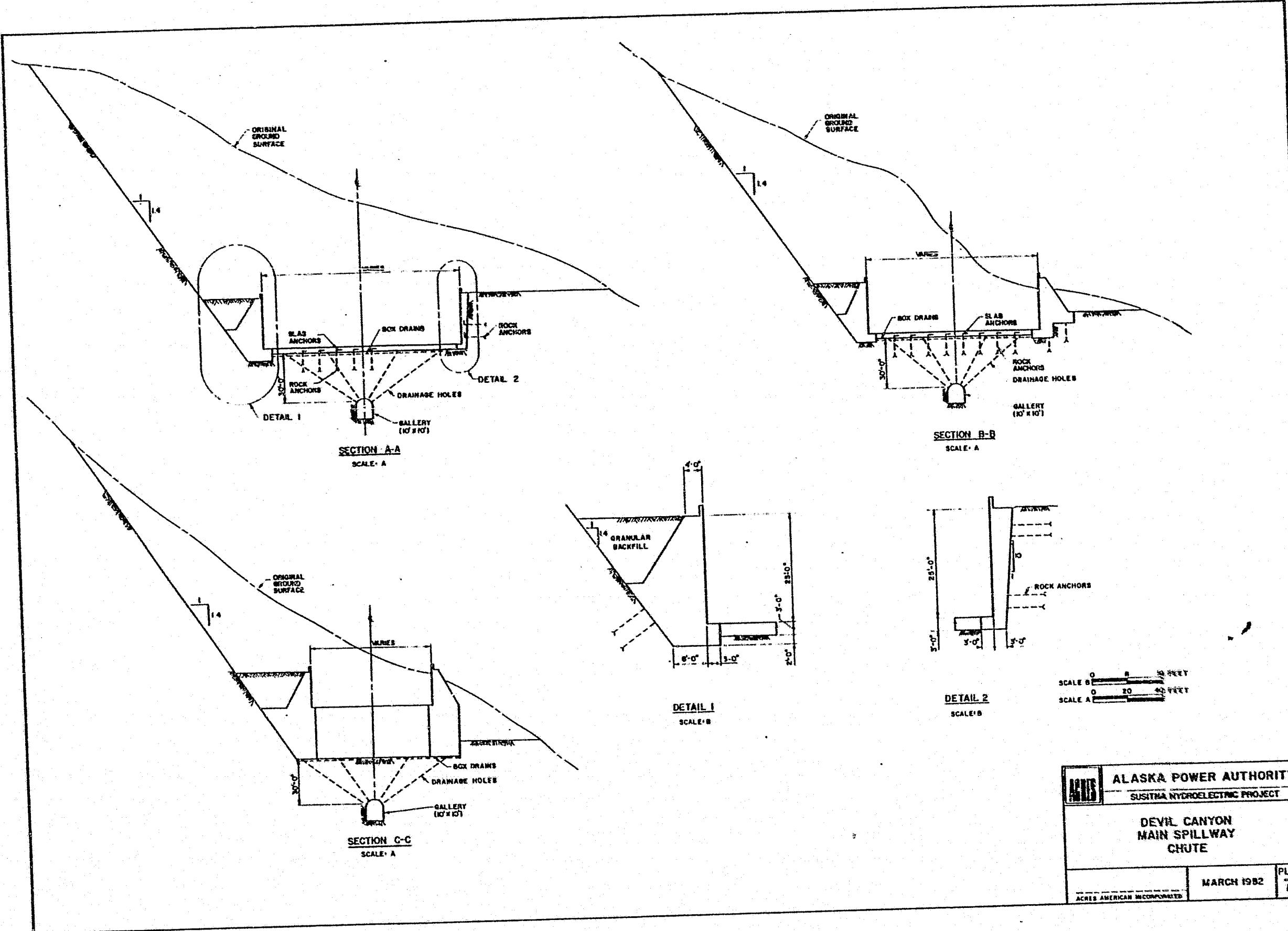
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EMERGENCY SPILLWAY  
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**MAIN SPILLWAY**  
**CONTROL STRUCTURE**



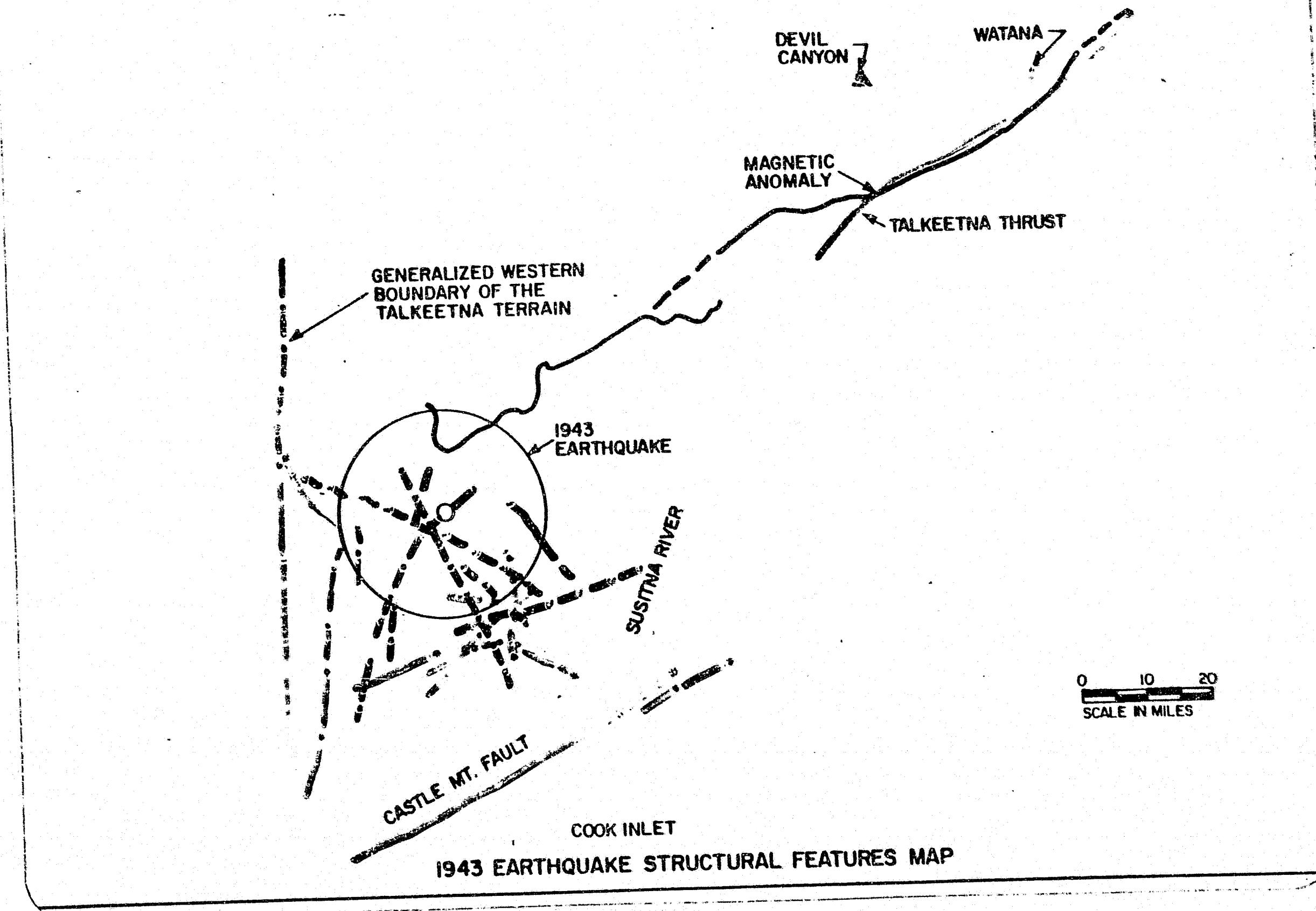
EARTHQUAKE  
GROUND MOTIONS

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>BENIOFF</u>	<u>TERRAIN</u>	
MAGNITUDE	8½	6	6½
SIGNIFICANT DURATION (SEC)	45	6	10
<u>WATANA</u>			
DISTANCE (KM)	63	10	10
MEAN PEAK ACCELERATION (G)	0.35	0.50	?
84TH PERCENTILE ACCELERATION (G)	?	?	?
<u>DEVIL CANYON</u>			
DISTANCE (KM)	90	10	10
MEAN PEAK ACCELERATION (G)	0.30	0.50	0.50
84TH PERCENTILE ACCELERATION (G)	?	?	?

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TERRAIN EQ.  
MAGNITUDE  
 $6\frac{1}{4}$  TO  $6\frac{1}{2}$

1943 EARTHQUAKE  
RELATIONSHIP TO  
SITES



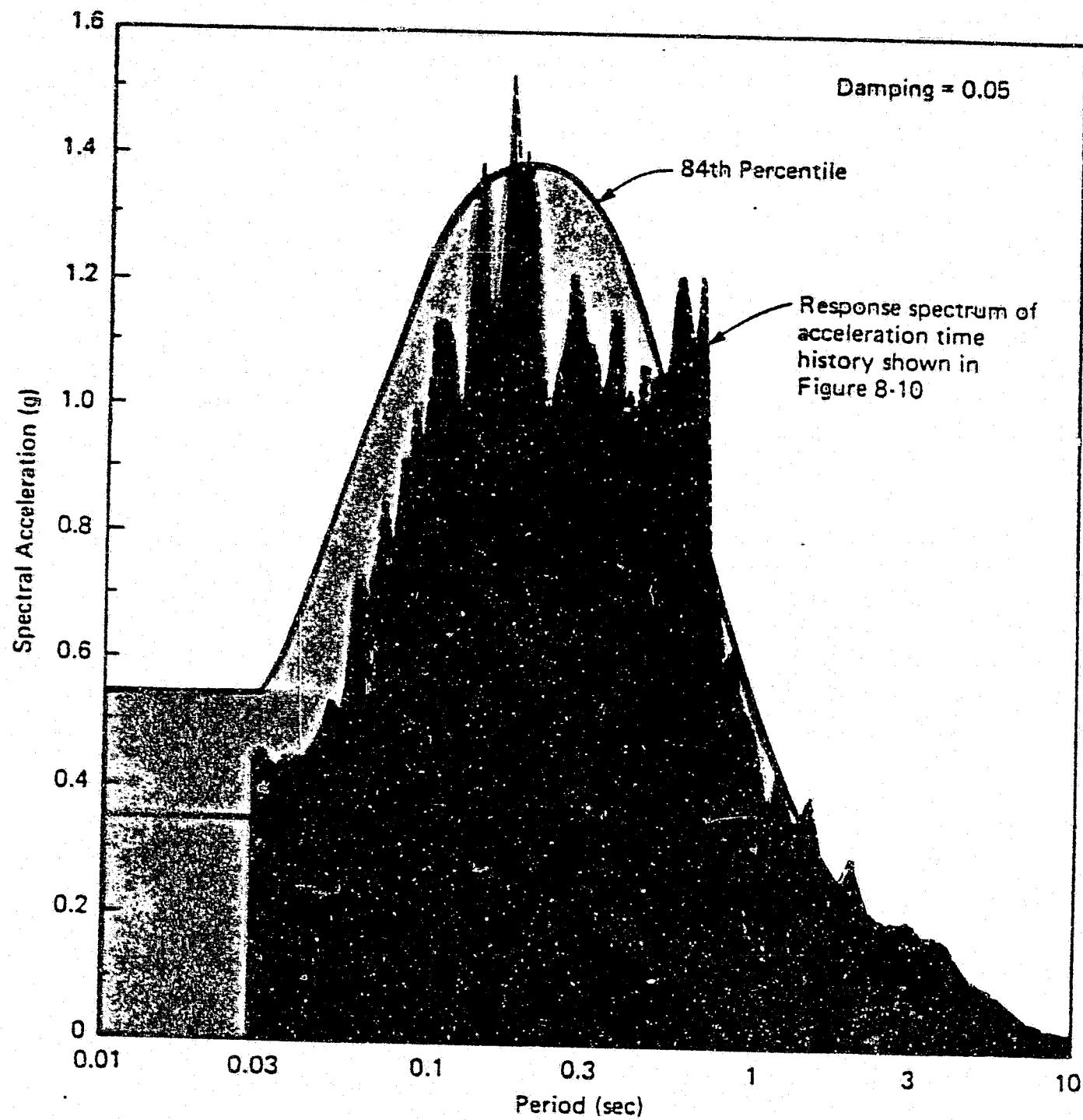
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- FILL DAMS - TIME HISTORY  
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- ARCH DAM - RESPONSE SPECTRA -  
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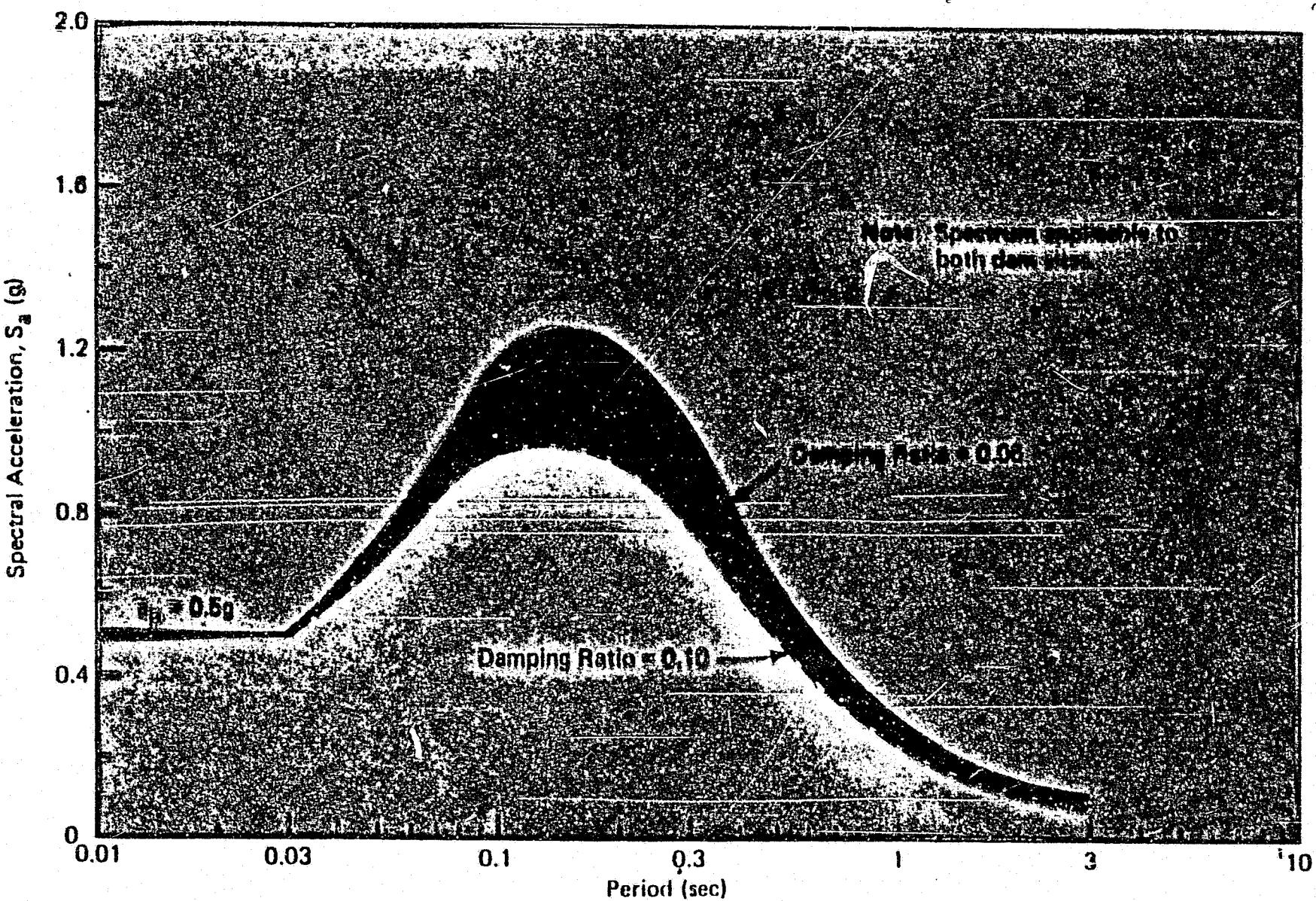
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RESPONSE SPECTRA FOR A MAXIMUM EARTHQUAKE ON THE BENIOFF ZONE

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MEAN RESPONSE SPECTRA FOR MAXIMUM  
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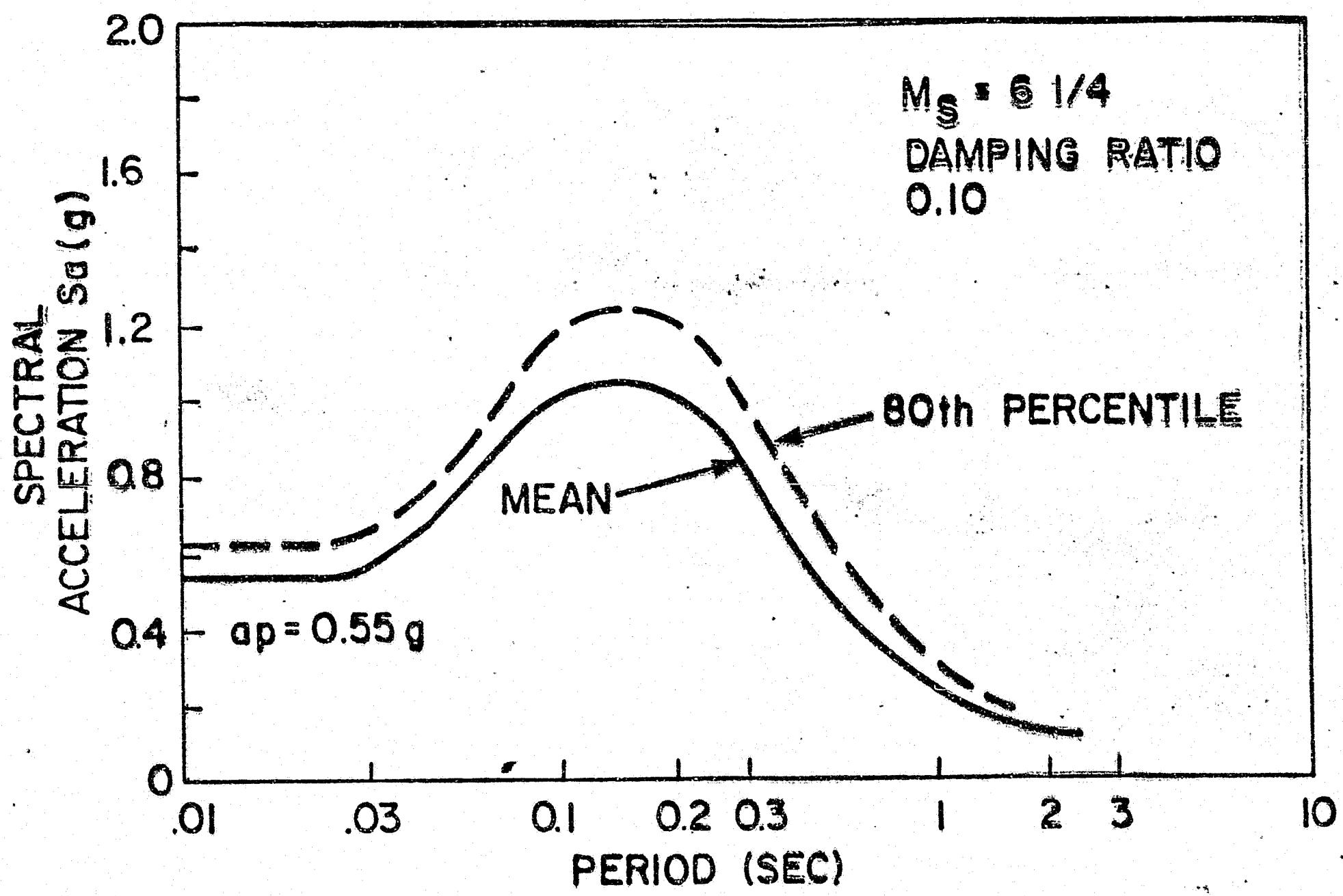
# EARTHQUAKE

## GROUND MOTIONS

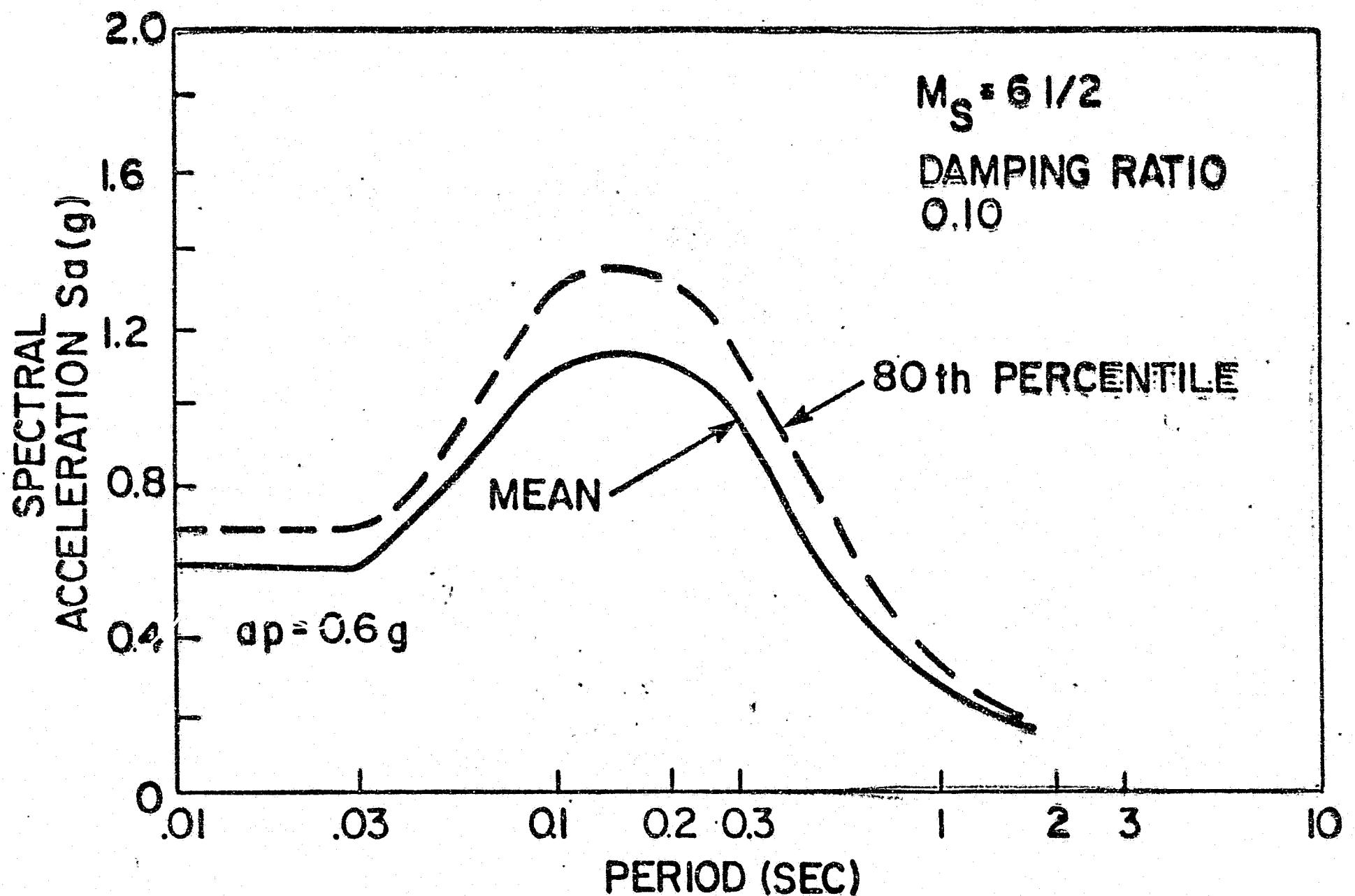
SOURCE	<u>BENIOFF</u>	<u>TERRAIN</u>
MAGNITUDE	8 1/2	6 6 1/2
SIGNIFICANT DURATION (SEC)	45	6 ~10
<u>WATANA</u>		
DISTANCE (KM)	63	<10 <10
MEAN PEAK ACCELERATION (g)	Q35	0.50 0.60?
84th PERCENTILE ACCELERATION (g)	0.55	Q60? 0.70?
<u>DEVIL CANYON</u>		
DISTANCE (KM)	90	<10 <10
MEAN PEAK ACCELERATION (g)	Q30	0.50 0.60?
84th PERCENTILE ACCELERATION (g)	0.47	Q60? 0.70?

## ARCH DAM

- SAFETY EVALUATION EARTHQUAKE  
*(SEED)*
- BASED ON TERRAIN EARTHQUAKE MOTIONS
- MAGNITUDE "6 1/4 TO 6 1/2" CENTER 10 KM FROM DAM
- STRUCTURE DESIGNED ~~TO WITHSTAND~~  
EFFECTIVE PEAK ACCELERATION OF  
0.8 x 80th PERCENTILE  
SEE ACCELERATION



MEAN RESPONSE SPECTRA  
MAX. TERRAIN EQS



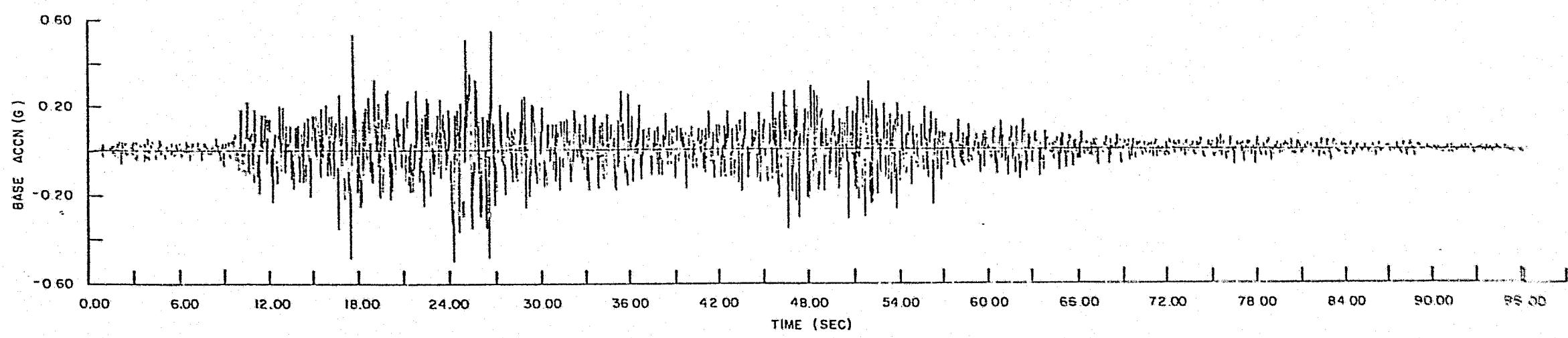
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APPROACH TO  
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## **ARCH DAM**

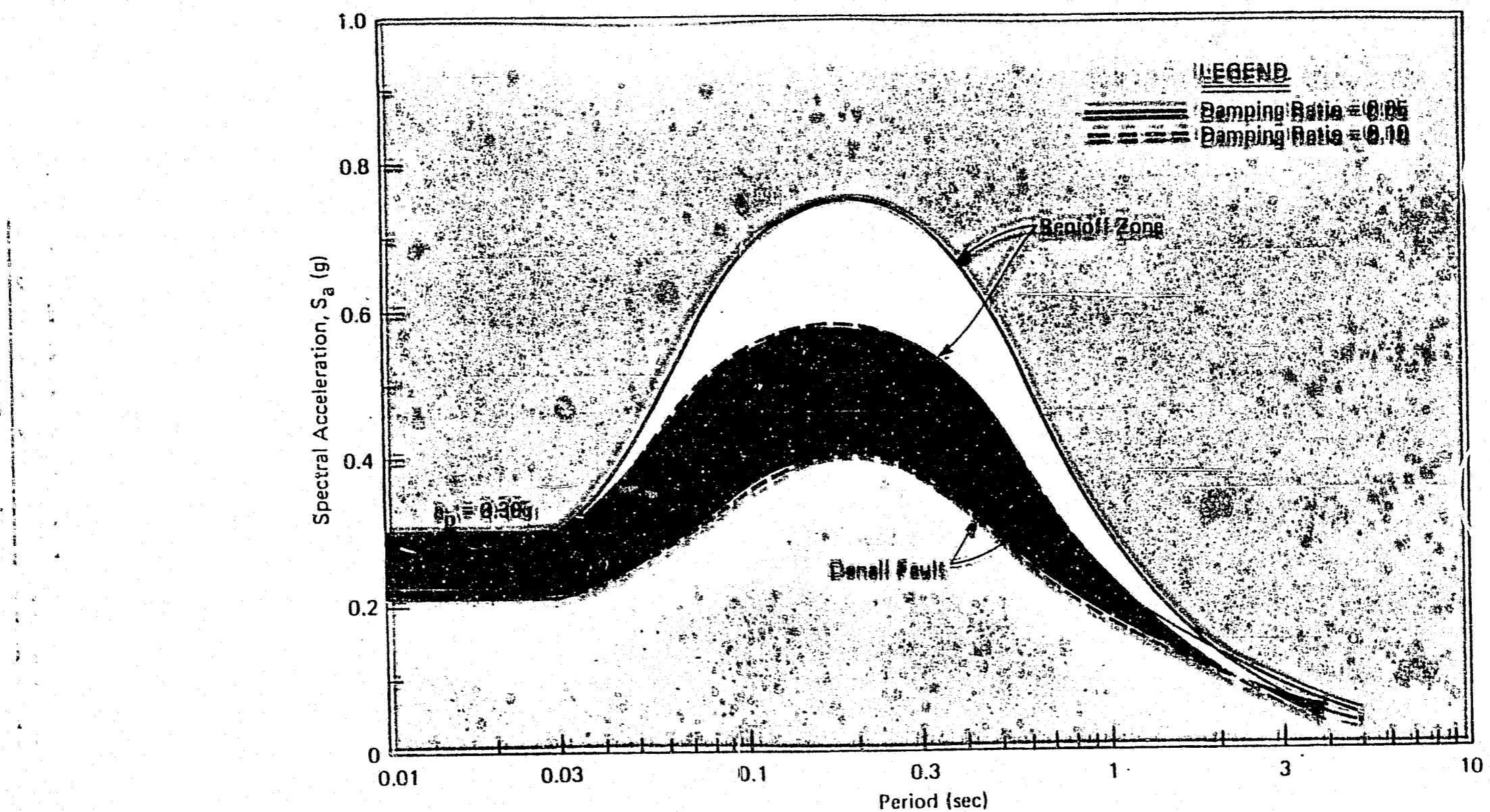
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- BASED ON TERRAIN  
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- MAGNITUDE "6½ TO 6½"  
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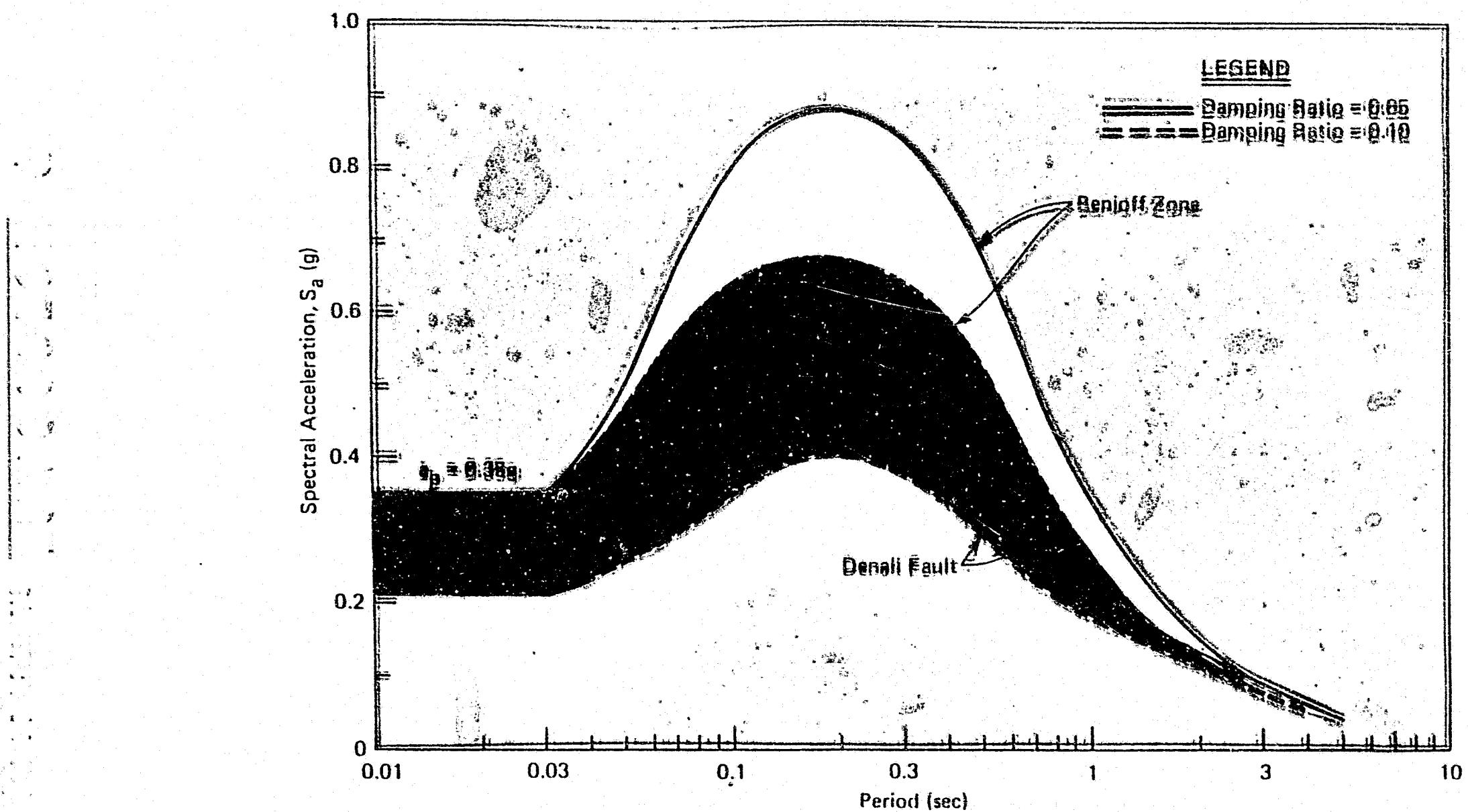
EARTHQUAKE TIME HISTORY

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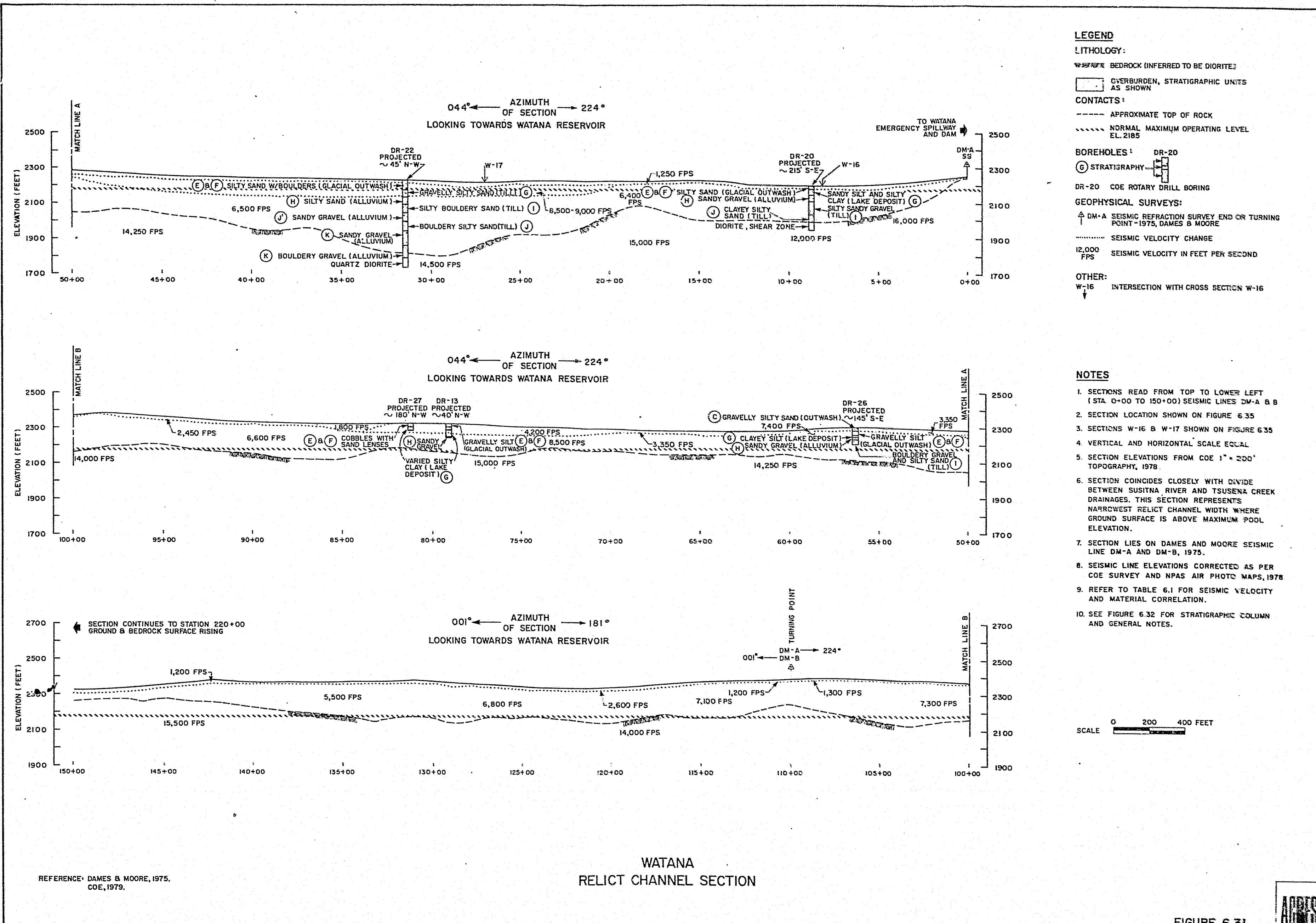


MEAN RESPONSE SPECTRA FOR MAXIMUM EARTHQUAKES  
ON THE BENIOFF ZONE AND DENALI FAULT -  
DEVIL CANYON DAM SITE



MEAN RESPONSE SPECTRA FOR MAXIMUM EARTHQUAKES  
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WATANA DAM SITE

15. PRESENTATION BY S. N. THOMPSON



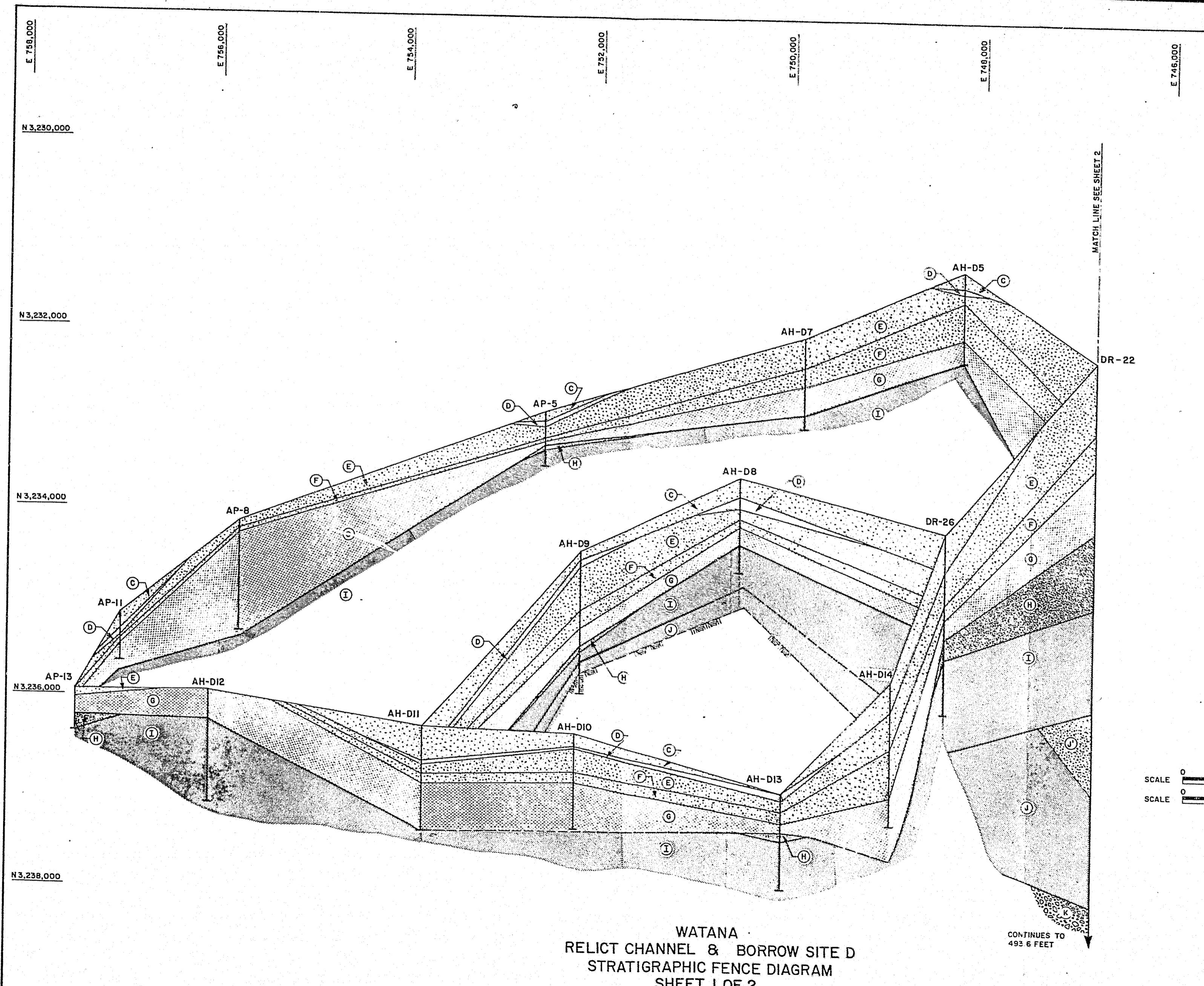


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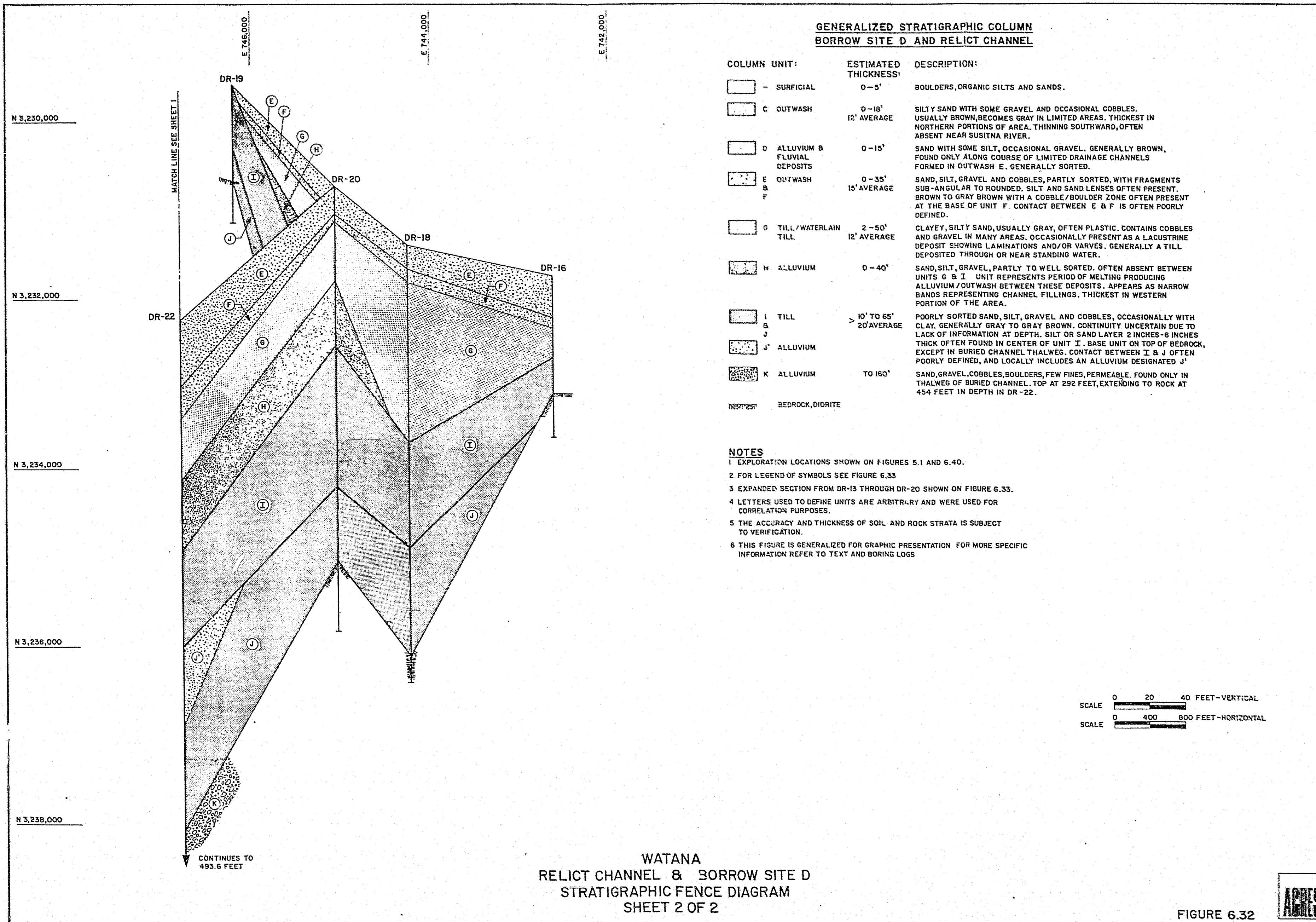


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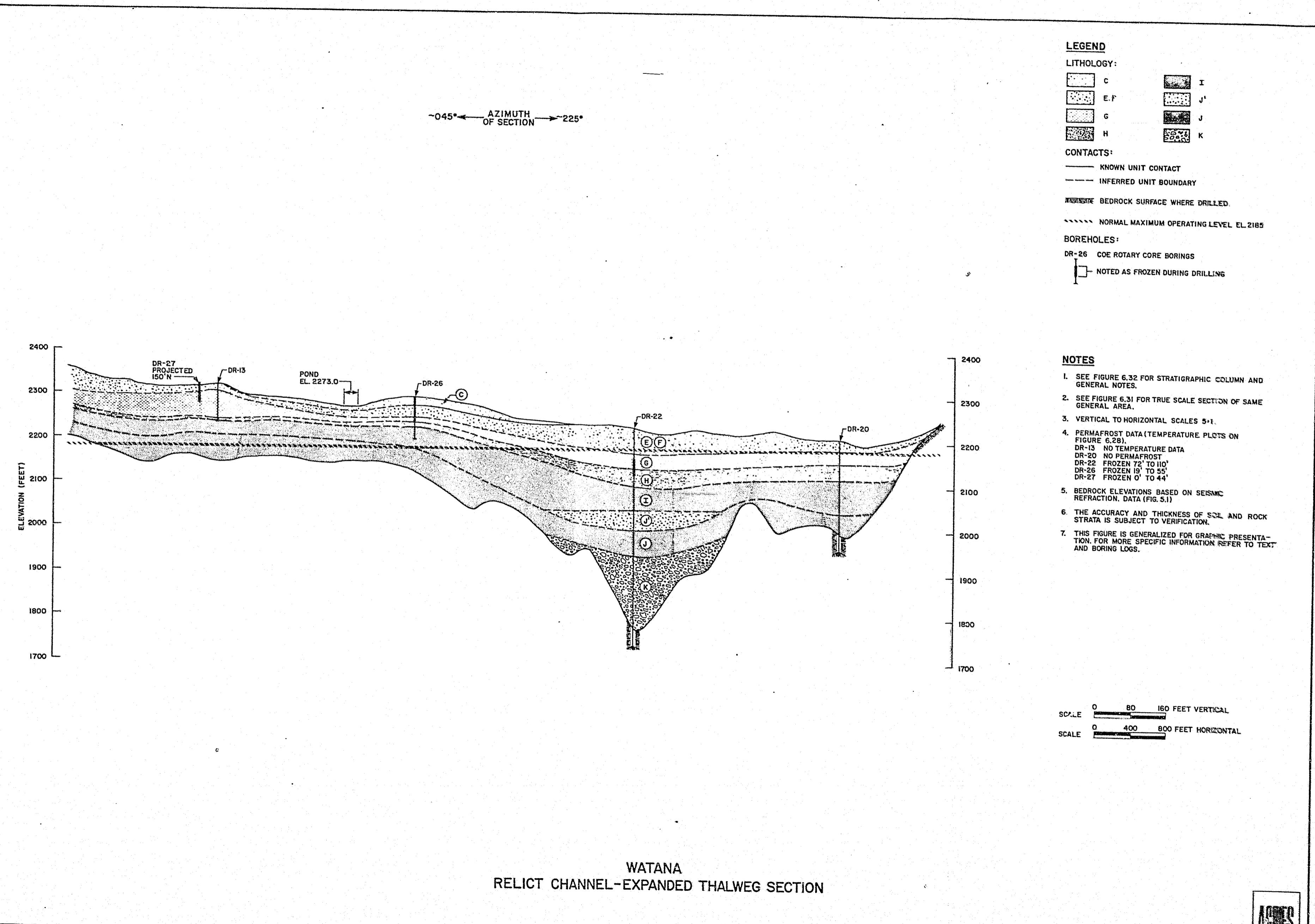


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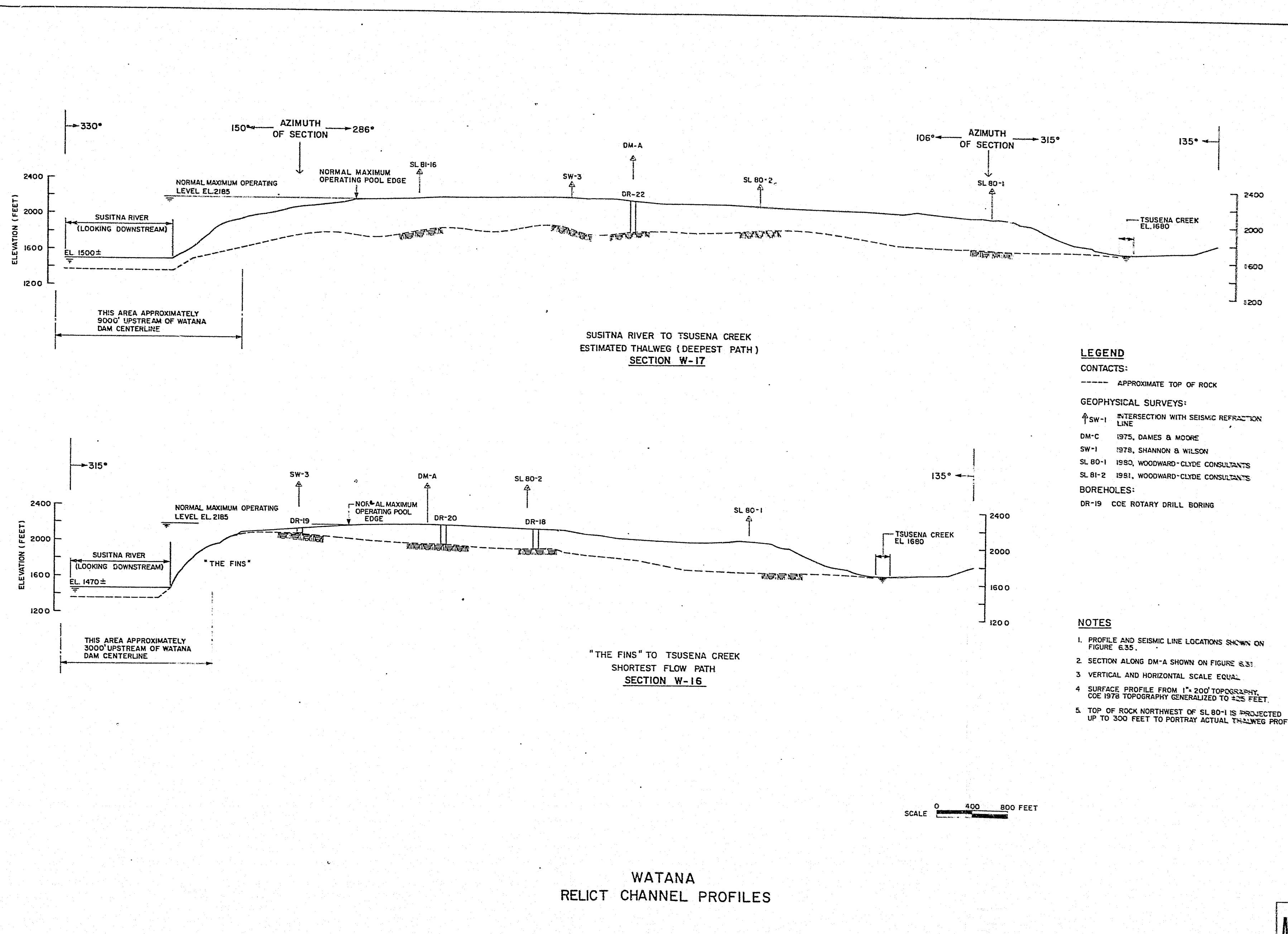
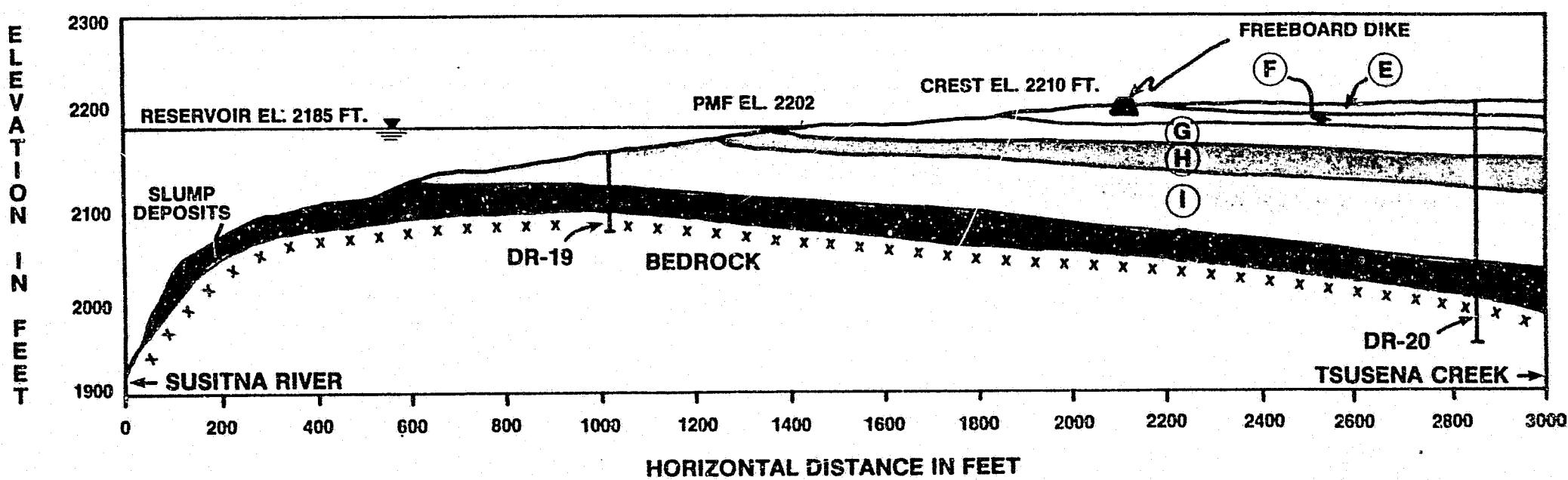


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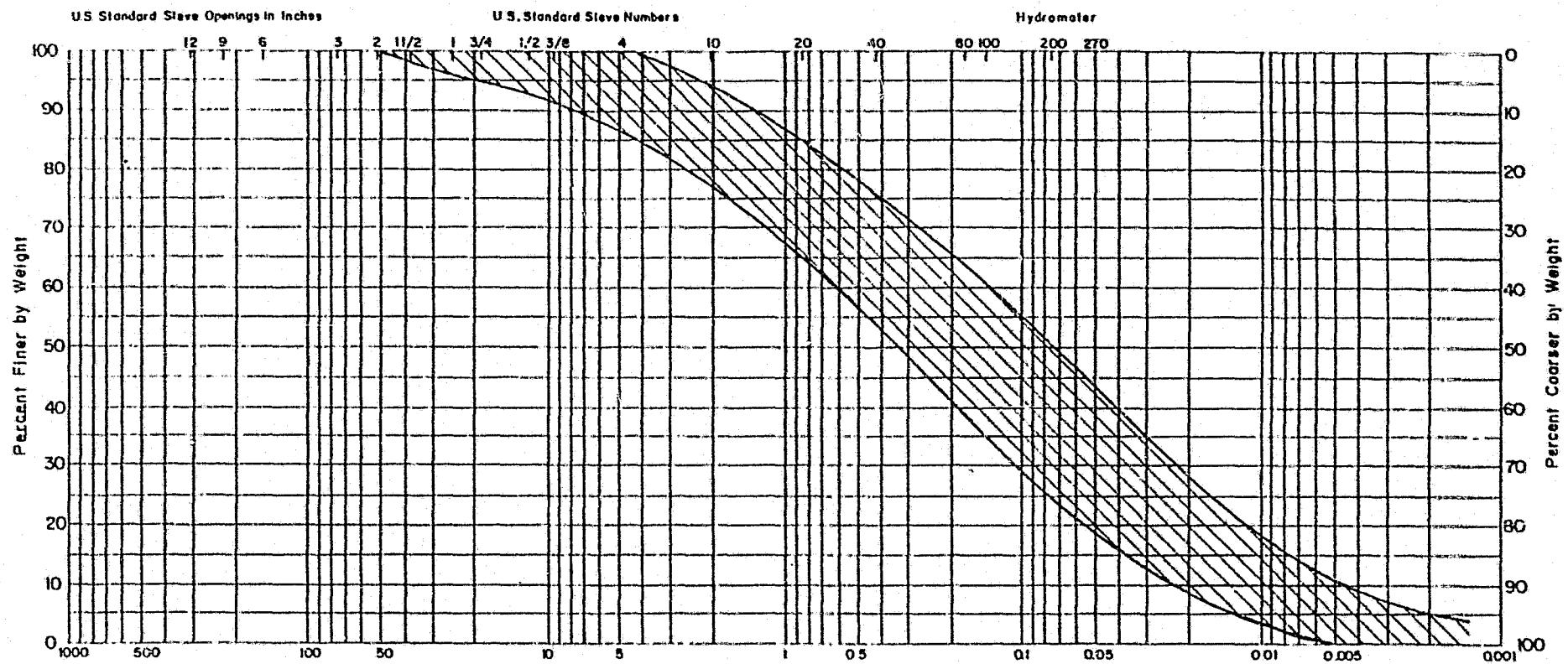


**WATANA RESERVOIR  
FREEBOARD DIKE  
CROSS SECTION**

## GRADATION RESULTS

### WATANA BORROW AREA D

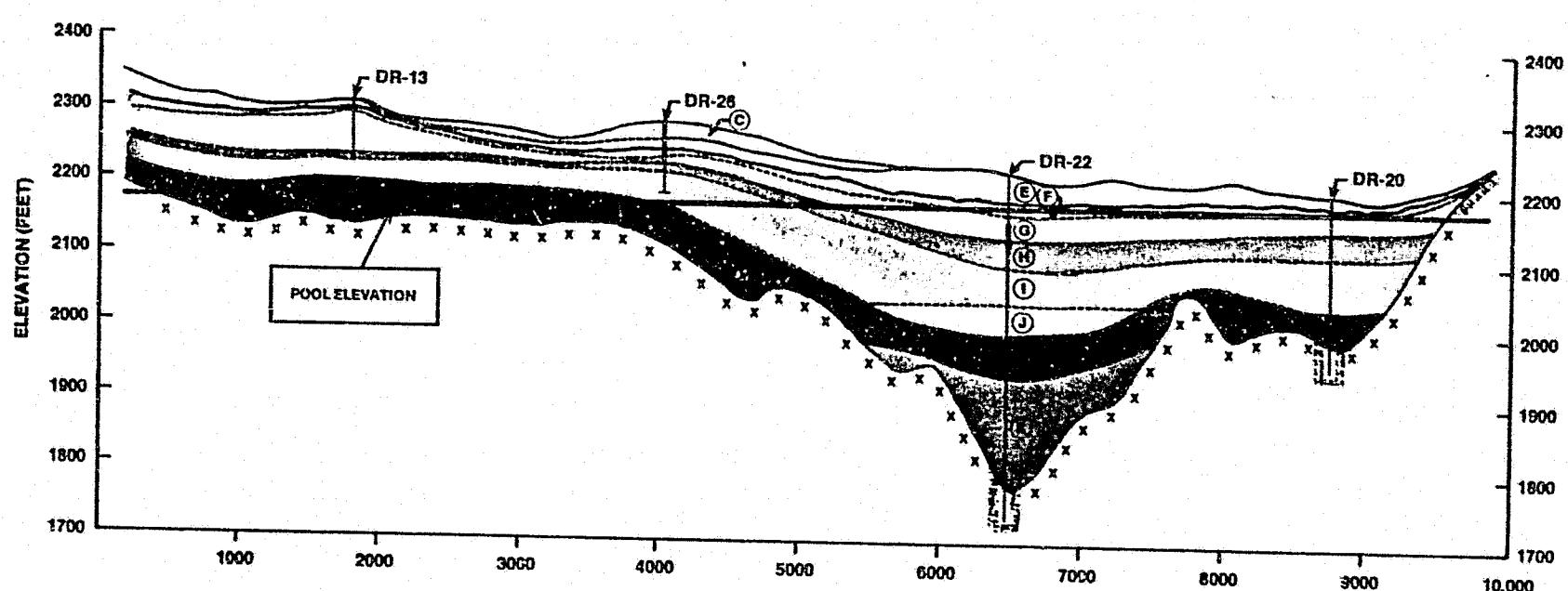
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	COARSER THAN #4	BETWEEN #4 & #200	FINER THAN #200		
COMPOSITE SAMPLE	15%	40%	45%		SILTY SAND (SM)
C & D MEAN	5%	60%	35%	NP	(SM)
E & F MEAN	12%	53%	35%	NP	(SM)
G MEAN	0%	45%	55%	10	(ML)
H MEAN	0%	73%	27%	NP	(SM)
I & J MEAN	15%	53%	32%	7.5	(SM)



BOULDERS	COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			FINES	
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt Sizes	Clay Sizes

	RANGE	AVERAGE
MOISTURE CONTENT	8-21 %	12.8 %
LIQUID LIMIT	0-17	12.1
PLASTICITY INDEX	NP-2	NP

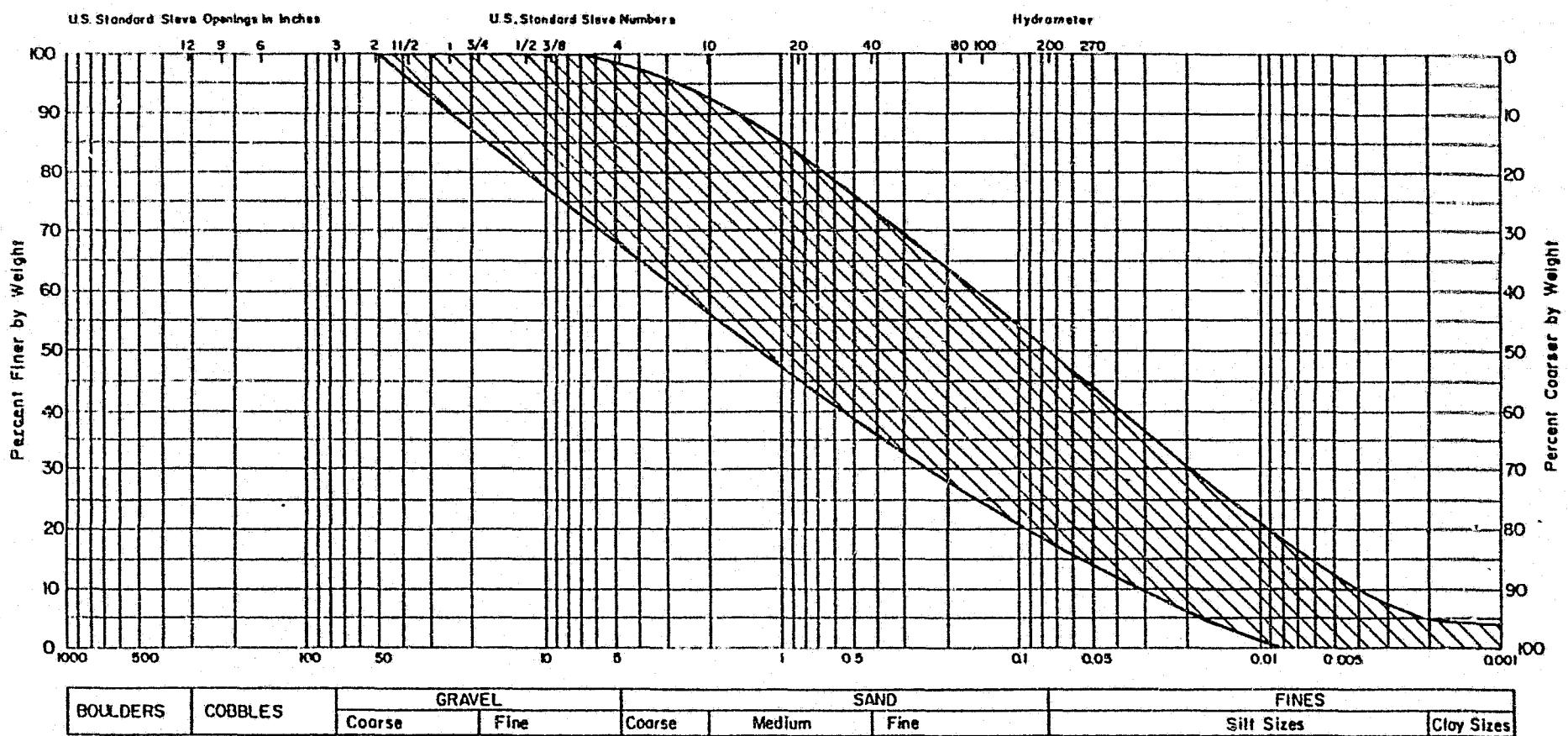
**WATANA-BORROW AREA D**  
**GRAIN SIZE CURVES - UNITS C, D + C/D**



**WATANA  
RELICT CHANNEL—  
EXPANDED THALWEG SECTION**

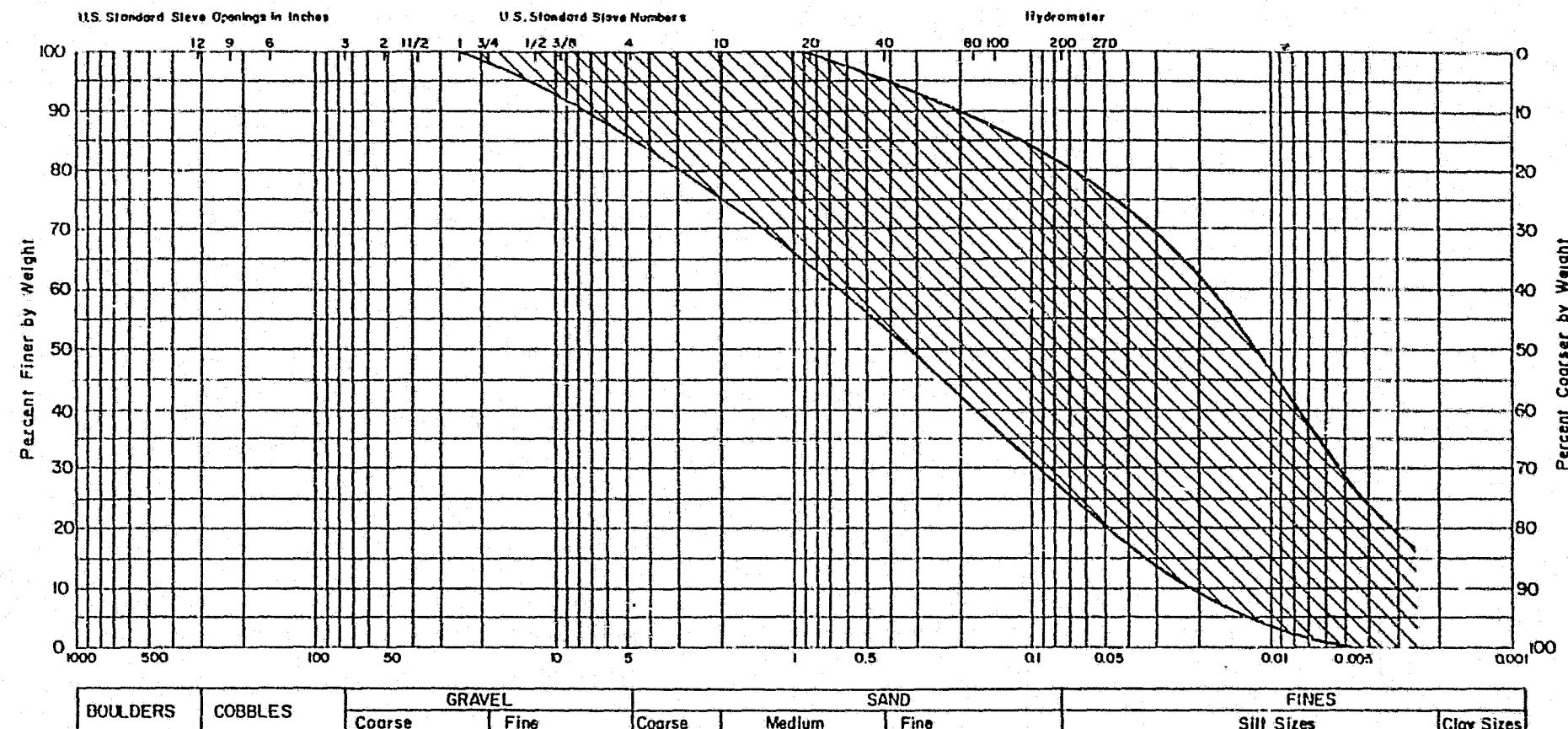
## QUATERNARY STRATIGRAPHY OF THE BURIED CHANNEL AREA

SYMBOL	UNIT	MAXIMUM THICKNESS	MATERIAL TYPE
C	OUTWASH	18'	SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL AND COBBLES.
E & F	OUTWASH	55'	SILT, SAND, GRAVEL, COBBLES, PARTLY SORTED.
G	TILL/WATERLAIN TILL	65'	CLAYEY SILTY SAND, WITH GRAVEL AND COBBLES, OFTEN PLASTIC.
H	ALLUVIUM	40'	SILT, SAND AND GRAVEL, SORTED.
I	TILL	60'	SILT, SAND, GRAVEL, COBBLES, POORLY SORTED.
J'	INTERGLACIAL ALLUVIUM	45'	SAND, GRAVEL WITH OCCASIONAL SILT, SORTED.
J	TILL	60'	SILT, SAND, GRAVEL COBBLES, POORLY SORTED.
L	ALLUVIUM		GRAVEL, COBBLES, BOULDERS, SMOOTHED.



	RANGE	AVERAGE
MOISTURE CONTENT	6.6-13 %	10.2 %
LIQUID LIMIT	0-17	12.8
PLASTICITY INDEX	NP-2	NP

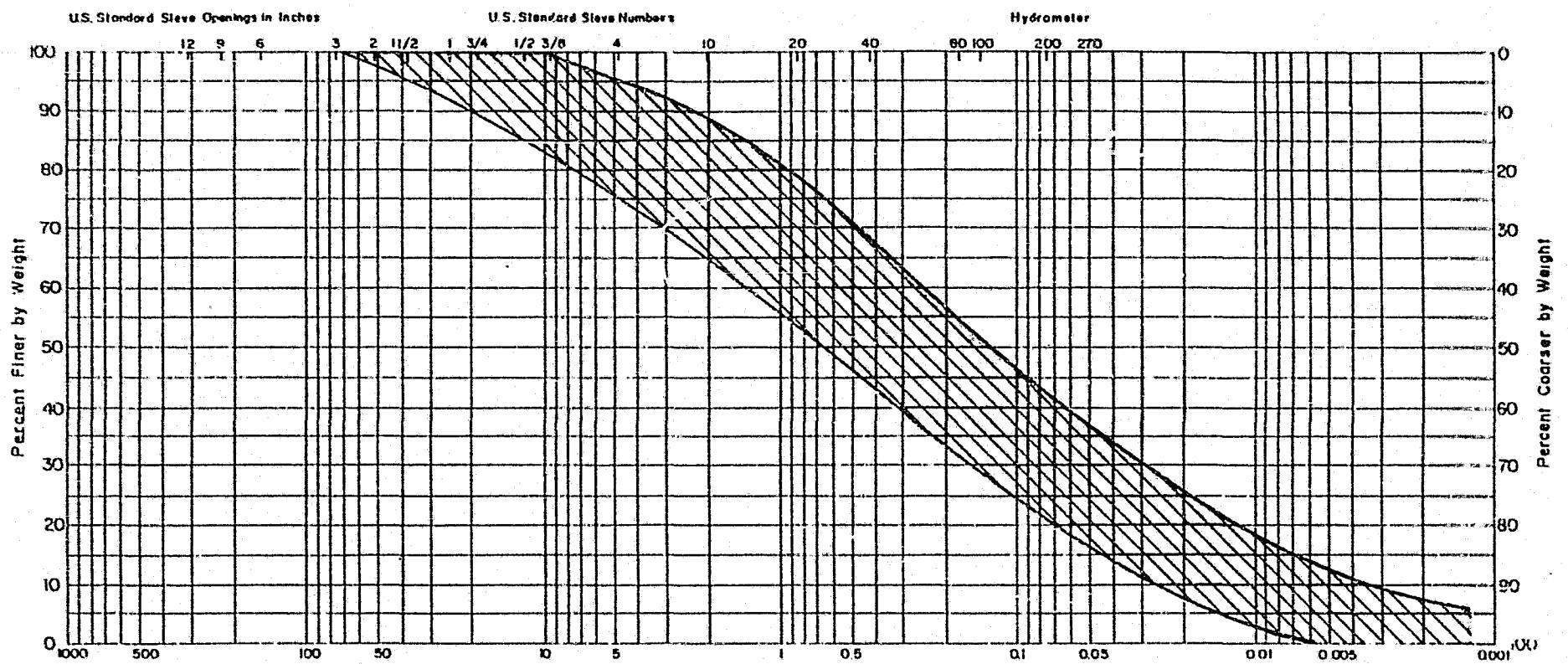
WATANA-BORROW AREA D  
GRAIN SIZE CURVES - UNITS E, F + E/F



BOULDERS	COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			FINES	
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt Sizes	Clay Sizes

	RANGE	AVERAGE
MOISTURE CONTENT	6-40 %	20.2 %
LIQUID LIMIT	17-35	26
PLASTICITY INDEX	NP-15	10

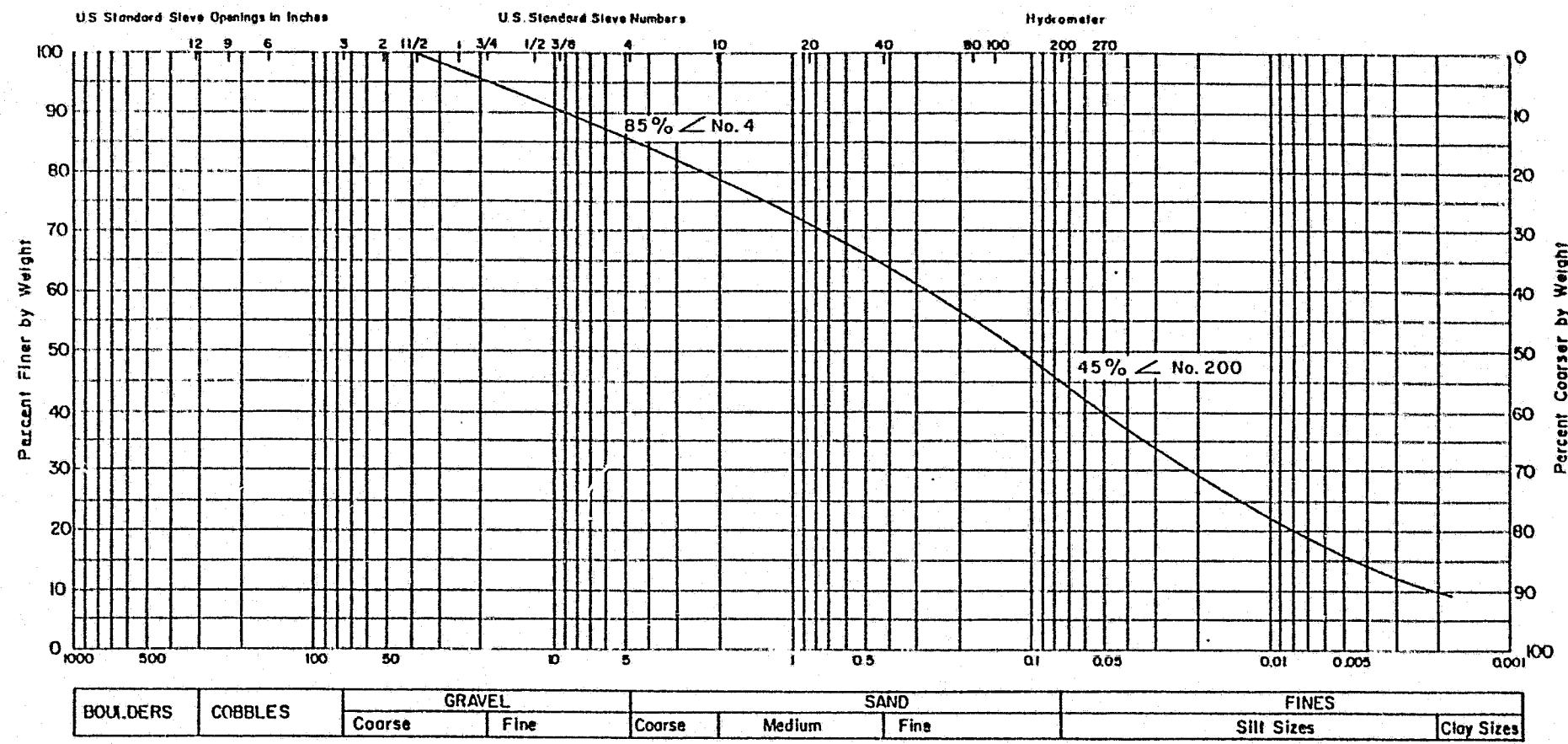
WATANA-RORROW AREA D  
GRAIN SIZE CURVES - UNITS G+F/G



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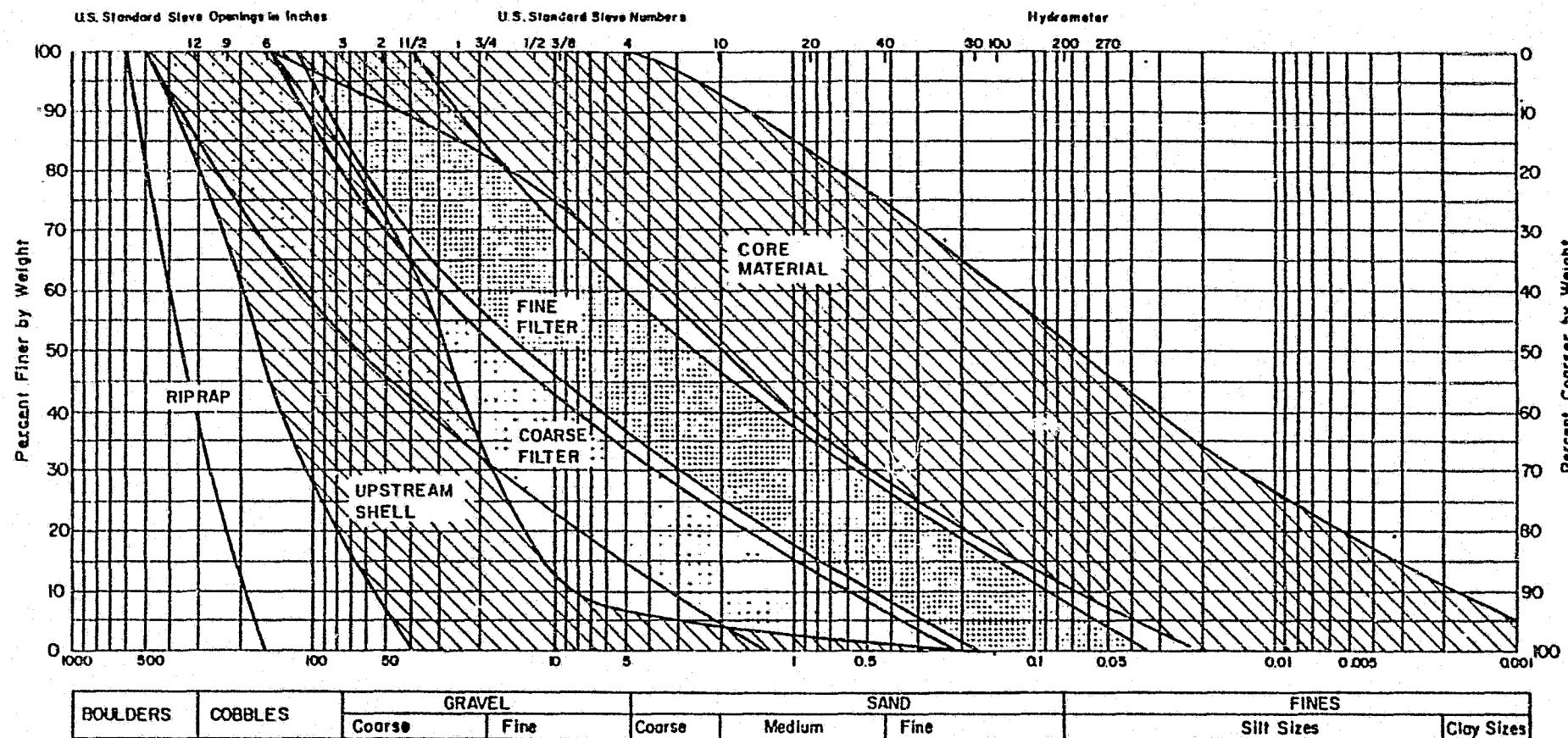
	RANGE	AVERAGE
MOISTURE CONTENT	9-13 %	10.3 %
LIQUID LIMIT	19.2-39	29.1
PLASTICITY INDEX	0.9-14	7.5

**WATANA-BORROW AREA D  
GRAIN SIZE CURVES - UNITS I, J + I/J**



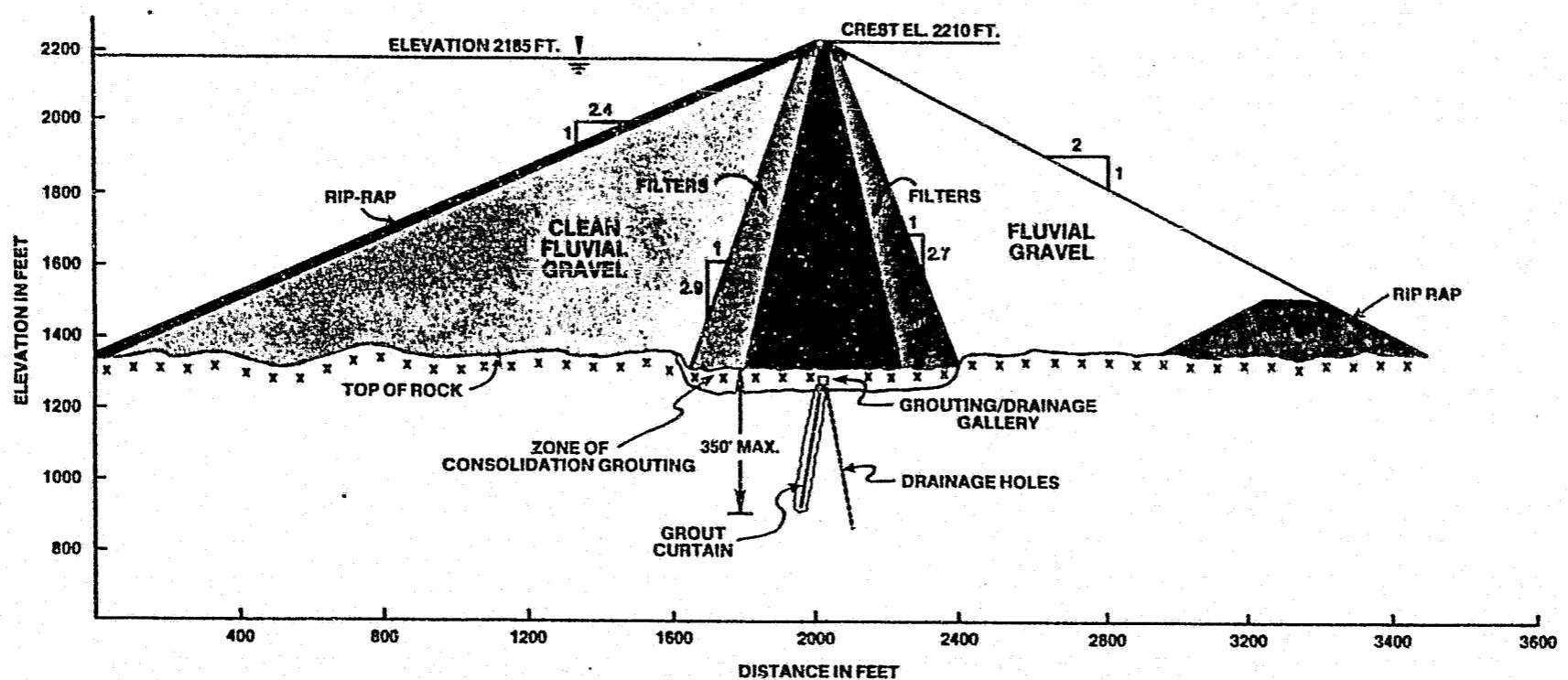
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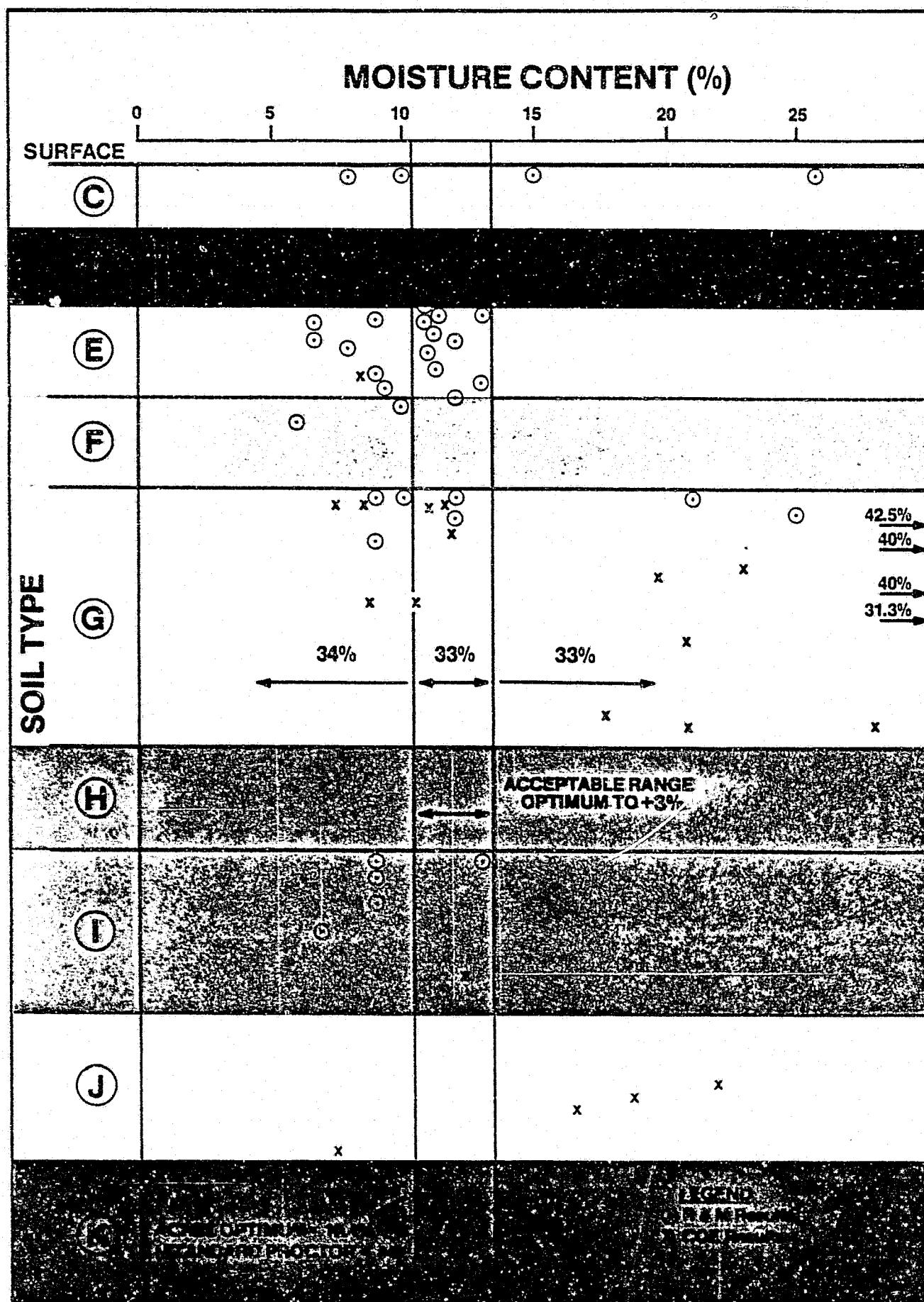
WATANA  
COMPOSITE GRAIN SIZE CURVE—BORROW AREA D

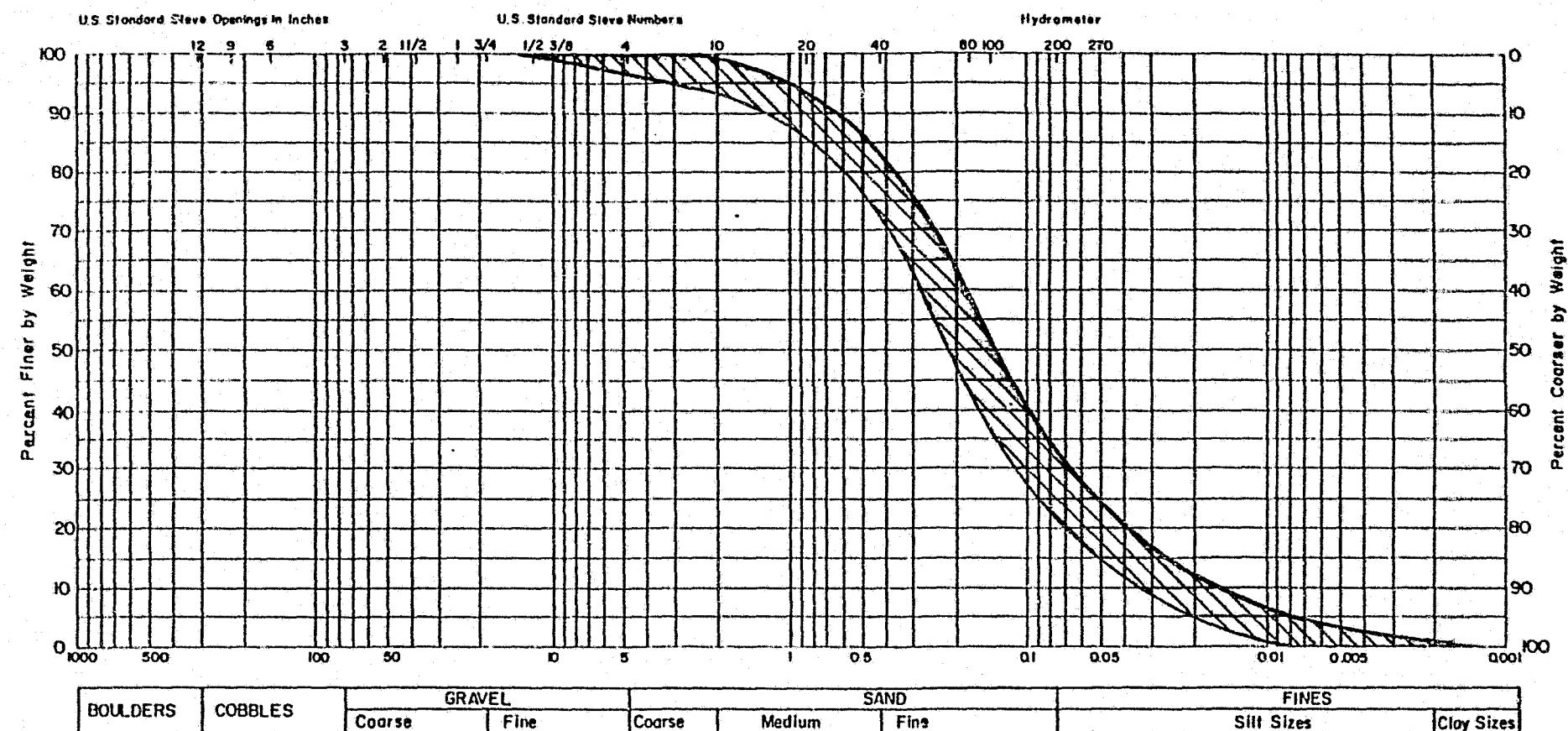


WATANA  
REQUIRED GRAIN SIZE CURVES  
MAIN DAM

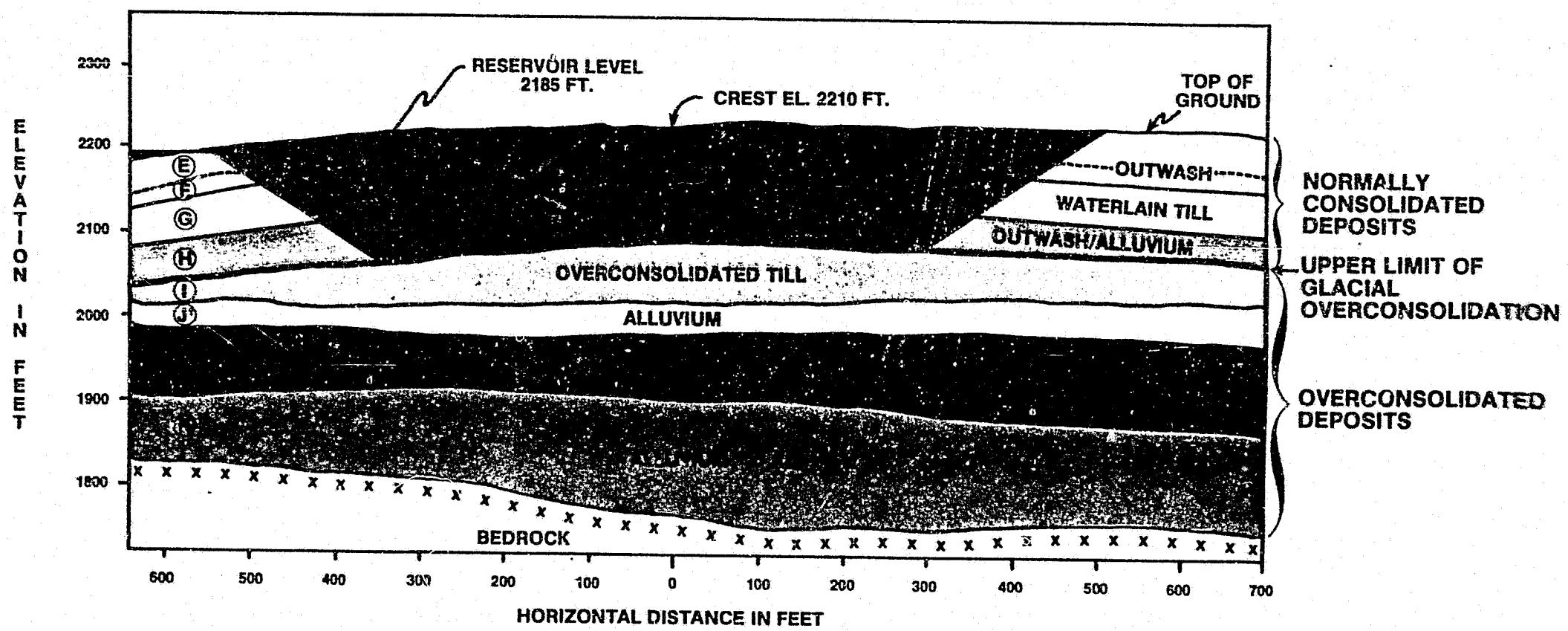
**WATANA**  
**SECTION THROUGH MAIN DAM**  
**AT MAXIMUM HEIGHT**





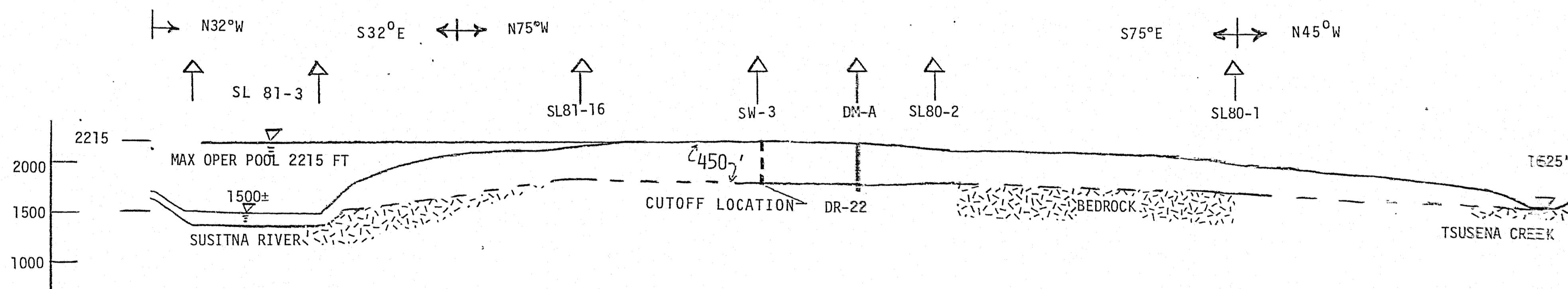
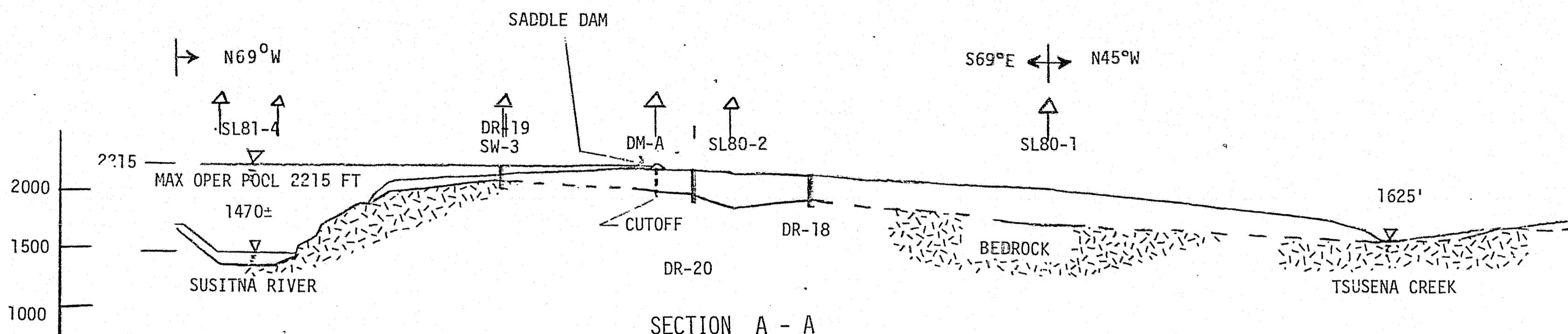


WATANA-BORROW AREA D  
GRAIN SIZE CURVES – UNIT H



### BURIED CHANNEL ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION

WATANA - RELICT CHANNEL PROFILE



EXISTING EDGE OF RIVER TO TSUSENA CREEK = 12,000'  
OPERATING POOL TO TSUSENA CREEK = 7,700'

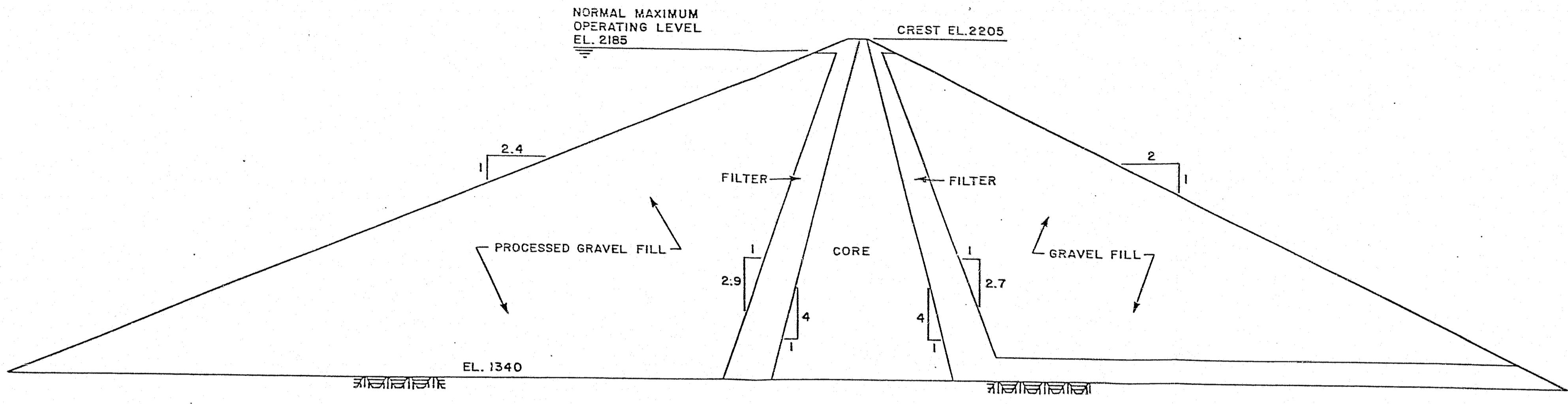
SECTION B - B

SECTION ON APPROXIMATE THALWEG, LOCATION ABOUT  
4000' UPSTREAM OF UPSTREAM COFFERDAM

1"=1000'

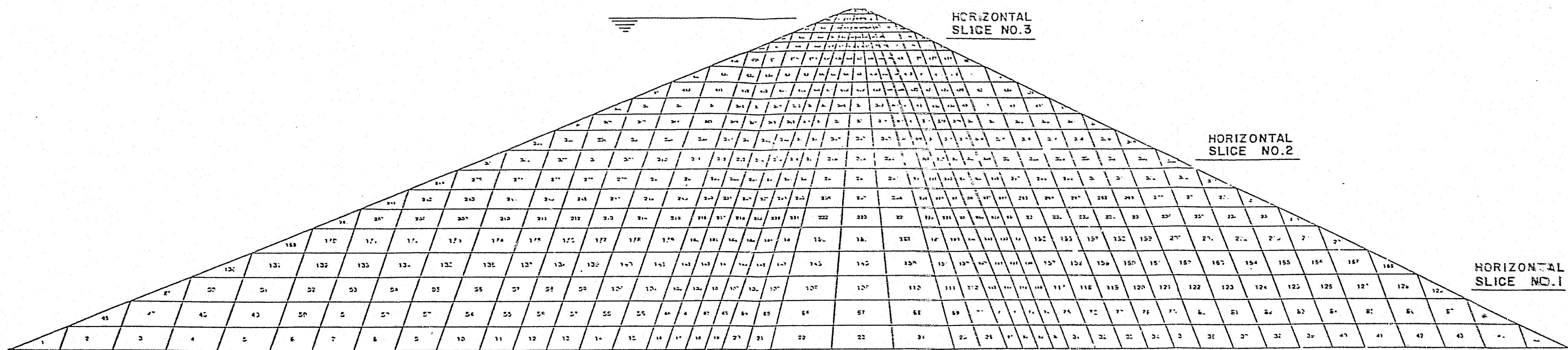
LOOKING DOWNSTREAM

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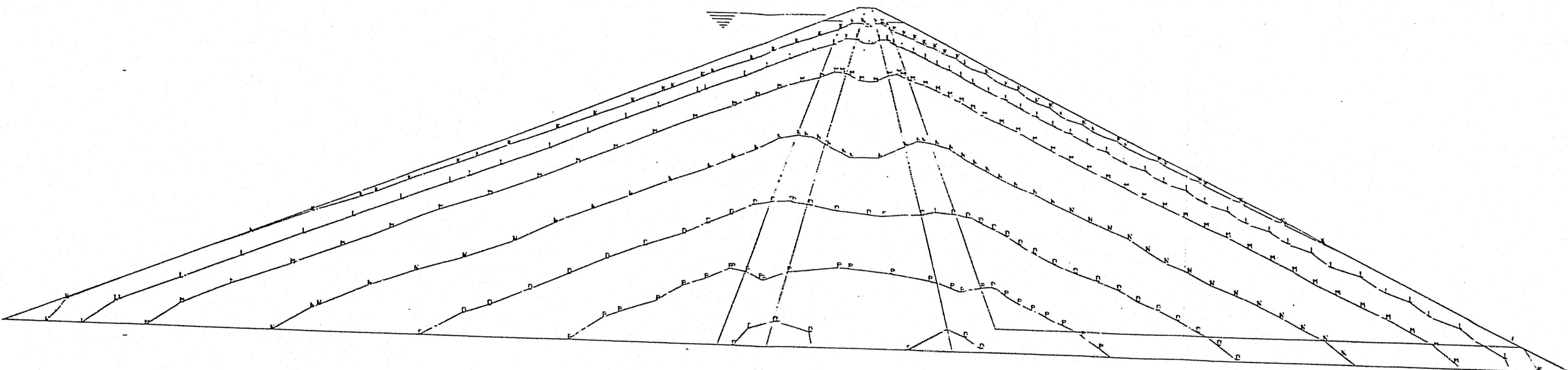


**WATANA DAM**  
**MAXIMUM CROSS SECTION**

**NOTE:**  
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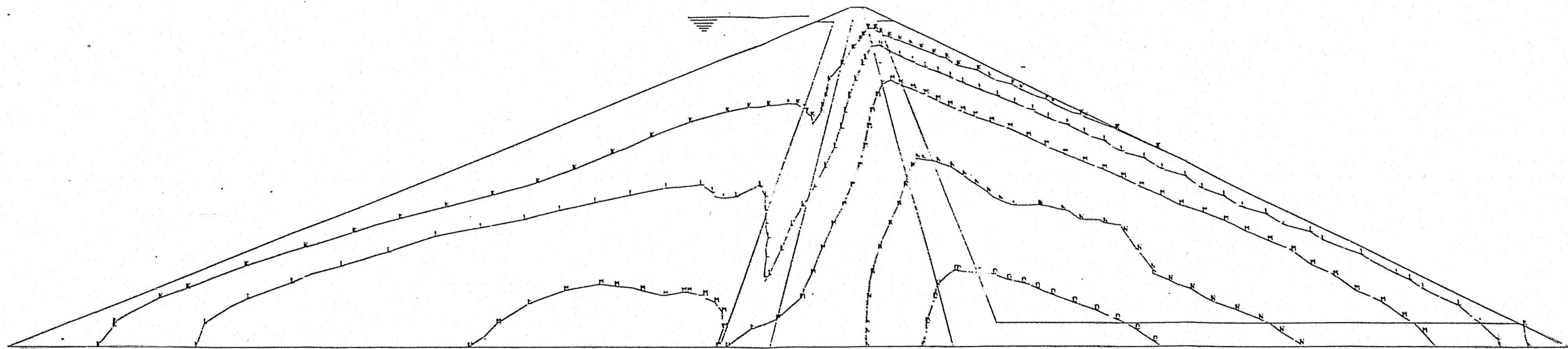


FINITE ELEMENT MODEL



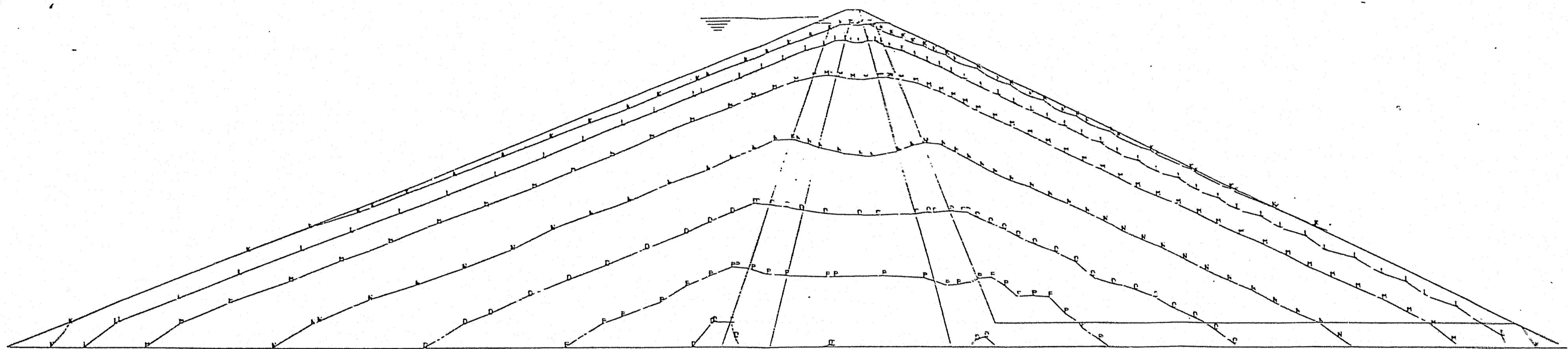
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VALUE	5.	10.	20.	40.	60.	80.	100.	120.	140.	

END OF CONSTRUCTION  
STATIC RUN SOFT CORE  
VERTICAL STRESS ( $\sigma_v$ ) (KSF)



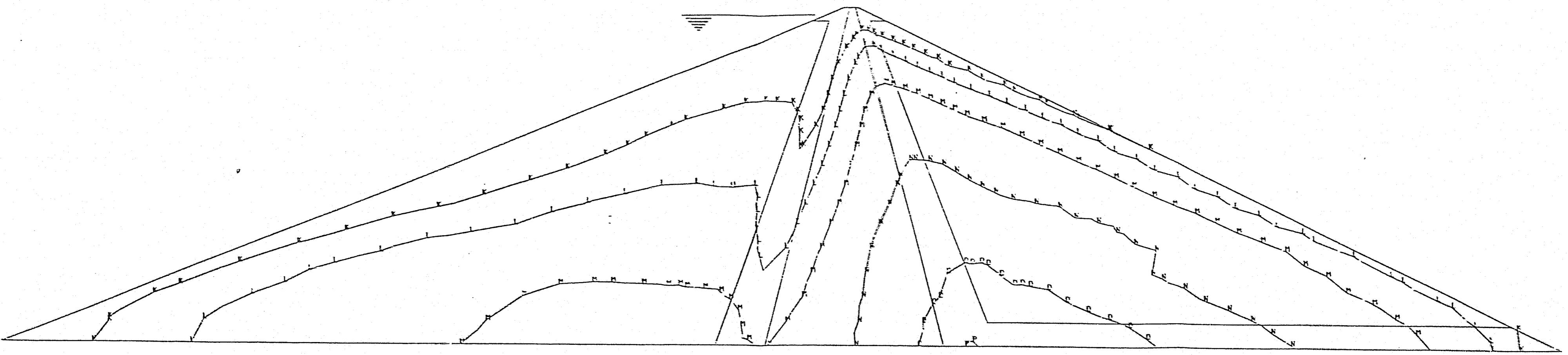
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2-D EFFECTIVE CONFINING STRESS (SIG 2')(KSF)



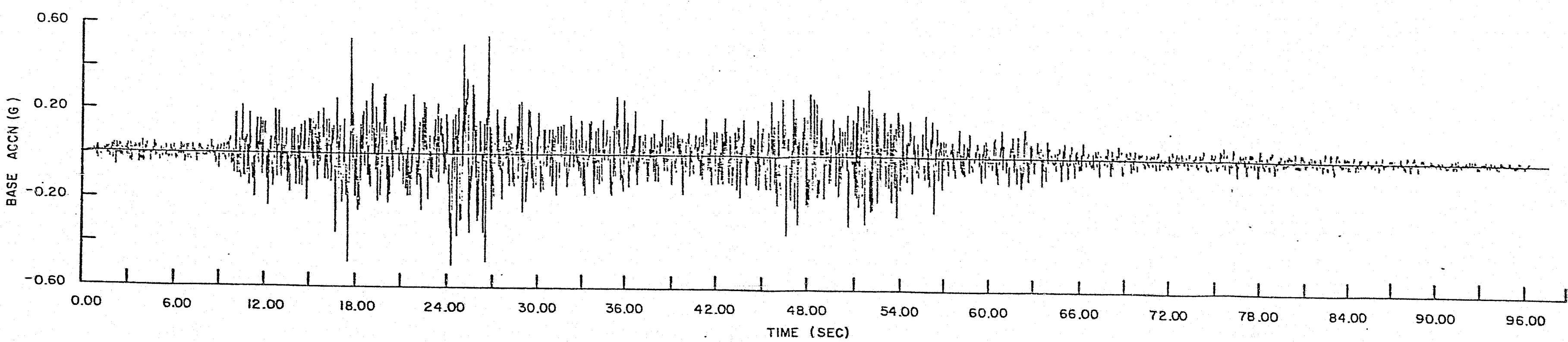
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VERTICAL STRESS (SIGV) (KSF)

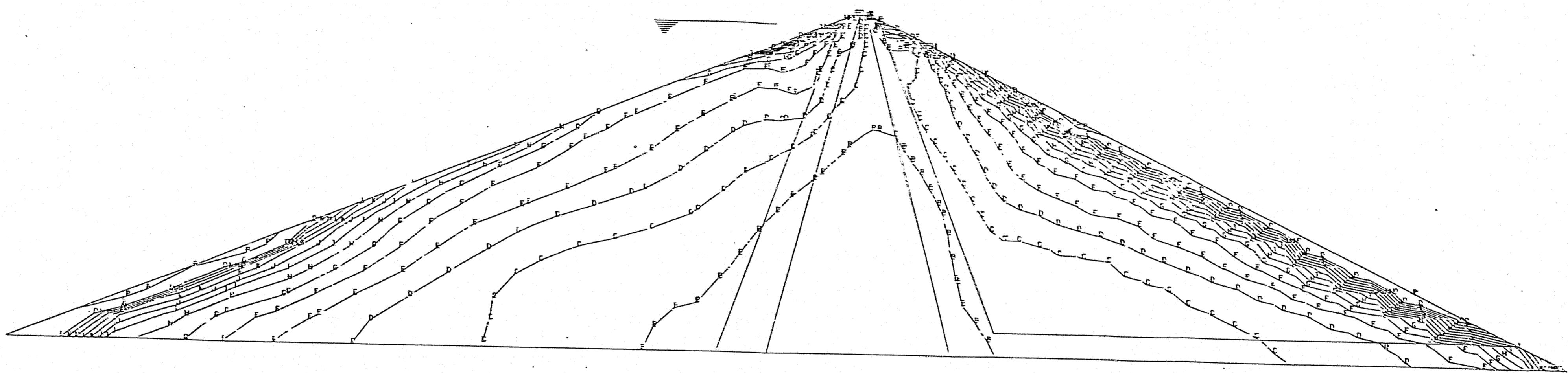


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SYMBOL	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	
VALUE	5.	10.	20.	40.	60.	80.	100.	120.	140.	

STATIC RUN STIFF CORE  
2-D EFFECTIVE CONFINING STRESS (SIG2') (KSF)



EARTHQUAKE TIME HISTORY



SYMBOL	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
VALUE	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
SYMBOL	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	
VALUE	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	

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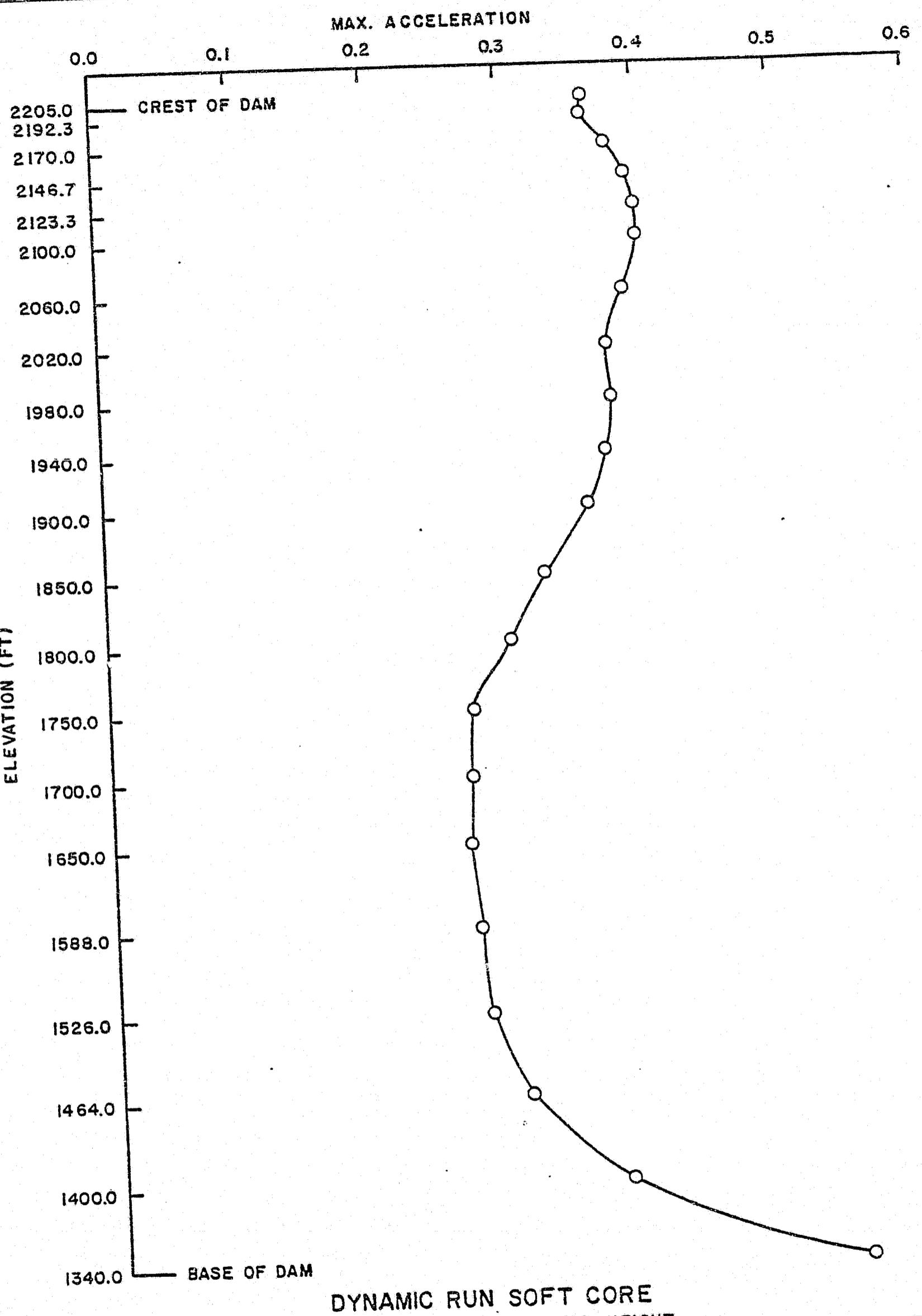
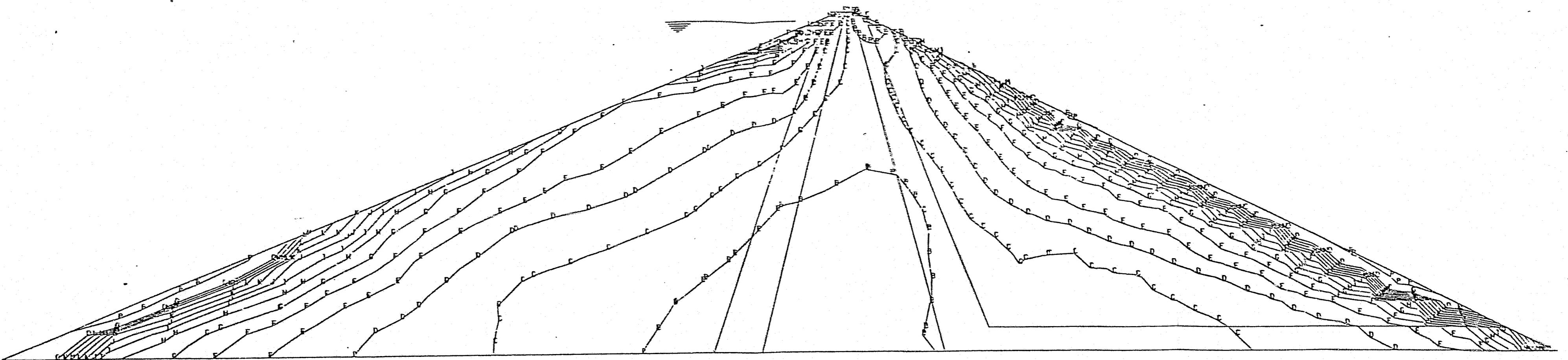


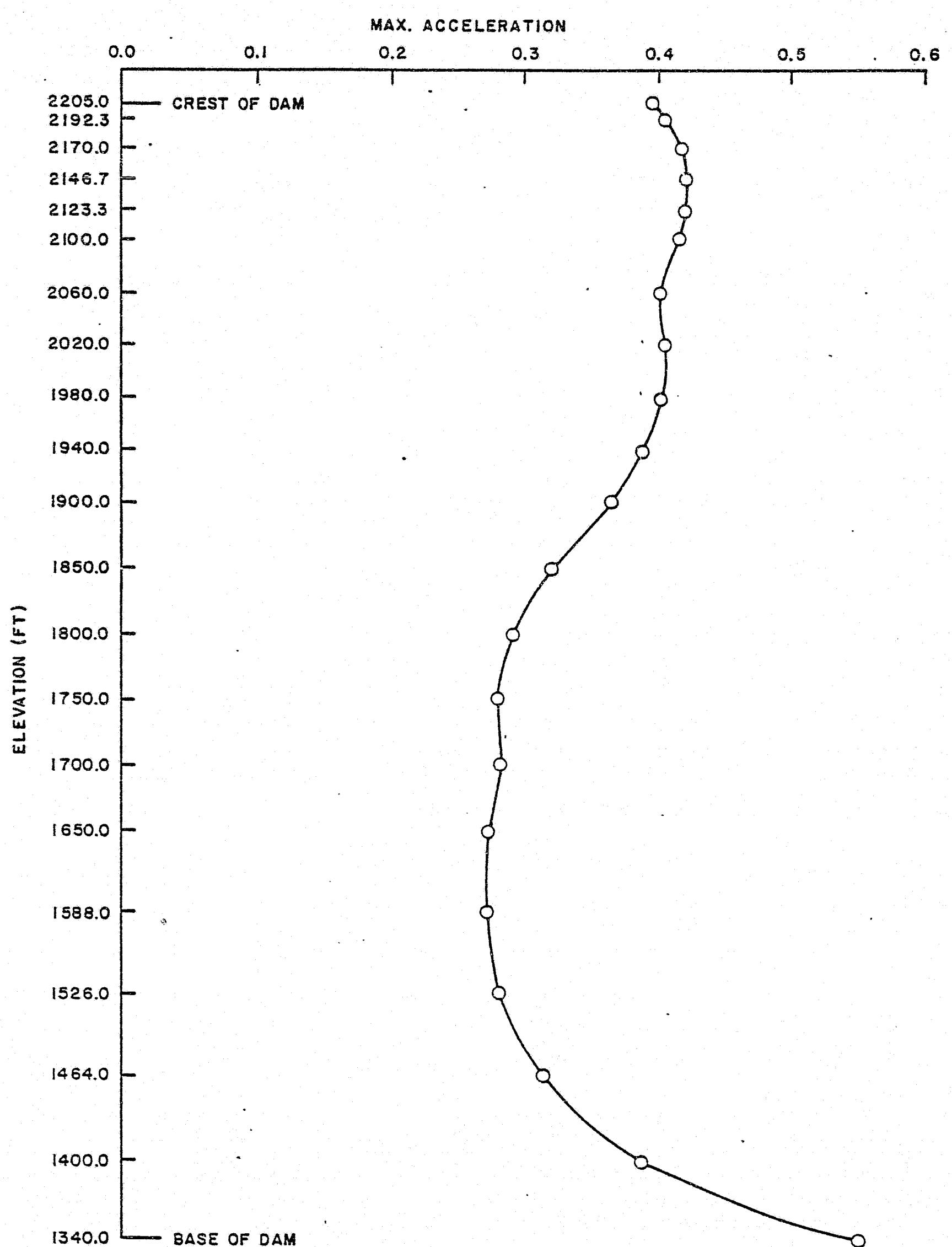
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SYMBOL	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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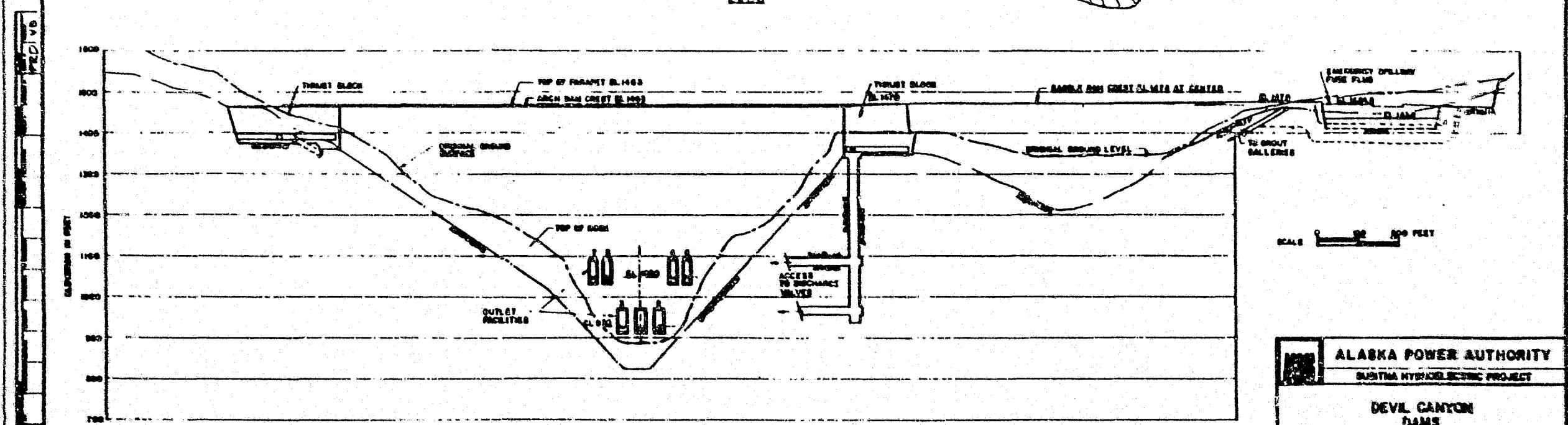
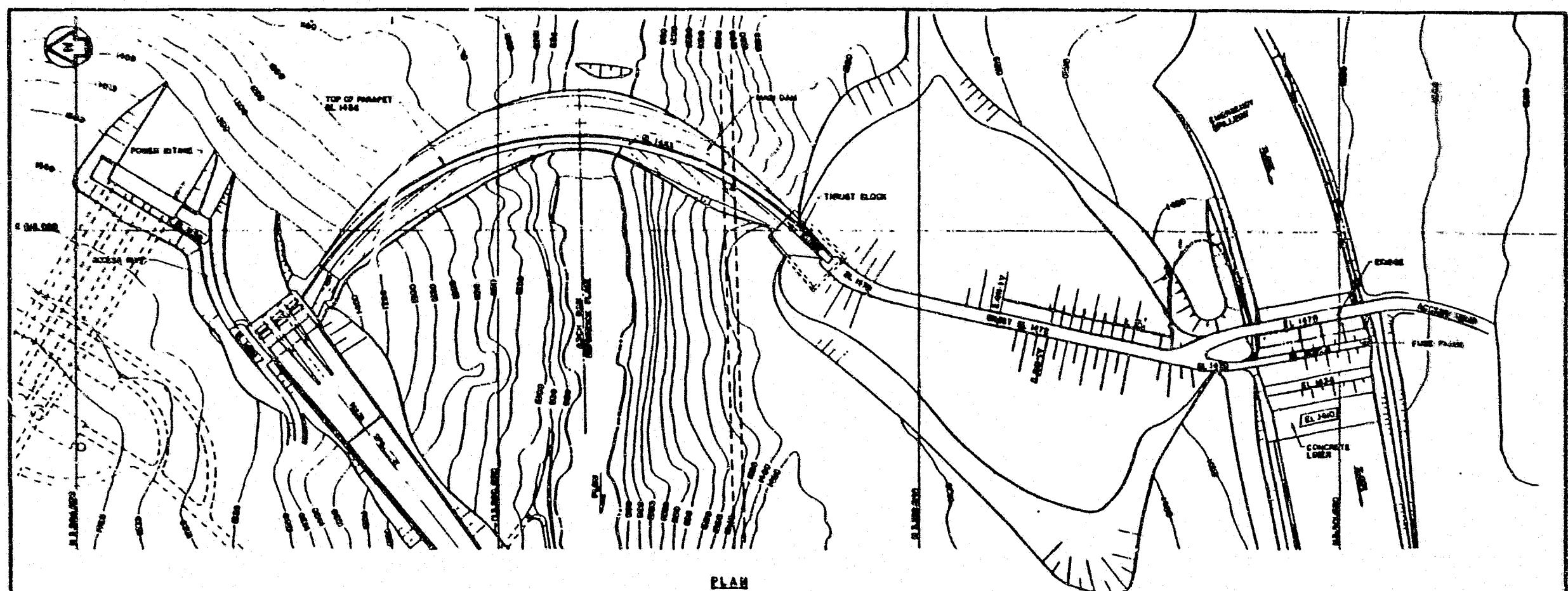


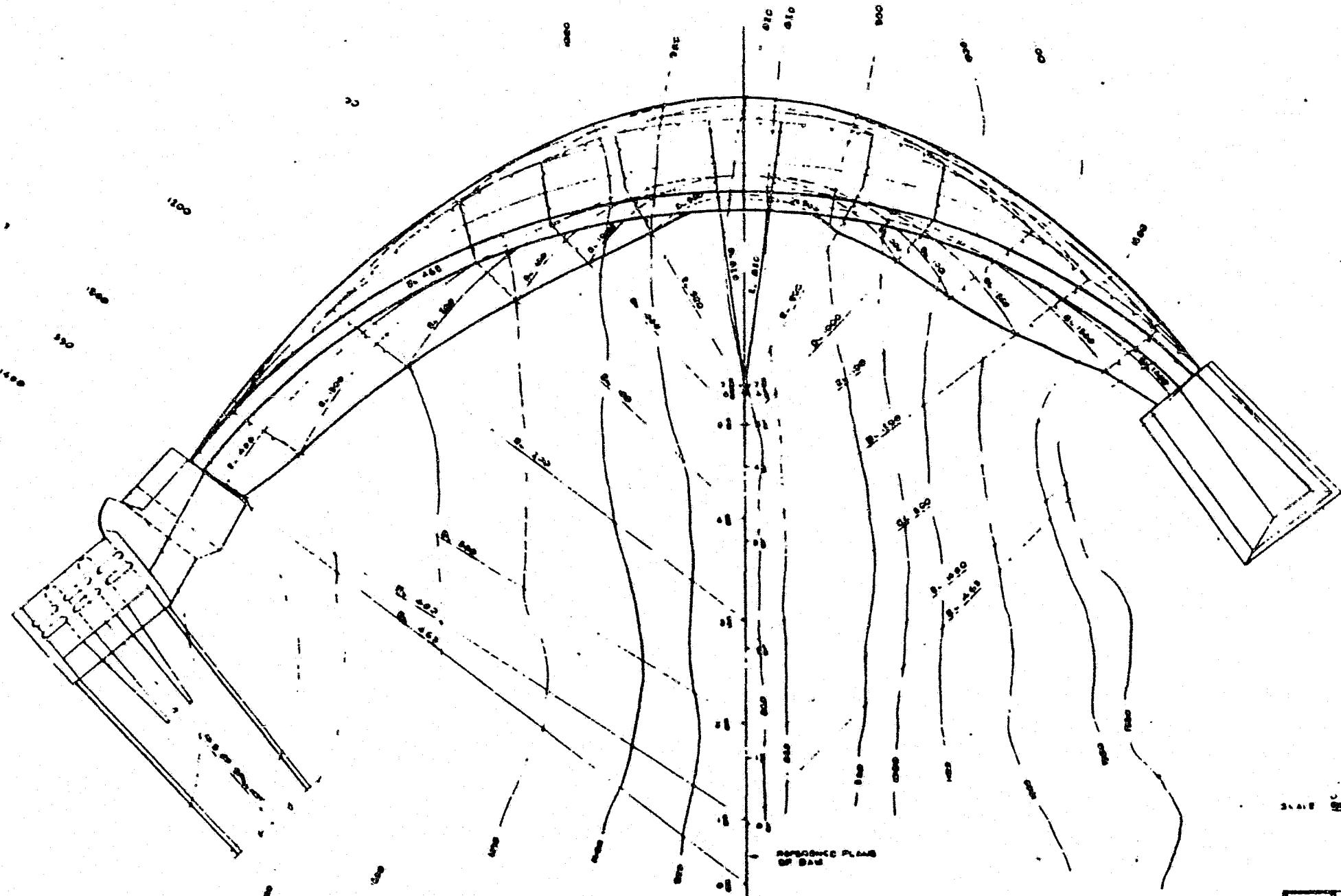
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MAXIMUM ACCELERATION VS. HEIGHT

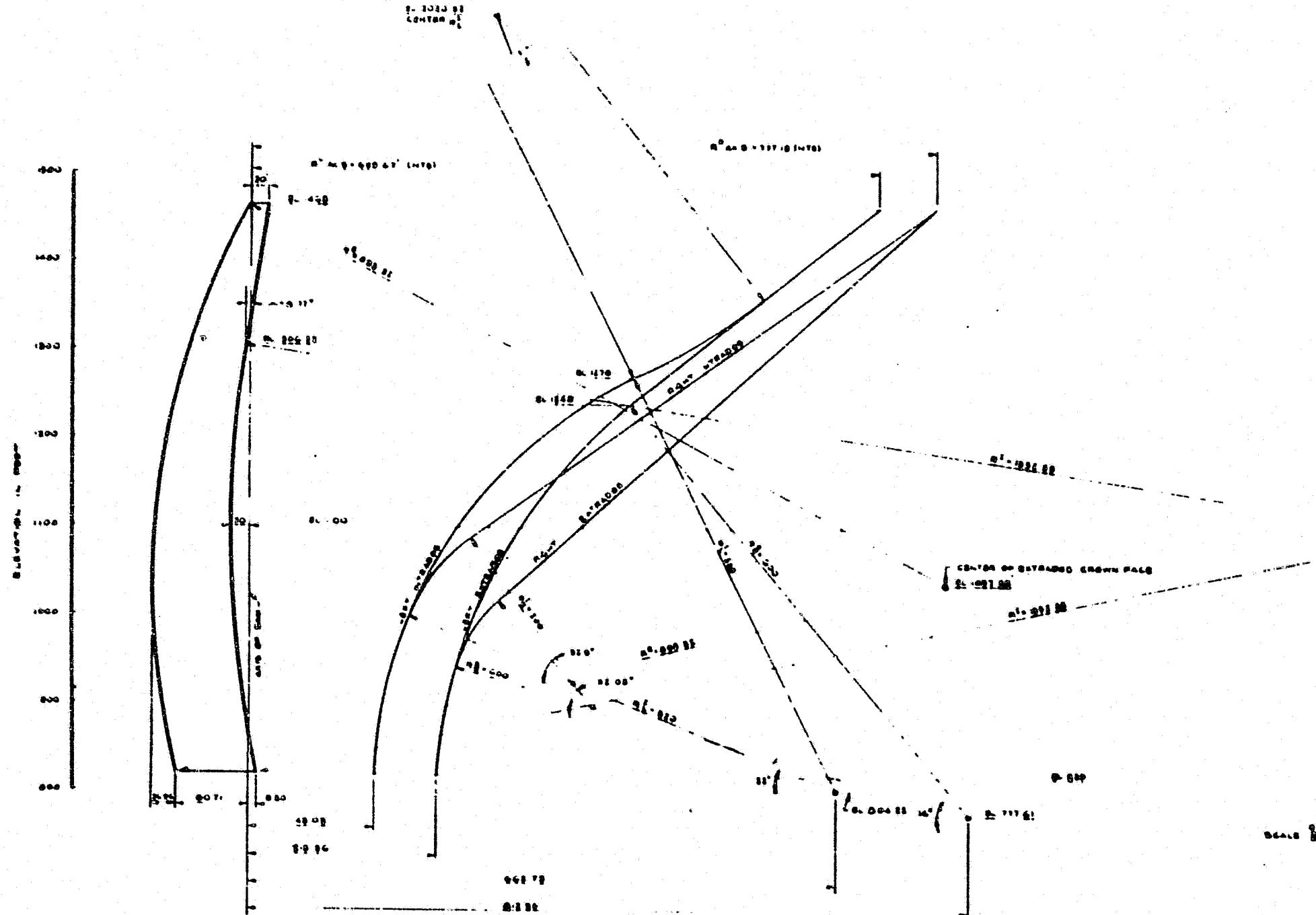
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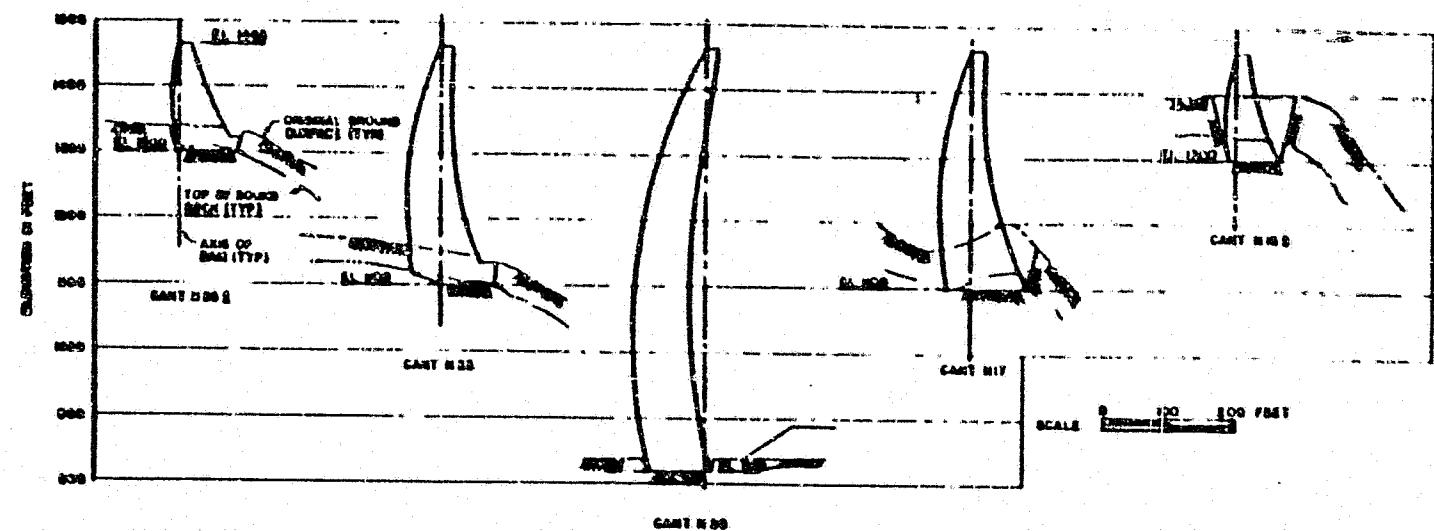
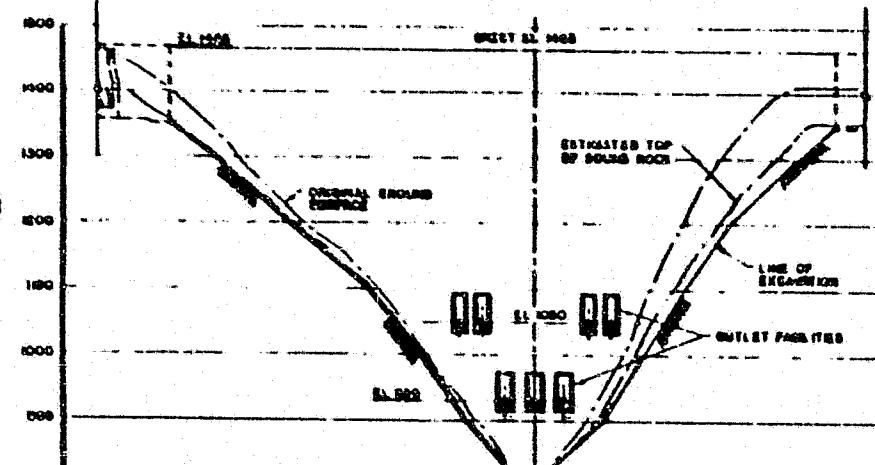
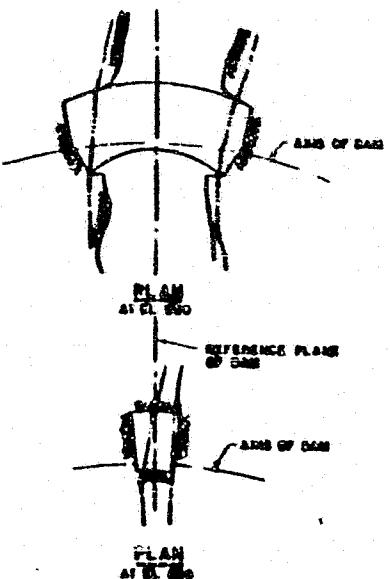
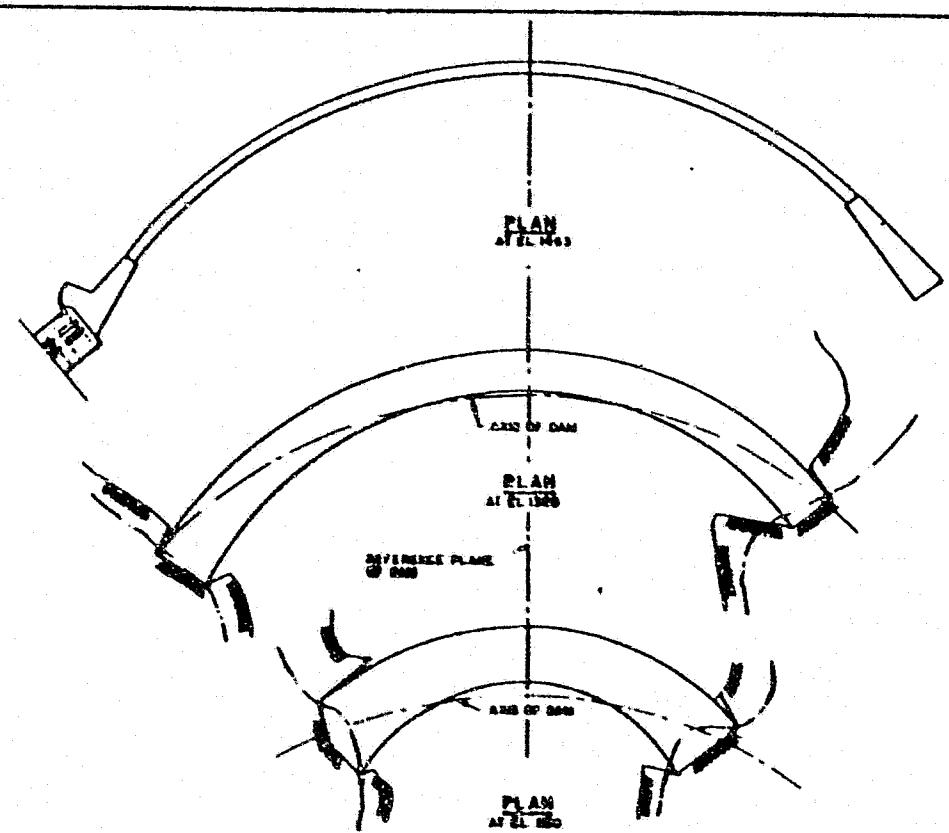




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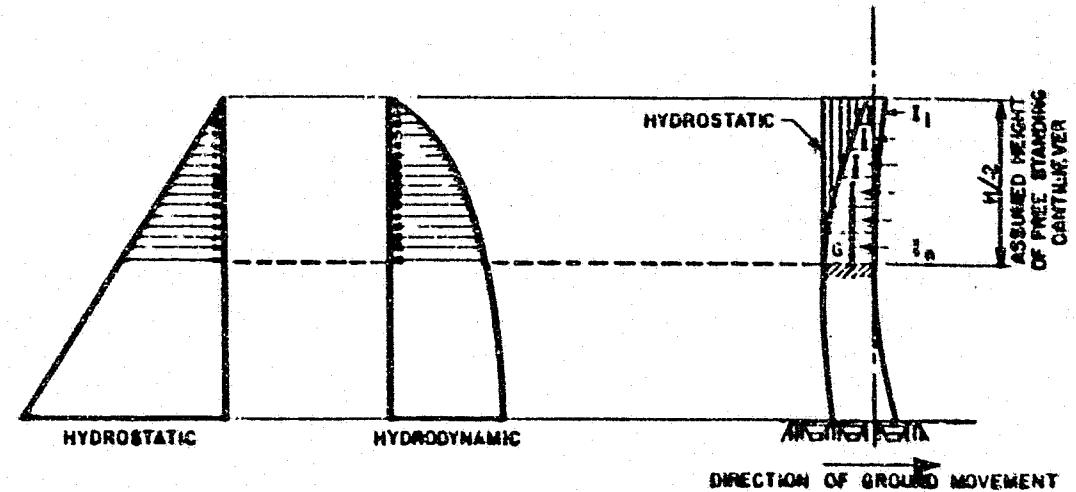
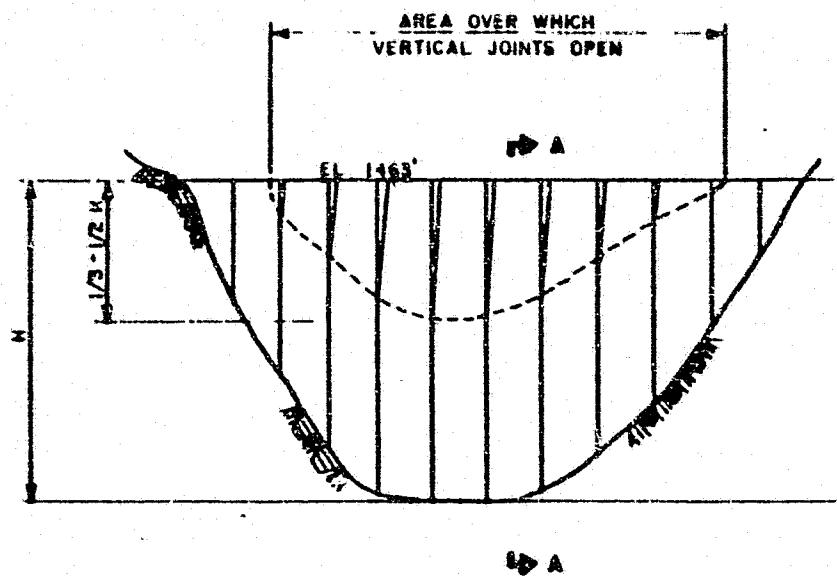
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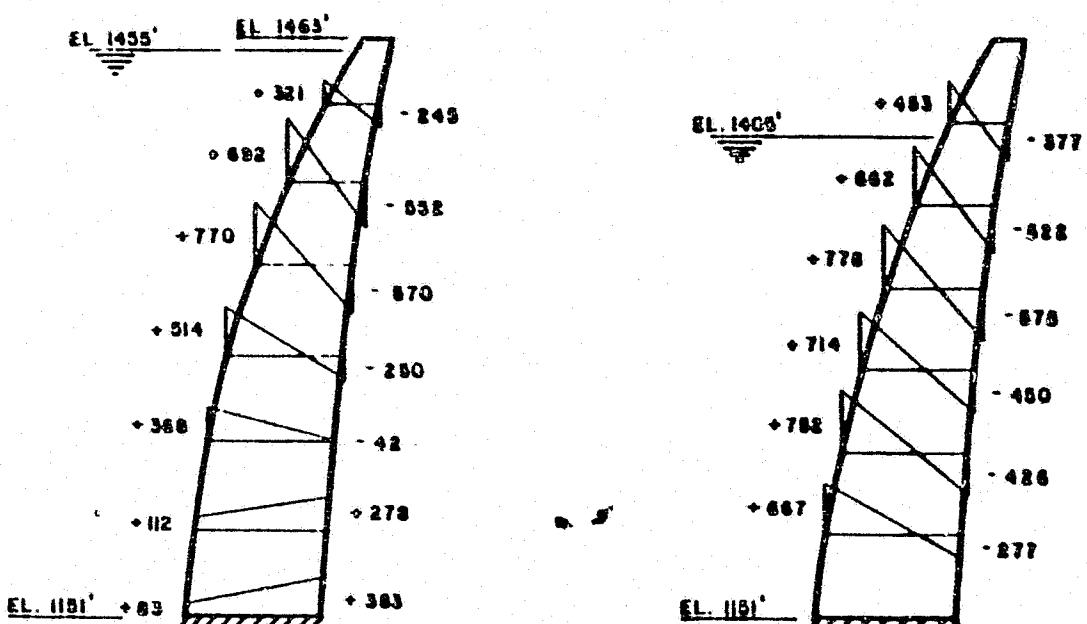


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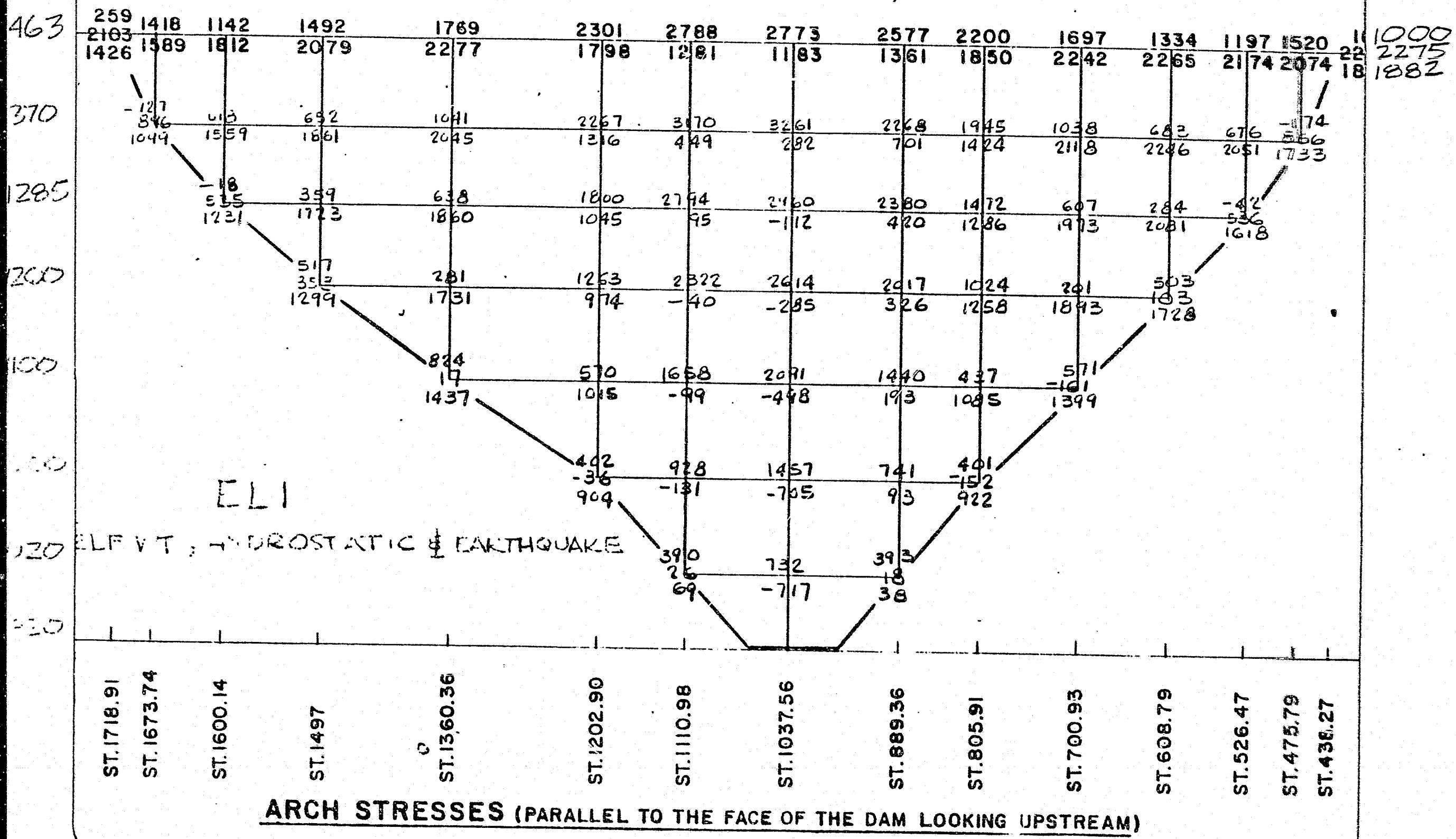


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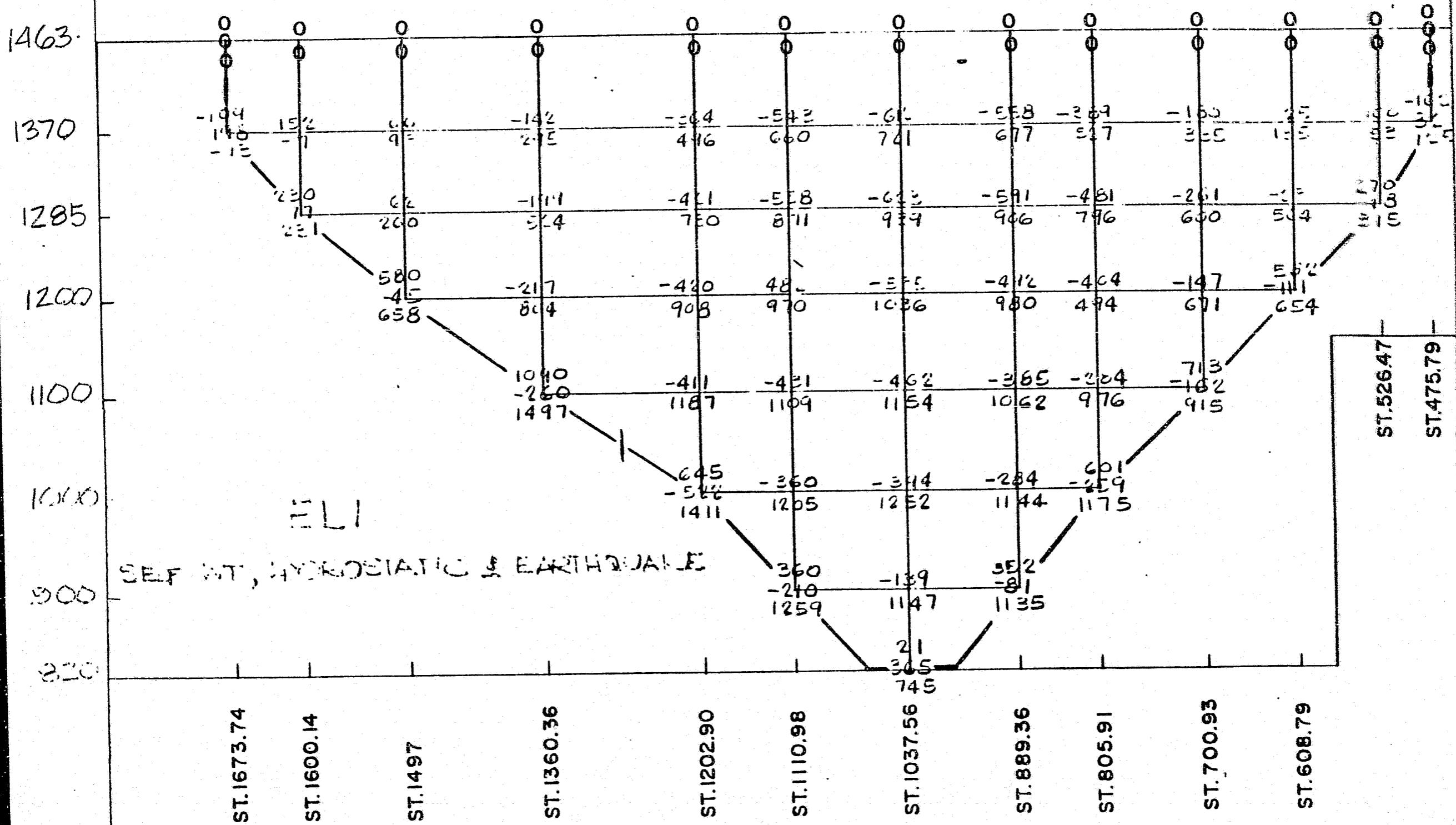
DEVIL CANYON ARCH DAM DYNAMIC ANALYSIS  
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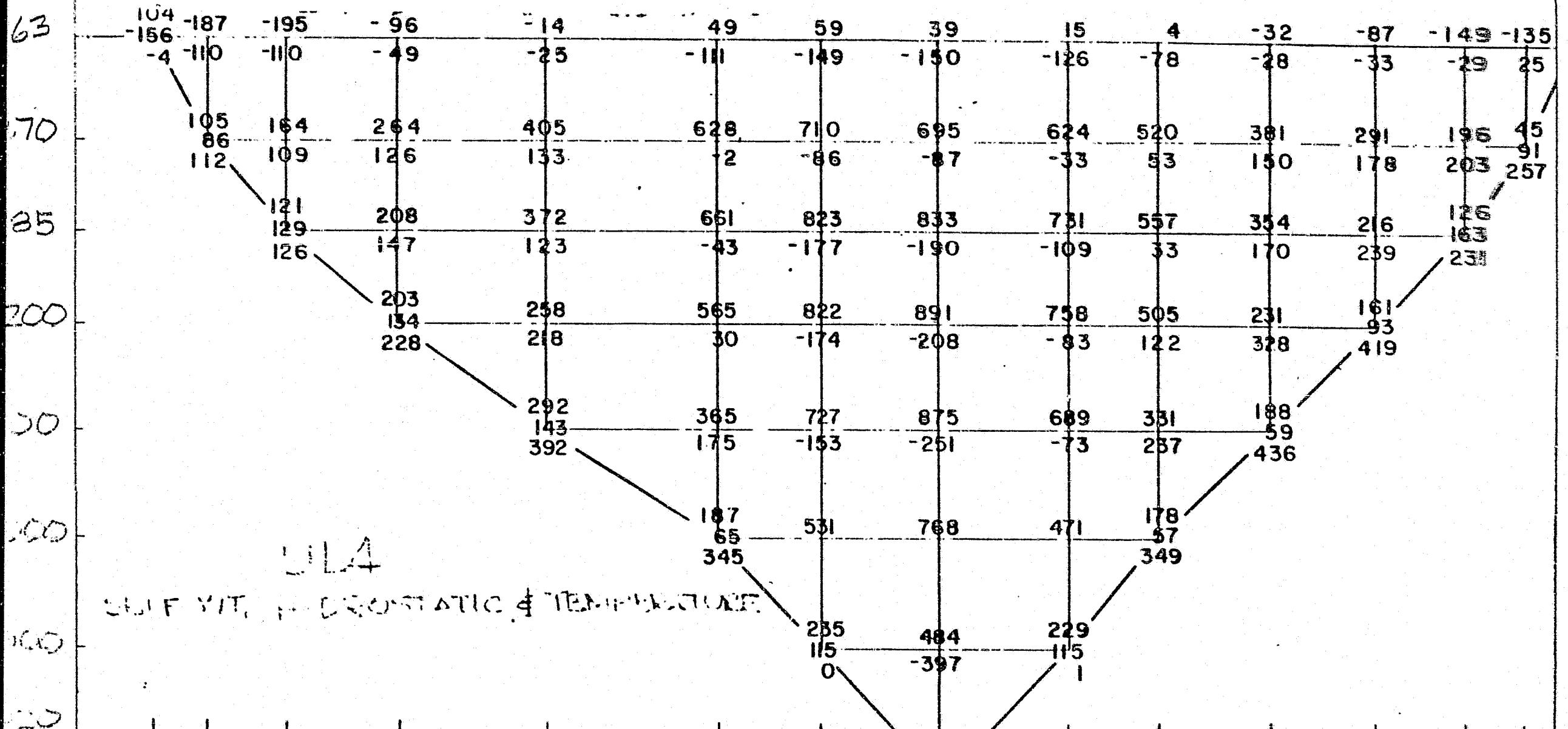
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ARCH STRESSES (PARALLEL TO THE FACE OF THE DAM LOOKING UPSTREAM)

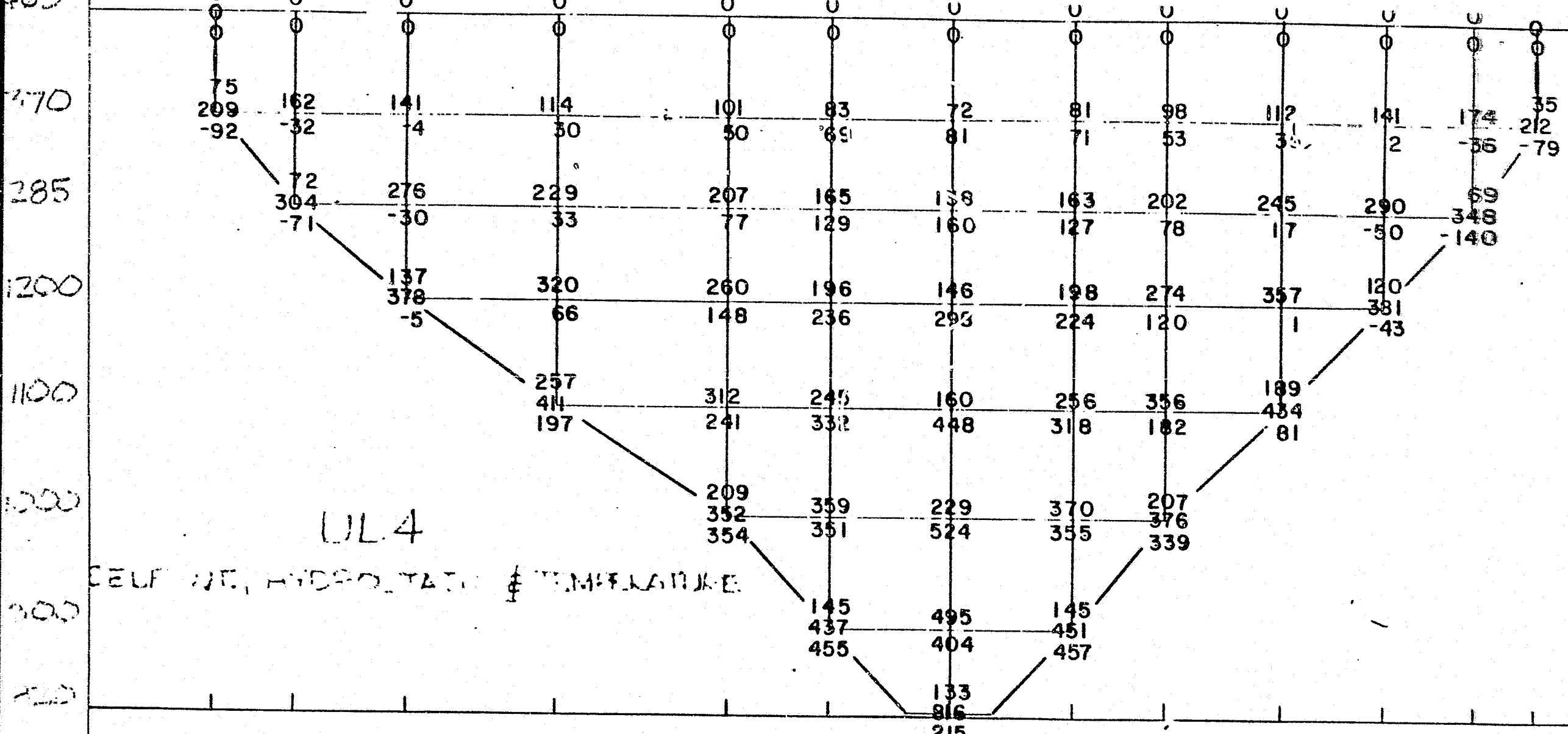


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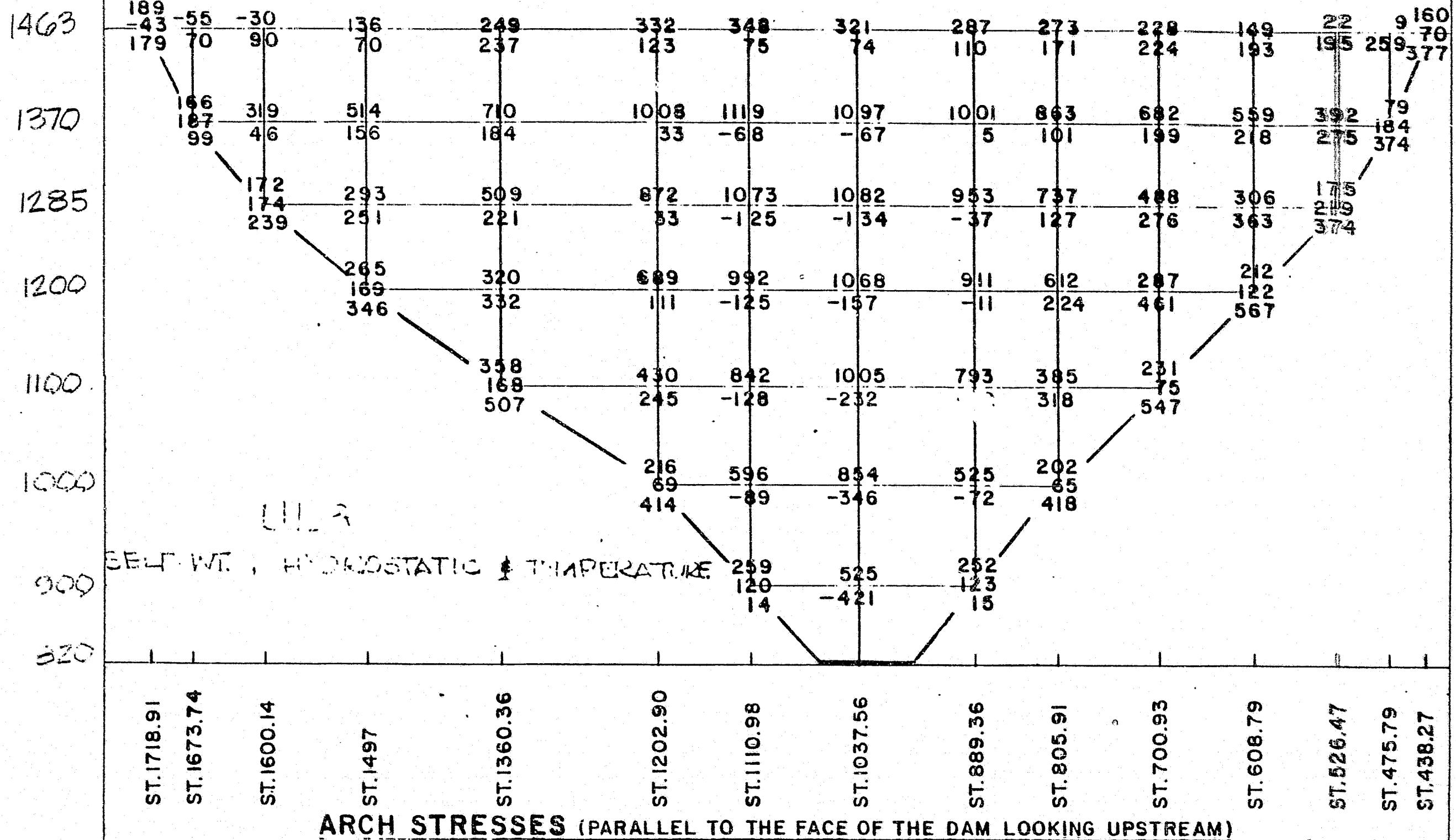


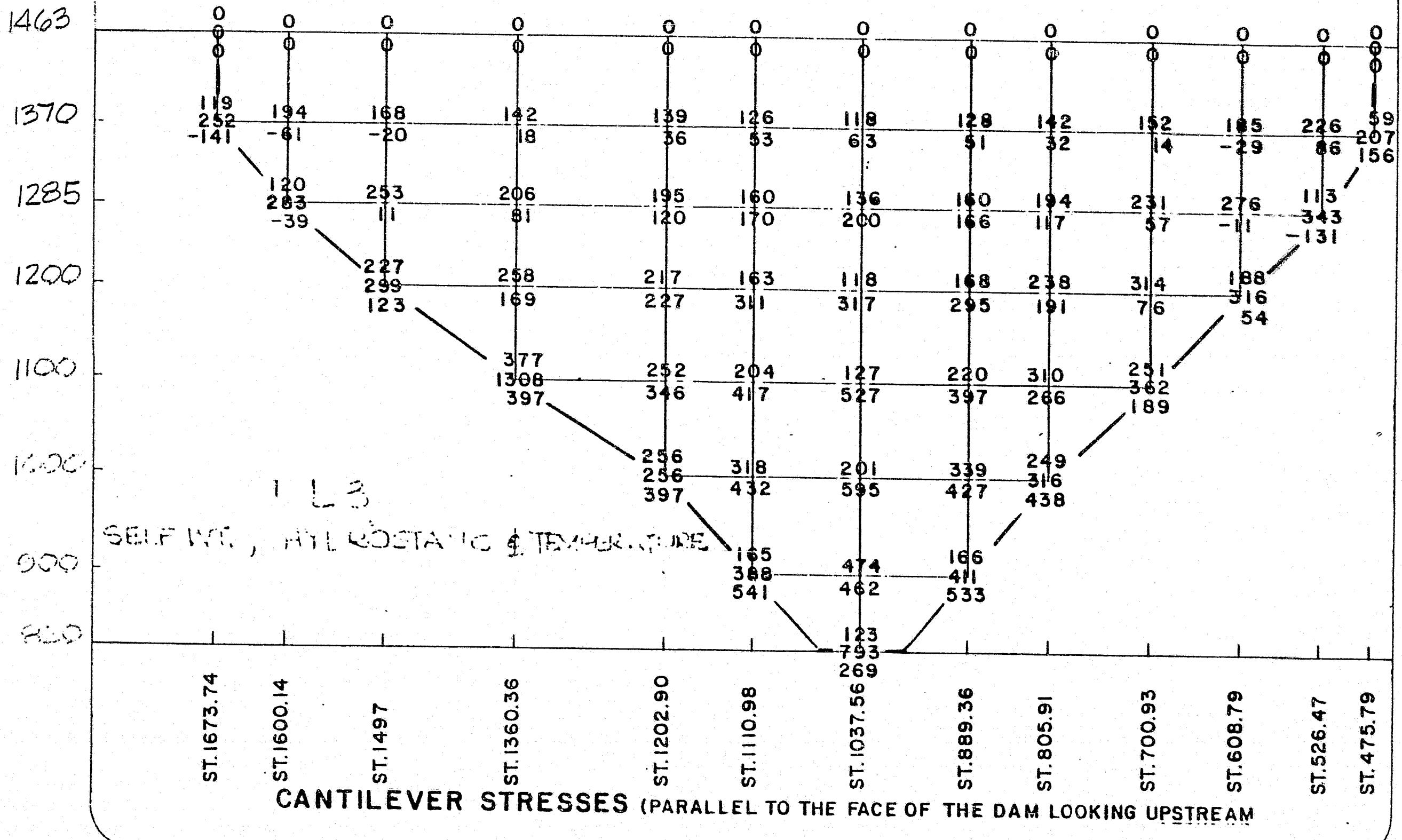
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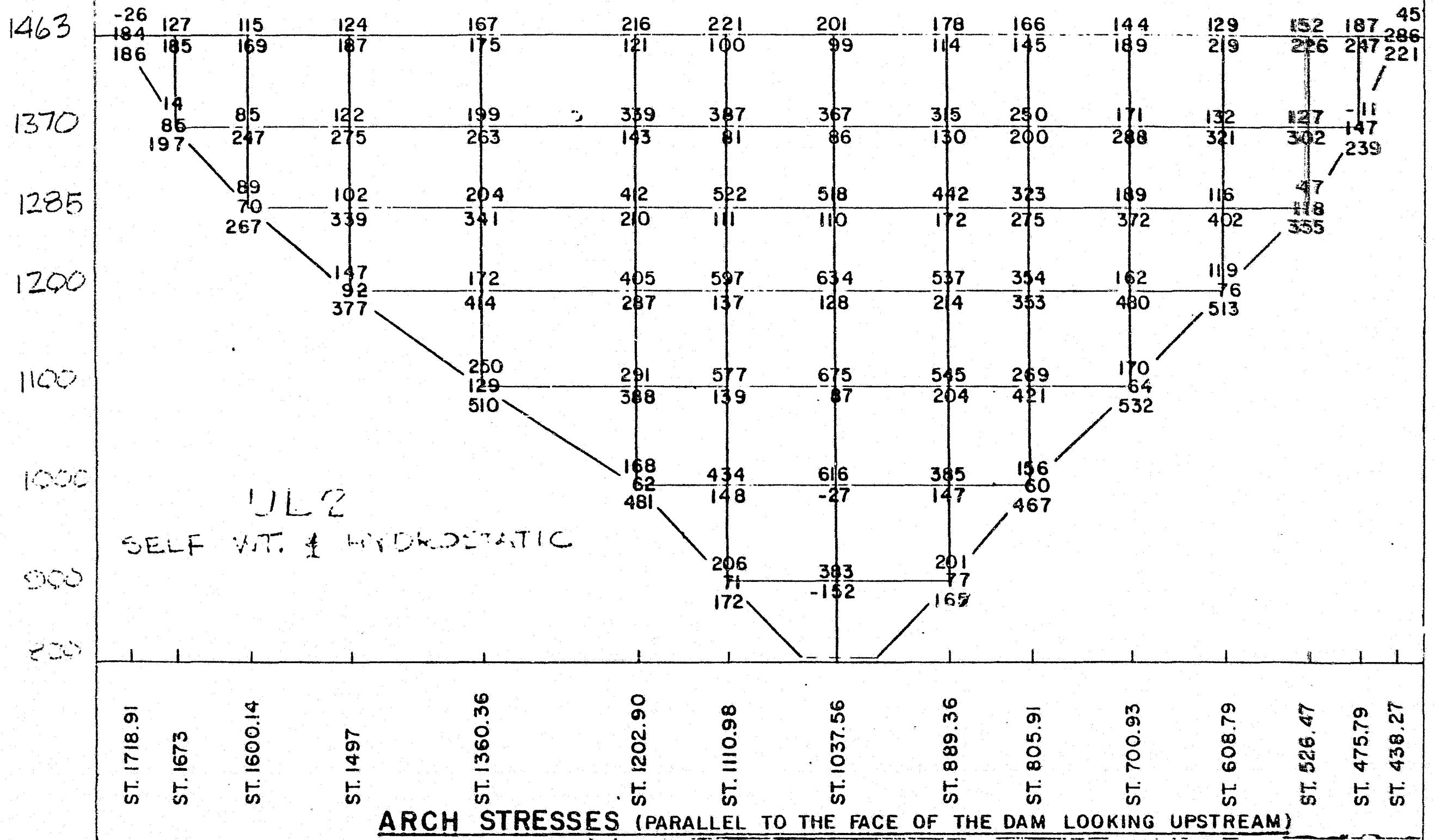
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CANTILEVER STRESSES (PARALLEL TO THE FACE OF THE DAM LOOKING UPSTREAM)







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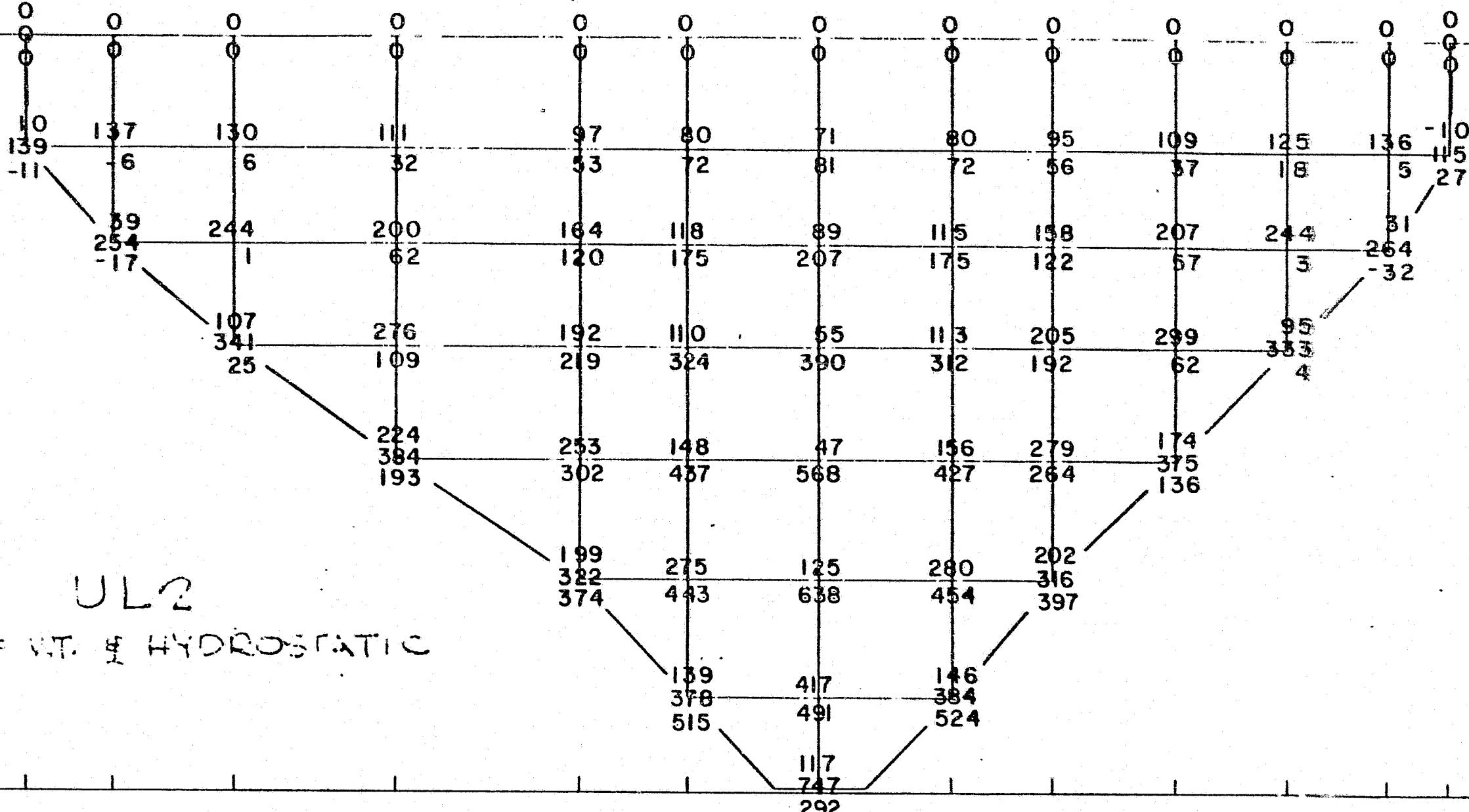
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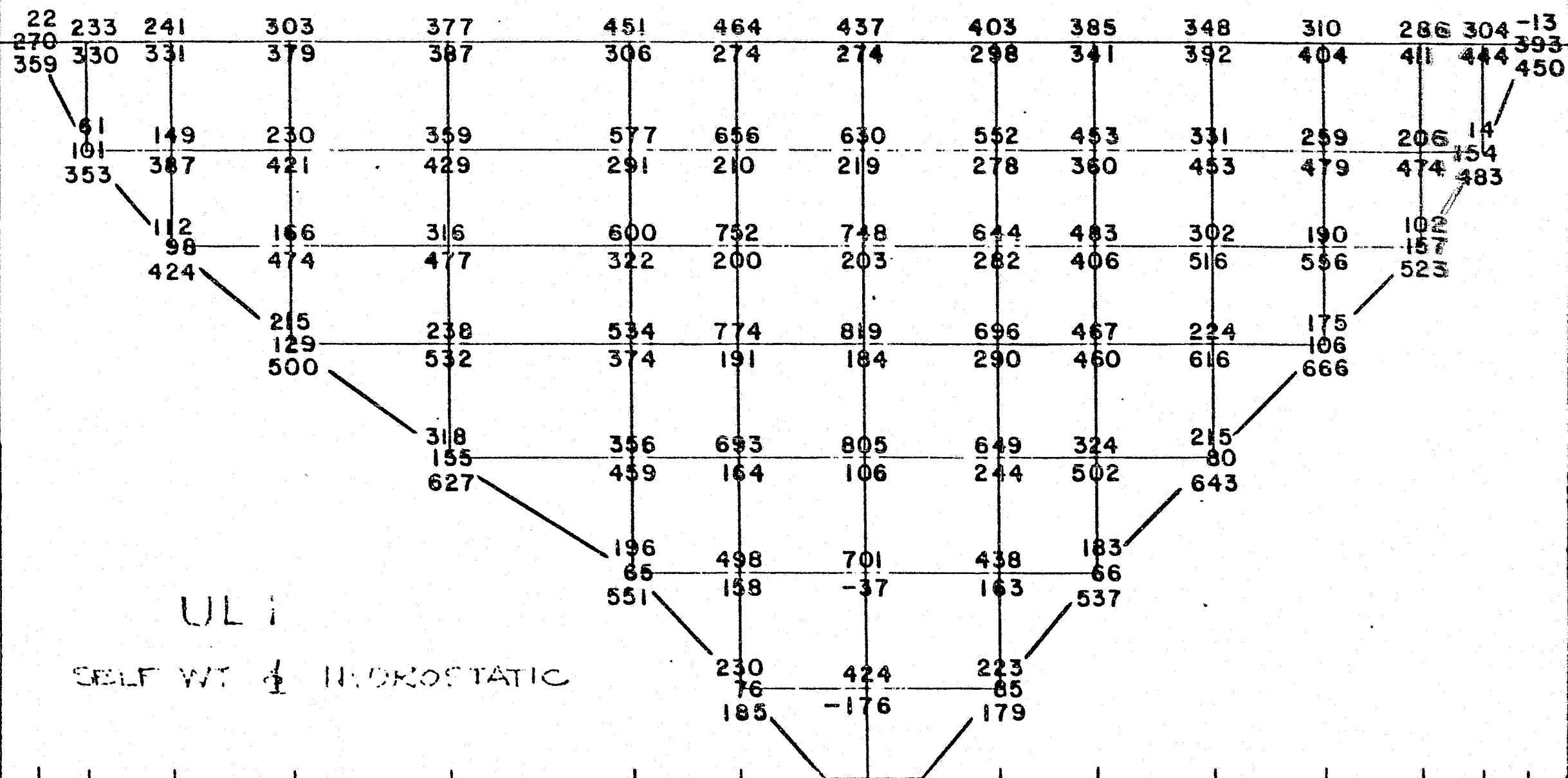
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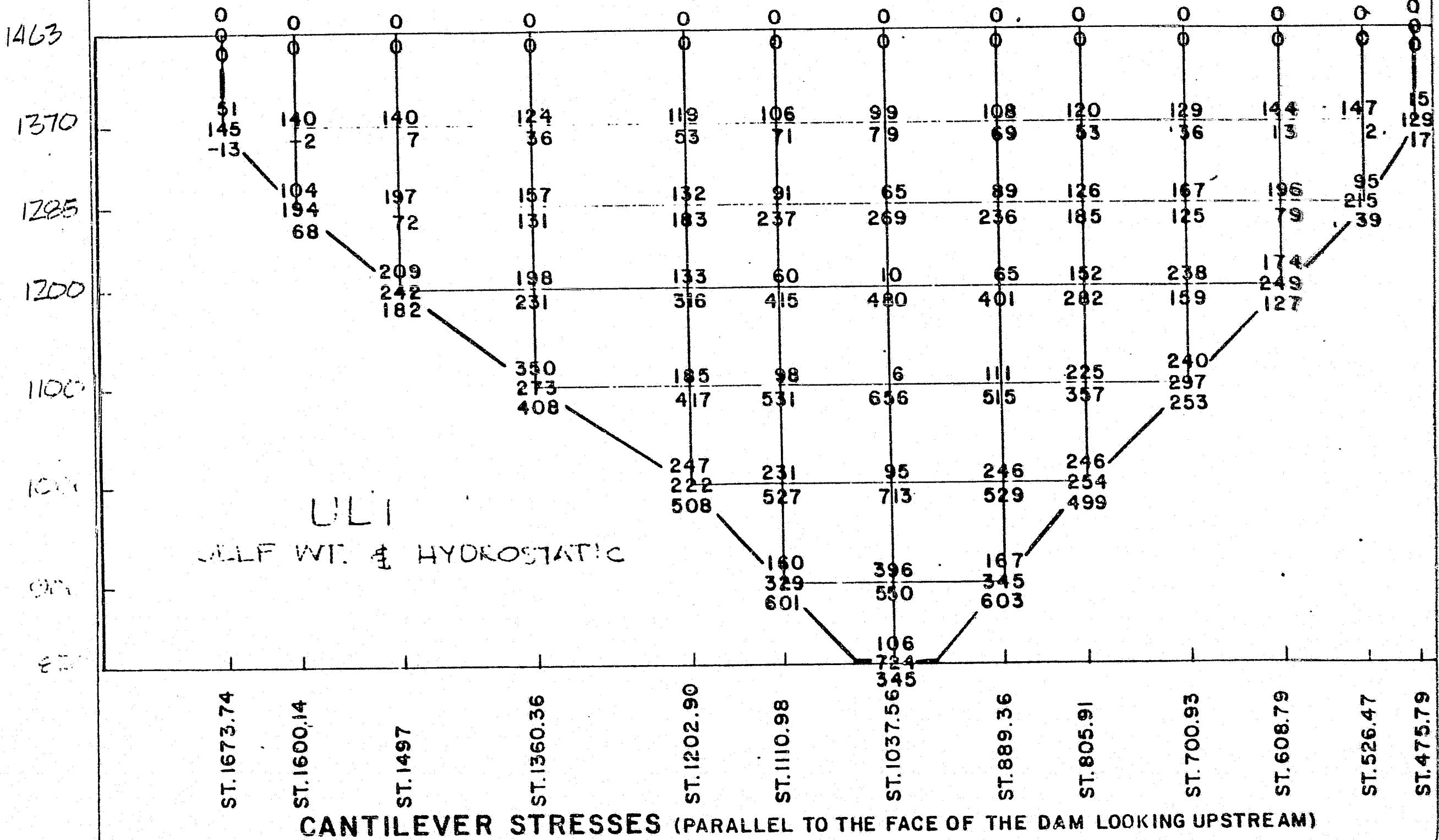
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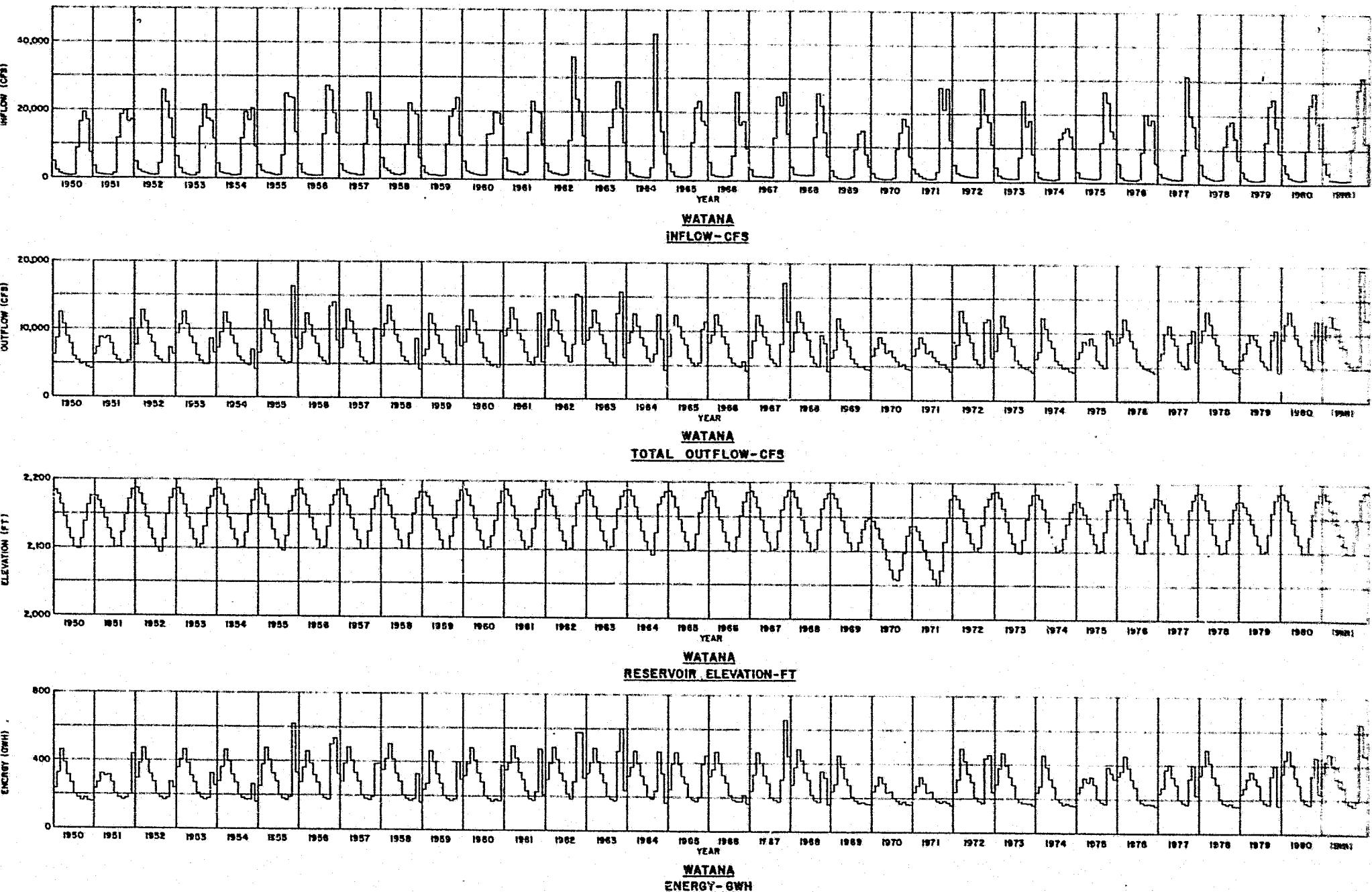
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ARCH STRESSES (PARALLEL TO THE FACE OF THE DAM LOOKING UPSTREAM)



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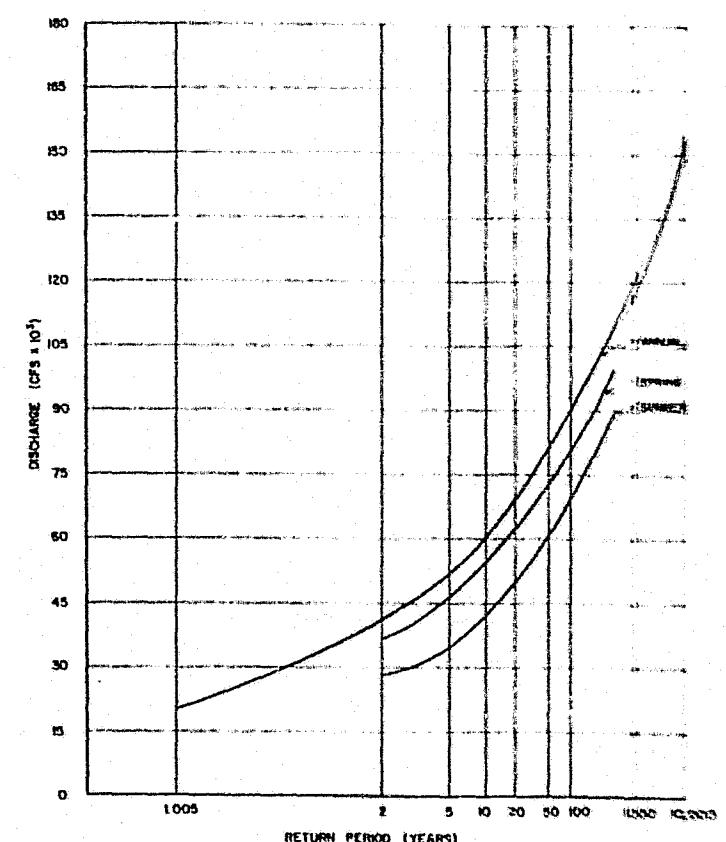
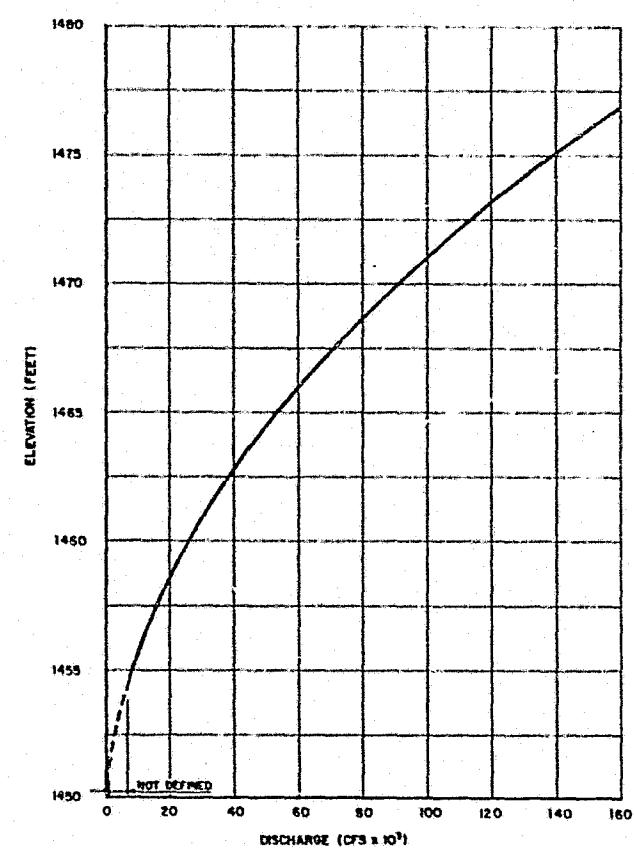
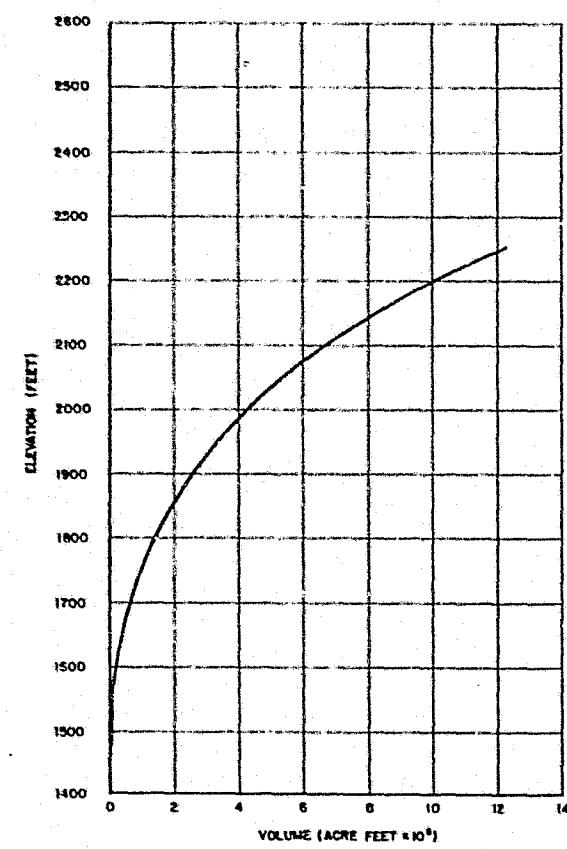


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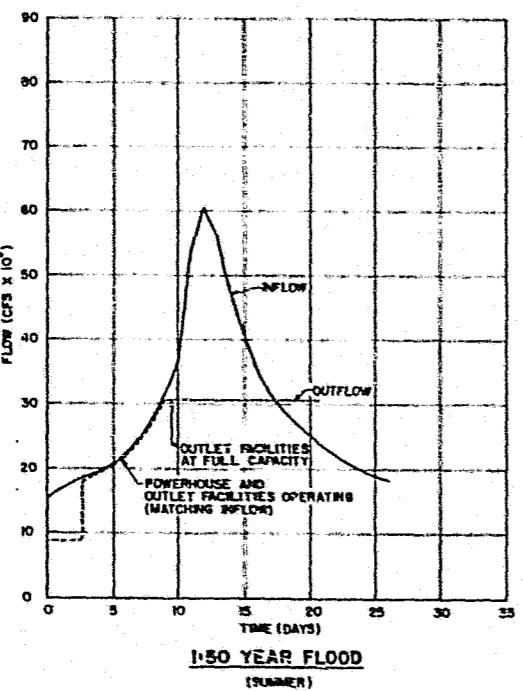
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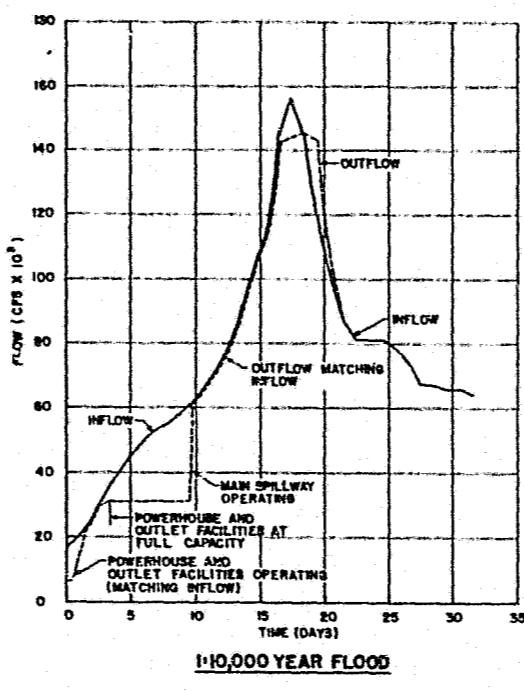
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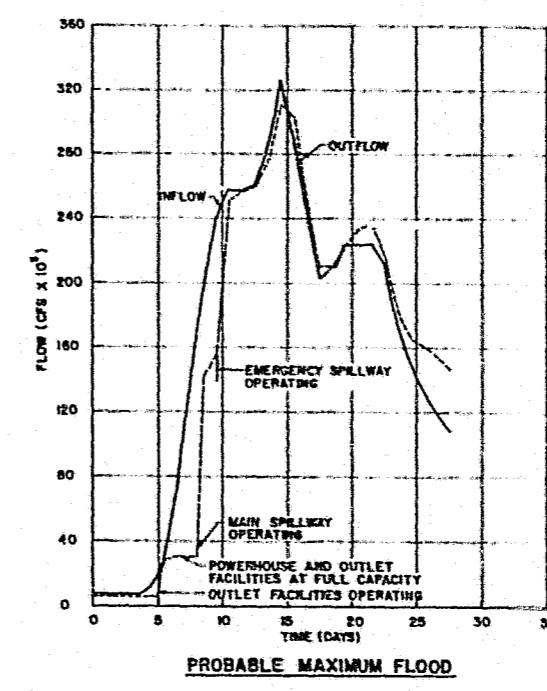
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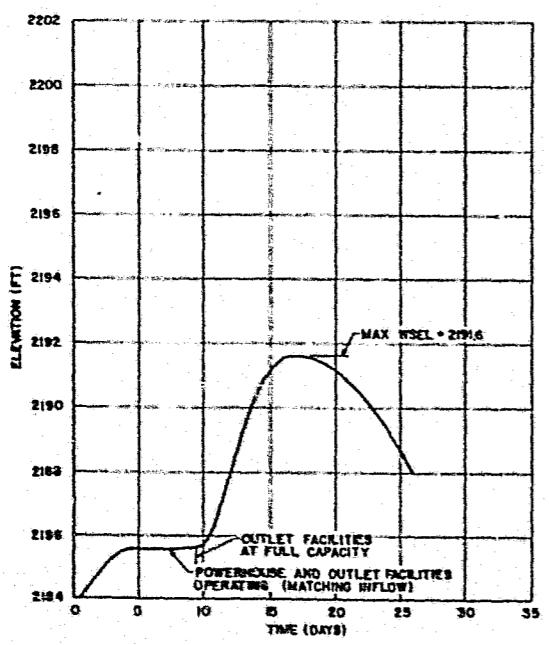
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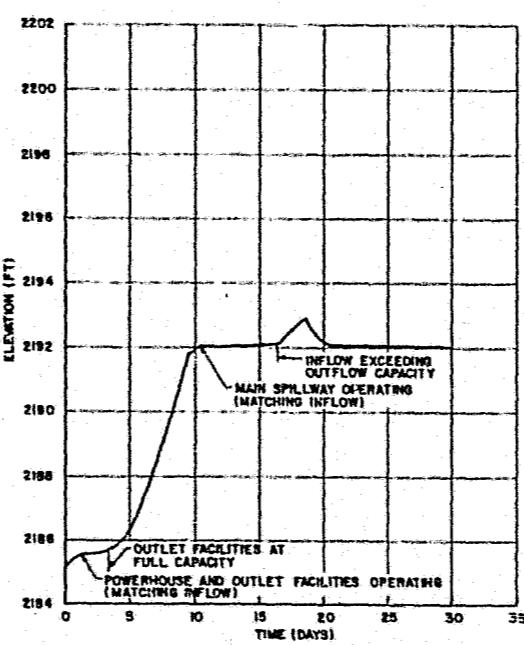
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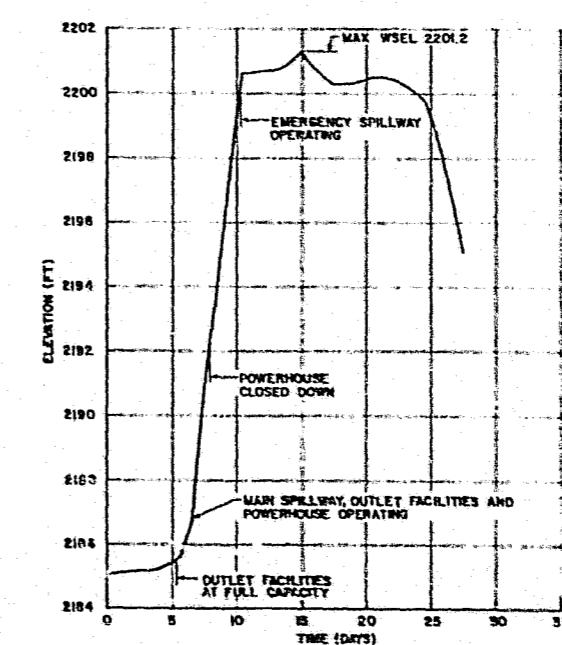
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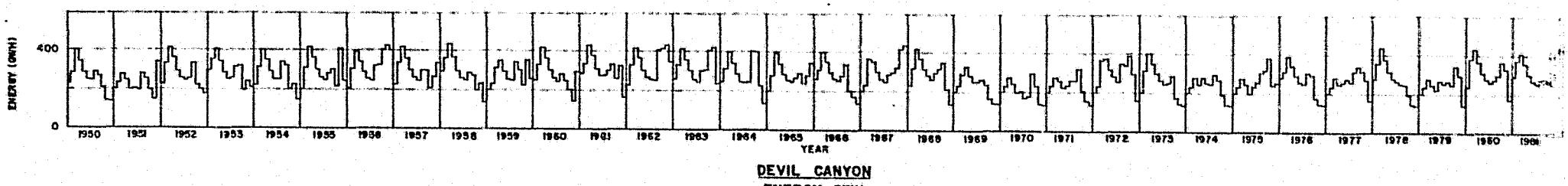
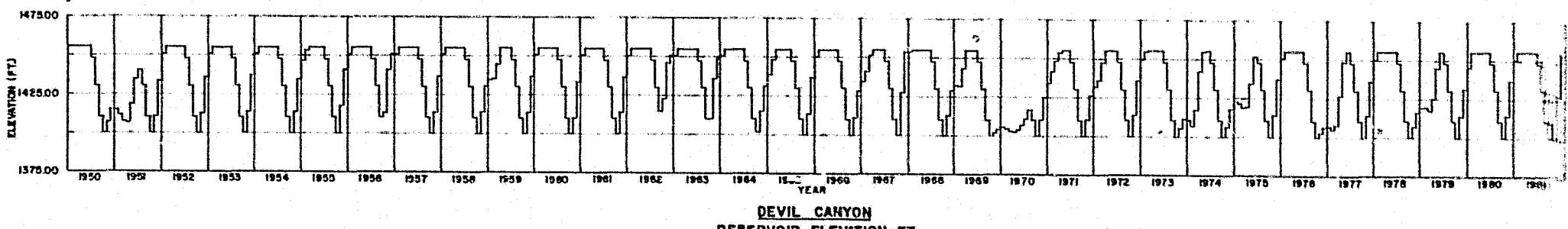
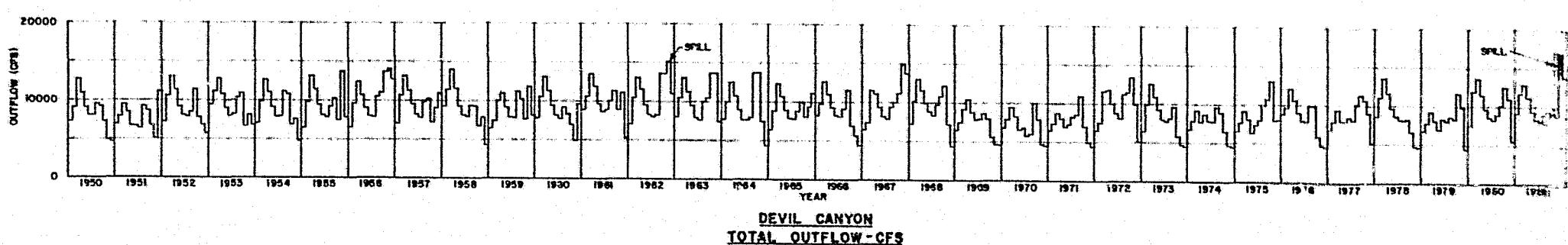
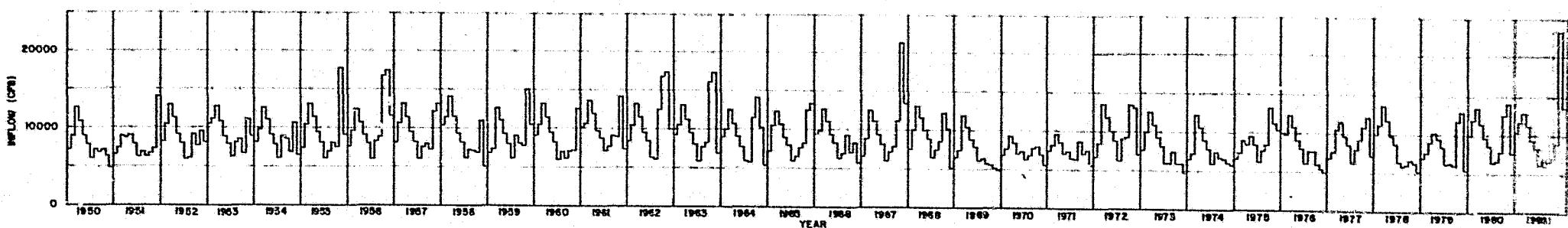


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PROBABLE MAXIMUM FLOOD

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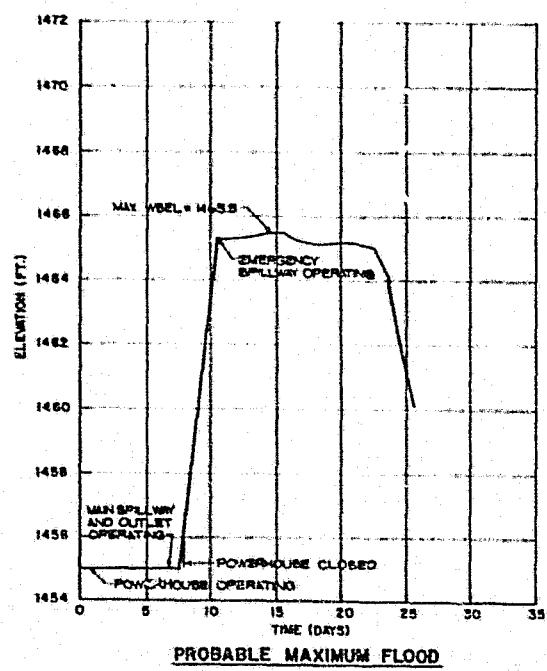
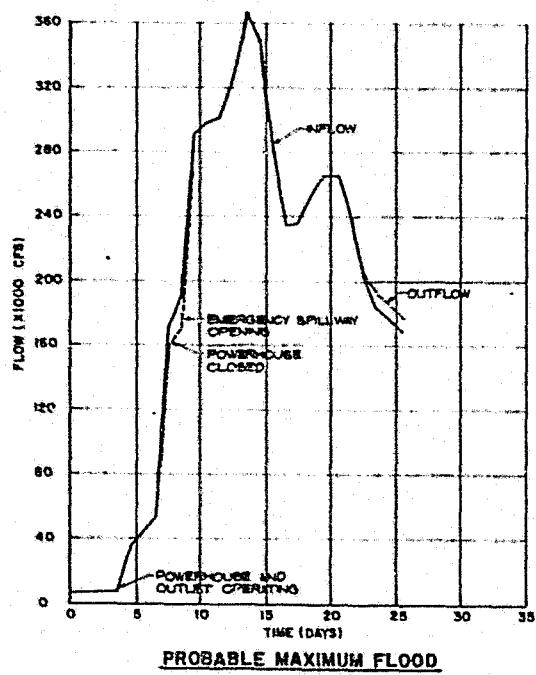


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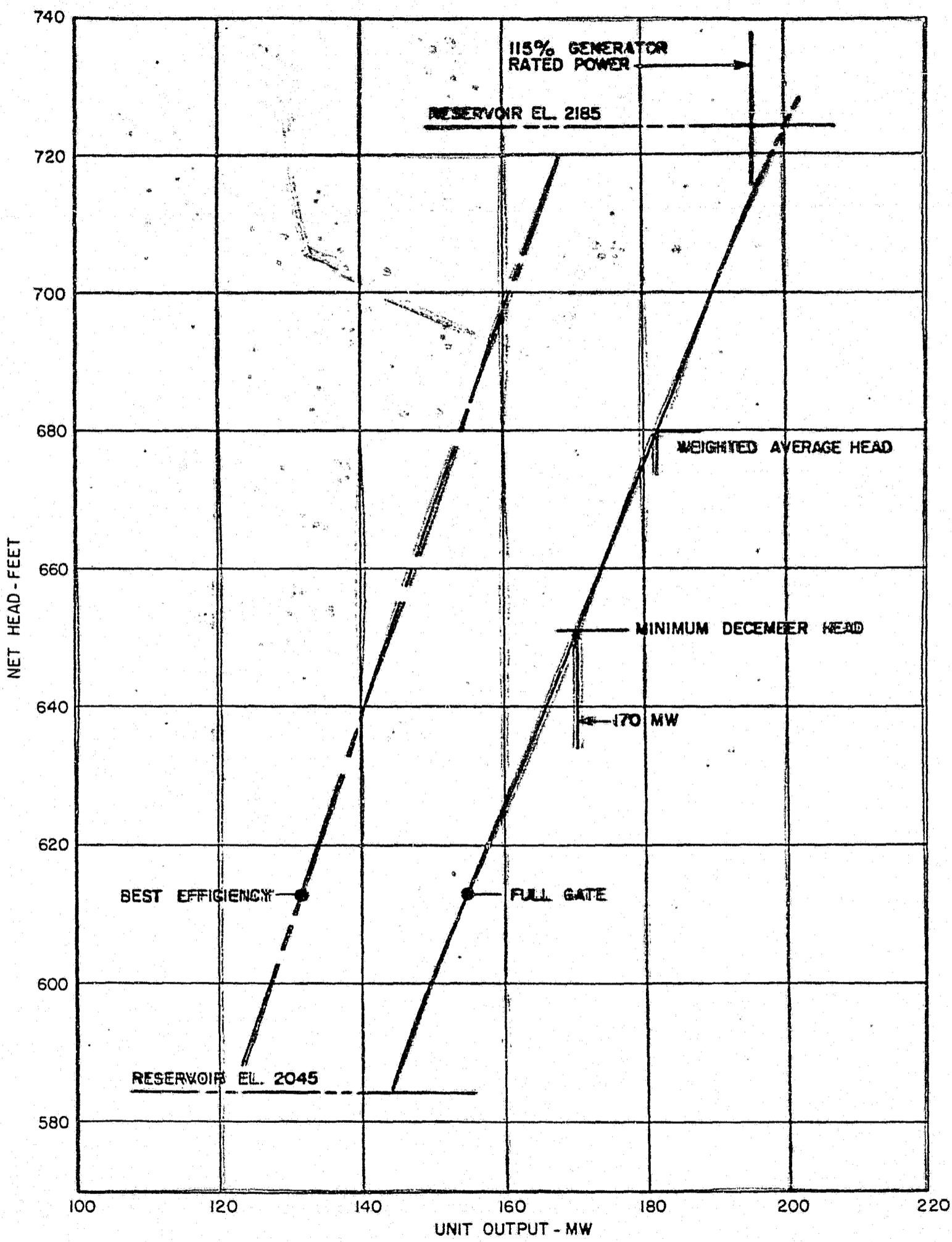
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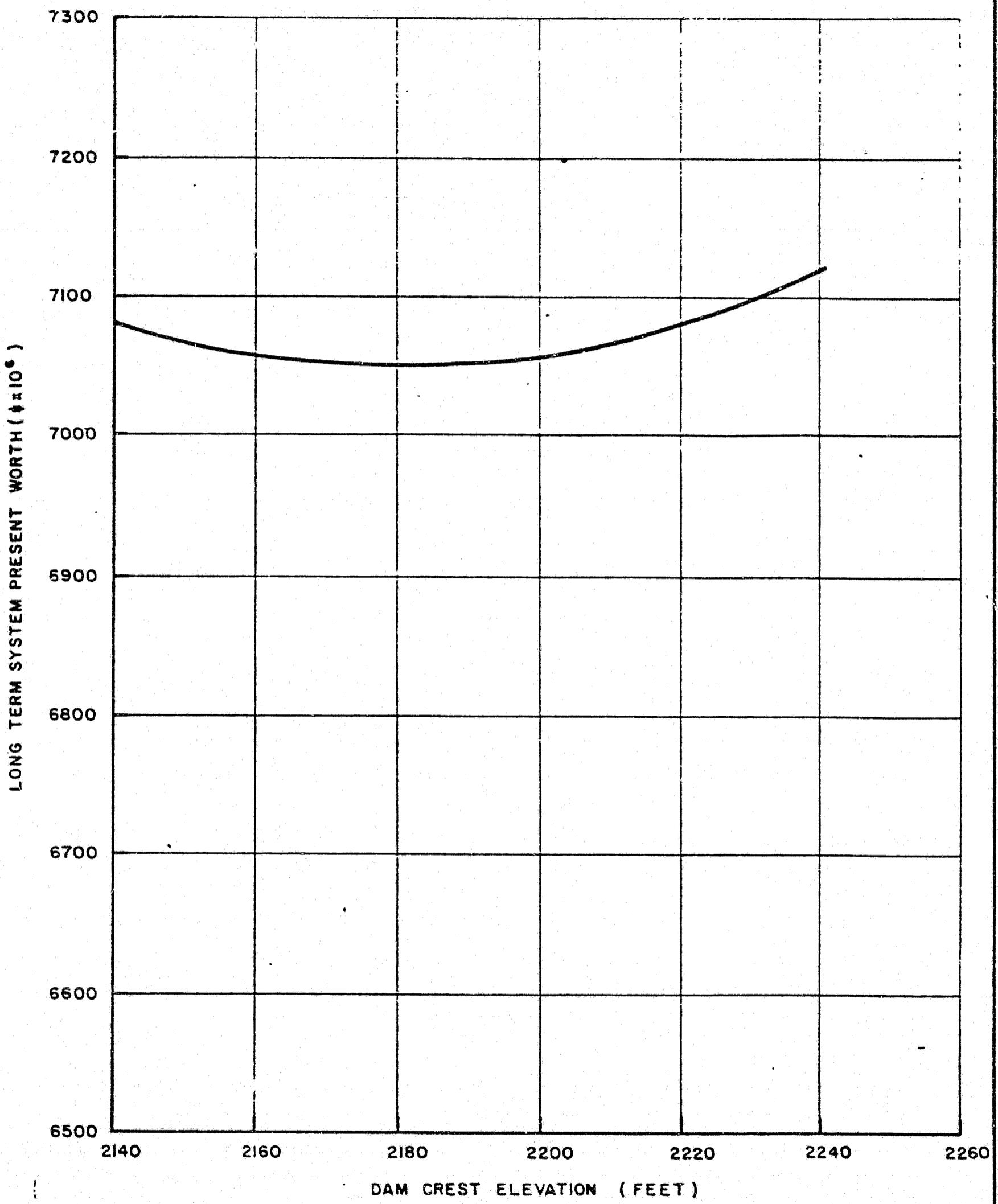
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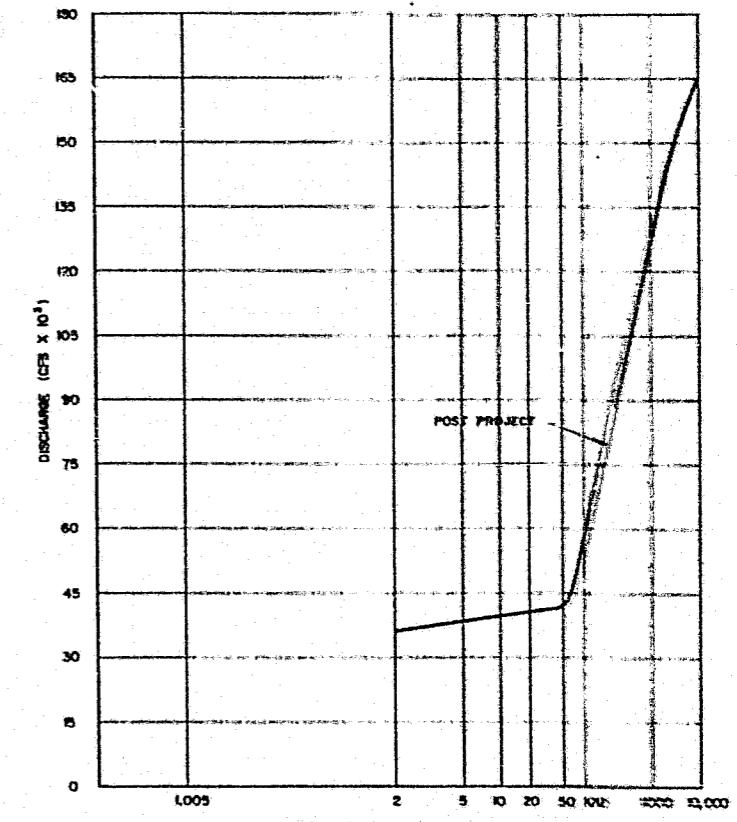
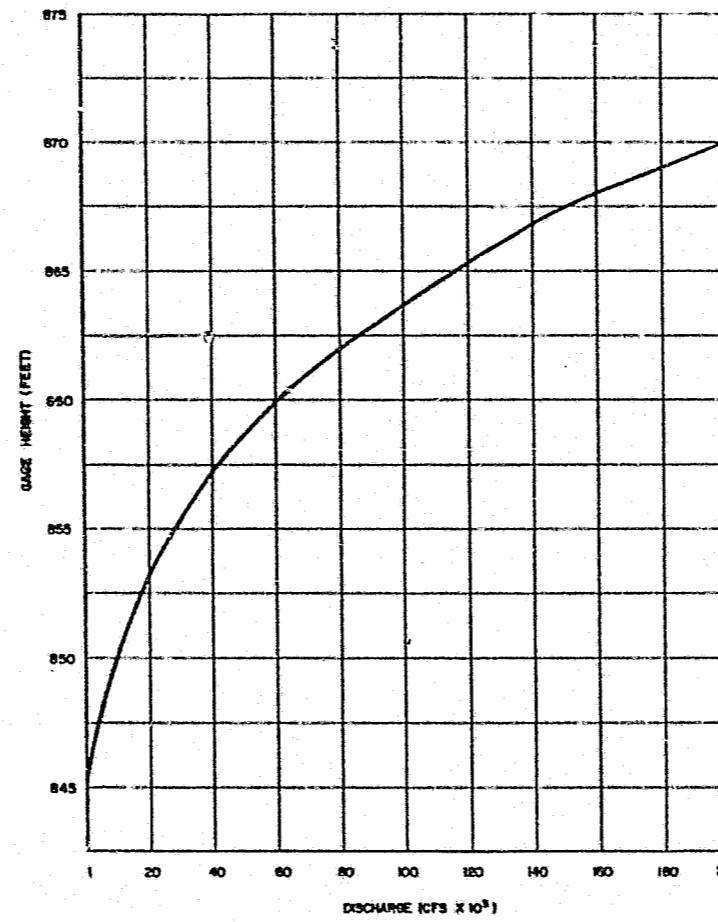
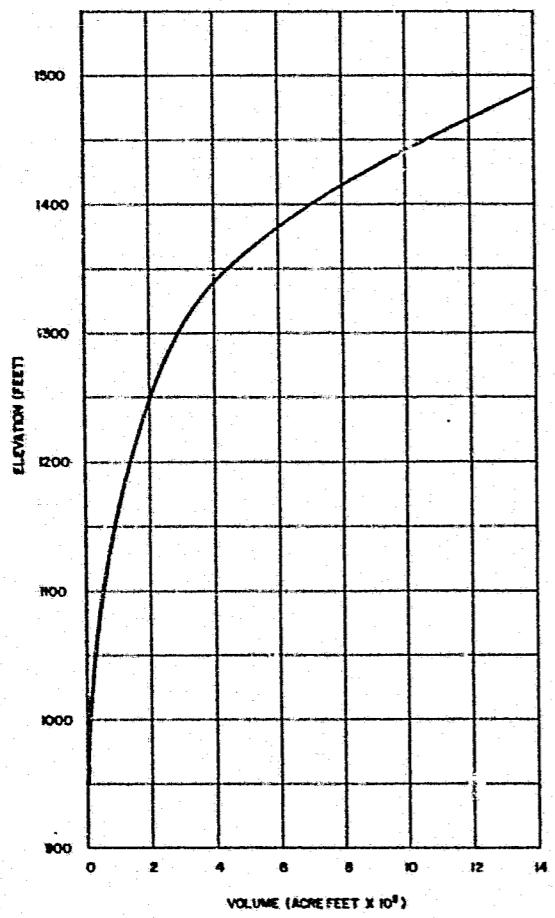
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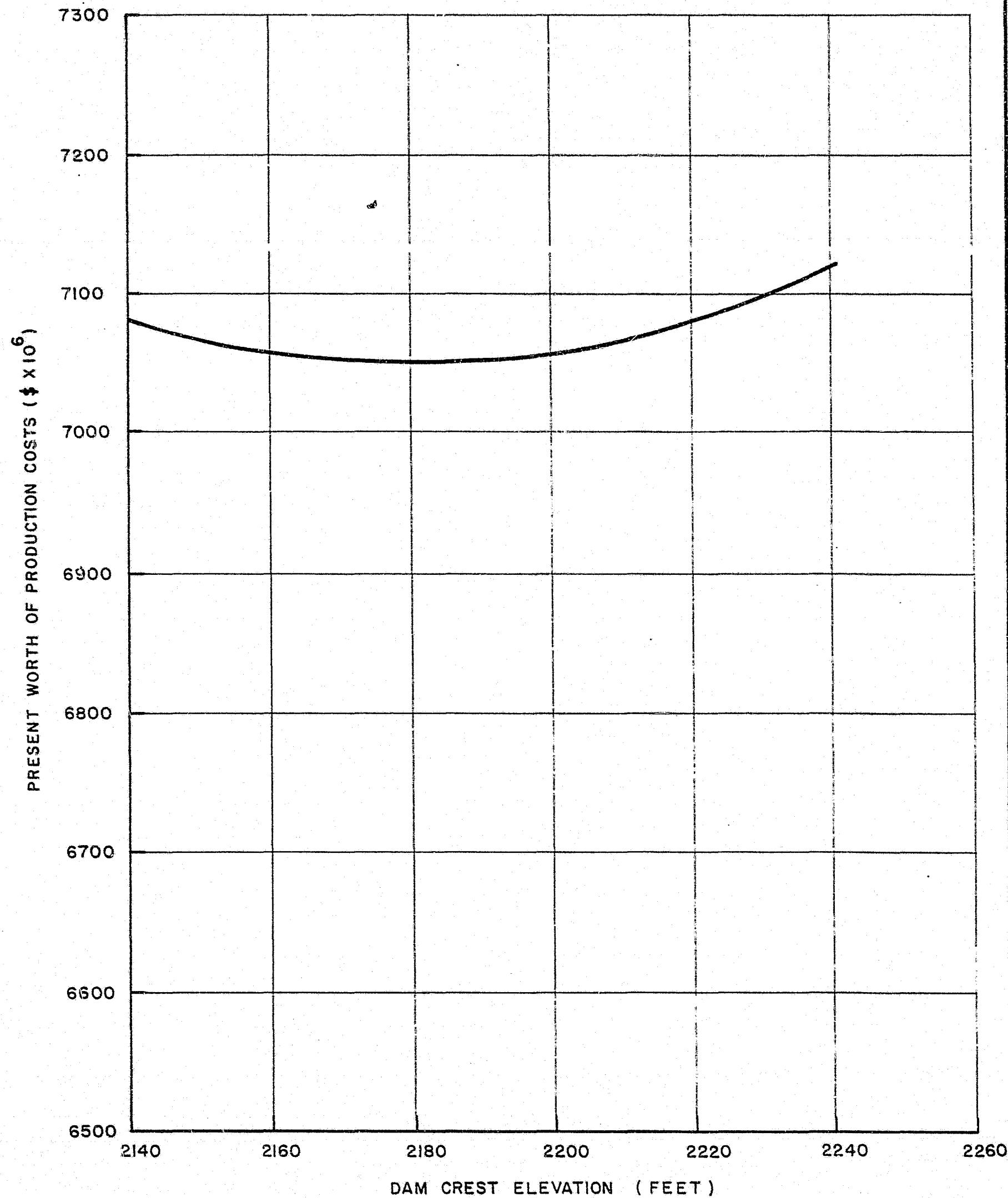


### SELECTION OF RESERVOIR LEVEL

FIGURE 9.17



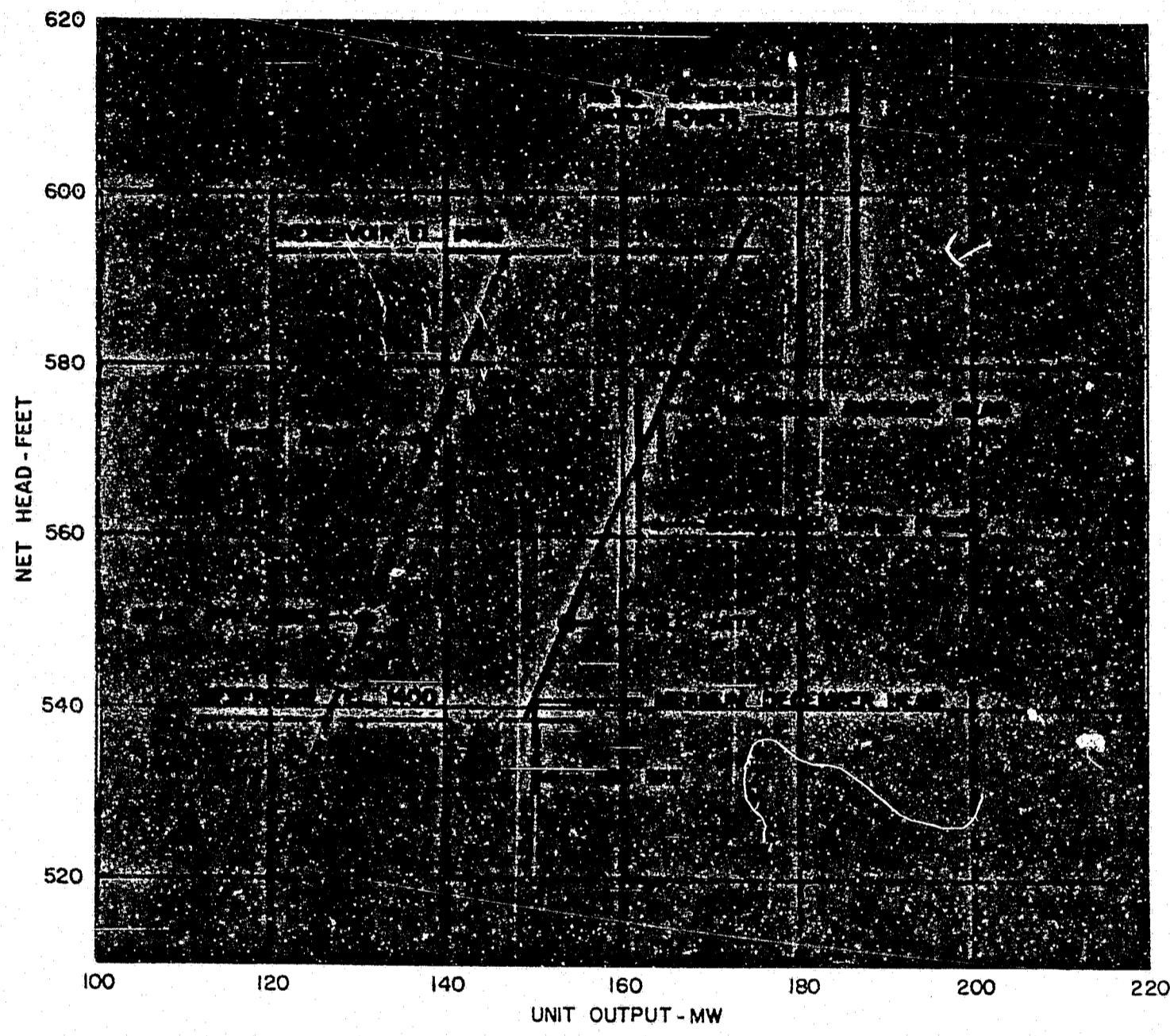




WATANA RESERVOIR  
DAM CREST ELEVATION / PRESENT WORTH OF PRODUCTION COSTS

FIGURE 9.4

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DEVIL CANYON- UNIT OUTPUT

**20. REPORT BY SPECIALIST CONSULTANTS**

February 18, 1982

SUSITNA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
ALASKA POWER AUTHORITY EXTERNAL REVIEW PANEL  
REPORT NO. 5

INTRODUCTION

The Alaska Power Authority External Review Panel for the Susitna Hydroelectric project met with the Acres Review Panel on February 18, 1982. The Acres External Review Panel had convened independently on February 17. Both meetings were conducted at the Acres American offices in Buffalo.

In addition to Panel Members, Robert Mohn of the Alaska Power Authority and representatives of Acres American were present.

The objective of these meetings was to discuss the few remaining topics regarding the project which required resolution. Various members of Acres American staff presented discussions regarding geotechnical questions, seismicity, hydraulics and design.

The Panel appreciates the courtesies extended to it by Acres American and the planning and preparation of discussions presented in the meetings.

### Design Earthquake for Devil Canyon Dam

The studies conducted by Acres' consultants on seismology (Woodward-Clyde Consultants and Dr. Sykes) have indicated the need to design both Watana and Devil Canyon Dams for an earthquake occurring in the Talkeetna Terrain very close to the damsites and having a magnitude of the order of  $M = 6\frac{1}{2}$ .

For this purpose, it is recommended that both dams be designed to withstand motions having a peak acceleration of 0.65g, a spectral shape similar to that presented in the Woodward-Clyde reports, and a duration of strong shaking of about 8 seconds. These are appropriately conservative motions for critical structures such as the dams of the Susitna Project.

For the purposes of engineering analysis, the motions used for excitation of an analytical model of a dam may well be different from those of the Seismic Safety Evaluation Earthquake discussed above. For the type of analysis being used by Acres to evaluate the seismic safety of Devil Canyon Dam the Panel believes that it is appropriate for this structure to base the analysis on design motions having the following characteristics:

Peak acceleration:	0.55g
Damping Ratio :	10%
Spectral Shape :	As recommended in Woodward-Clyde report for 10% damping

The use of these motions for analysis and design purposes is in keeping with those used for similar earthquakes for critical structures in other highly seismic regions and will provide the required degree of assurance of the ability of Devil Canyon Dam to withstand very strong motions (peak acceleration = 0.65g) in the remote possibility that a local earthquake of magnitude =  $6\frac{1}{2}$  should occur.

It should be noted that the above recommendation applies only to the proposed Devil Canyon concrete arch dam and that design motions for other structures in the Project may be different from that recommended above, depending on the characteristics of the structures and the analysis procedure being used for evaluating their earthquake resistance.

### Hydraulic Design of Spillways and Outlets

Acres responded to questions raised by the External Review Panel in its review of Watana and Devil Canyon drawings which are to be included in the final draft of the Feasibility Report. The Panel concurs in the answers to these questions and the design revisions that have been made with the exception that it still is of the opinion that the Tarbela air slot design for the spillway chutes would be more effective than the proposed aeration gallery with outlet ducts. However, this question will need to be resolved by large-scale hydraulic model tests in the final design of the spillways.

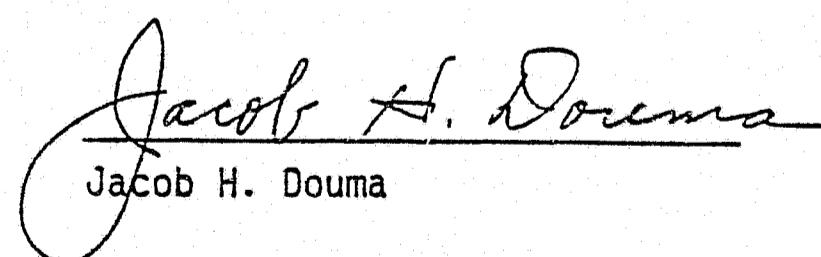
The Panel concurs that the revised emergency excavated spillway channel with a long relatively small invert slope to a pilot channel with a steep slope is superior to the previously proposed excavated channel with several invert drops. It is suggested that in final design the slope of the excavated channel be reduced as much as is practical in order to decrease velocities and erosion in this channel.

### Liquefaction Potential of Soils in Relict Channel

At its last meeting in January, the Panel requested that Acres investigate the possible effects of earthquake-induced liquefaction in the surface soils of the relict channel. This question has been addressed in the report of Acres External Review Panel, dated February 18, 1982. We agree with the recommendations expressed in this report relative to the liquefaction potential of the soil in the relict channel.

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