

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: November 7, 1967

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IN REPLY TO

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SUBJECT:

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT  
For  
Proposed Underpass at the  
Crossing of North Street Revision  
And the Q.E.W. (Fort Erie)  
District No. 4 (Hamilton)  
W.J. 67-F-85 -- W.P. 160-64

Attached, we are forwarding to you, our detailed foundation investigation report on the subsoil conditions existing at the above structure site.

We believe that the factual data and recommendations contained therein, will prove adequate for your design requirements. Should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact our Office.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

The Foundation Section was requested to carry out an investigation for the proposed underpass at the crossing of the proposed North St. revision and the Queen Elizabeth Way, in the Town of Fort Erie, County of Welland, Ontario. The request was contained in a memo from the Bridge Location Section (Mr. W. S. Melinyshyn, Regional Bridge Location Engineer), dated September 12, 1967. An investigation was subsequently carried out by this Section to determine the subsoil conditions existing at the site.

This report contains the results of the investigation, together with recommendations pertaining to the foundation design of the proposed structure. In addition, the stability of the approach embankments is discussed.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND GEOLOGY:

The site is located in the Town of Fort Erie about 1700 ft. west of the Peace Bridge over the Niagara River. At this location the Q.E.W. is entering a cut section approximately 6 to 10 ft. below the surrounding ground surface elevation. The highway slopes towards the Niagara River, and consists of three westbound lanes (two leading from the bridge and one from Fort Erie), and two eastbound lanes which branch off on an embankment towards the south. The highway has a gravel shoulder on the north side of the westbound lane, with curb and gutter elsewhere. The area surrounding the highway is grass-covered, with a shallow drainage ditch on the north side and a deeper one

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND GEOLOGY: (cont'd.) ...

starting east of the eastbound lane embankment. The surrounding terrain is generally level with a gradual slope towards the river. Approximately 100 ft. east of the site the ground slopes steeply towards the river. The immediate area to the north of the Q.E.W. is about 10 ft. above the Q.E.W. centre-line grade; the slopes of these cuts are approximately 2:1. A frame house is located about 100 ft. north of the top of the bank, while the remainder of the area is covered with evergreens. The immediate area to the south of the Q.E.W. is about 6 ft. above the Q.E.W. centre-line grade; the associated embankment slopes are flatter than above. This area is clear except for Main Street which runs in an east-west direction. This street has been abandoned east of the Q.E.W. eastbound lane.

Physiographically, the site is situated in the "Haldimand Clay Plain". Based on available geological information, it is known that the overburden of this region consists of lacustrine clay deposited in glacial Lake Warren which was formed during the retreat of the most recent continental glacier.

3. FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK:

Five boreholes and five dynamic cone penetration tests were carried out during the course of the recent field work. In addition, two boreholes, one of which was accompanied by a dynamic cone penetration test, were carried out on Aug. 11 - 15, 1966, by H. Q. Golder and Associates Ltd. for preliminary investigation purposes. Boring was achieved by means of a conventional diamond drill adapted for soil sampling purposes. Samples were recovered at required depths in 2-inch O.D. split-spoon samplers which were hammered into the soil, or in 2-inch I.D. Shelby tubes which were manually pushed into the soil. The method of driving the split-spoon samplers conformed to the requirements of the Standard Penetration Test. The same method was used to advance the cone in the dynamic cone penetration tests. Where possible, field vane

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3. FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK: (cont'd.) ...

tests were carried out at various depth intervals in order to determine the undrained shear strength of the cohesive strata. Bedrock was proven in five boreholes by obtaining AXT size rock core samples. In two borings, bedrock surface was assumed to be the level at which the practical refusal to augering occurred. During sampling and drilling operations, detailed logs of the borings were made which described drilling and sampling techniques, soil types encountered, and groundwater observations.

The locations and elevations of all borings were surveyed in the field by personnel from Central Region Engineering Surveys Section, and are shown on Dwg. #67-F-85A, together with the estimated stratigraphical profile.

All samples were subjected to a careful visual inspection in the laboratory prior to any tests being carried out. Following this inspection, tests were carried out on certain samples to determine the following physical properties of the various soil types:

- Natural Moisture Contents
- Bulk Densities
- Grain-Size Distributions
- Atterberg Limits
- Undrained Shear Strengths

The results of these tests are summarized and plotted on the Record of Borelog sheets contained in the Appendix of the report.

On completion of laboratory testing, the various soil samples were classified as to type and consistency, or relative density, in general, according to the Unified Soil Classification System (Oct. 1963).

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#### 4. SUBSOIL CONDITIONS:

##### 4.1) General:

Subsoil at the site generally consists of 1 to 4 ft. of topsoil or fill material followed by 18 to 34 ft. of firm to hard clayey silt with some sand and traces of gravel, the upper 4 to 15 ft. of which has been desiccated to a hard crust. The clayey silt stratum directly overlies limestone bedrock. The boundaries between the various soil strata are shown on the Record of Borelog sheets contained in the Appendix of the report. The inferred stratigraphical profiles shown on Dwg. #67-F-85A are based on this information. From ground surface downwards, the different soil types are described in detail as follows:

##### 4.2) Clayey Silt with Some Sand and Traces of Gravel:

The surficial cover over the majority of the site is a clayey silt topsoil about 1 to 2 feet thick. However, at boreholes 1 and 2, a surficial layer of fill some 3 to 4 feet thick was encountered. This fill is composed of a stiff clayey silt with some sand and gravel.

Underlying the surficial deposits across the site is the predominant overburden stratum consisting of greyish to reddish-brown clayey silt with some sand and traces of gravel. The upper 3 to 15 ft. of this deposit has been desiccated to a hard crust. The overall thickness varies from 18 feet at borehole 2, to 34 feet at borehole 5, being typically about 30 feet. At some of the boring locations, occasional thin seams of clay and silt were encountered between elevations 581 and 587. Grain-size distribution curves obtained from typical samples of the clayey silt stratum are shown in the Appendix of this report.

The engineering properties of the stratum as determined from field and laboratory testing, are summarized in tabular form as follows:

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4. SUBSOIL CONDITIONS: (cont'd.) ...

4.2) Clayey Silt with Some Sand and Traces of Gravel (cont'd.) ...

	<u>Upper Desiccated Zone</u> Range (Average)	<u>Lower Zone</u> Range (Average)
Bulk Density (lb./cu.ft.)	-	127 to 143 (135)
Liquid Limit	27 to 33 (30)	20 to 36 (27)
Plastic Limit	15 to 17 (16)	12 to 21 (16)
Moisture Content (Percent)	12 to 15 (13)	12 to 27 (19)
Liquidity Index	1% to 4% below Plastic Limit	0 to 0.7 (0.4)
Undrained Shear Strength (lb./cu.ft.)	-	771 to 3,845
'N' Values (Blows/ft.)	35 to >100 (55)	16 to 33 (25)

The Atterberg limit tests listed above are summarized on the plasticity charts appended to this report. These results indicate that the clayey silt is inorganic and generally of low plasticity.

The undrained shear strength results indicate that the consistency of the stratum varies from very stiff, immediately below the desiccated crust, changing to firm with depth. The consistency of the crust is hard. The standard penetration tests carried out corroborates the consistency pattern given above. Underlying the clayey silt stratum is a thin layer (6") of basal till with a matrix of clayey silt binding some sand and gravel.

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4. SUBSOIL CONDITIONS: (cont'd.) ...

4.3) Limestone Bedrock:

Bedrock directly underlies the clayey silt stratum. Bedrock was established by drilling 5 to 11 ft. of AXT core in B.H.'s 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. In B.H.'s 3 and 5, bedrock surface was established by drilling with auger to refusal. The depth at which bedrock surface was encountered ranged from elev. 579.1 to elev. 581.9, i.e., some 22 to 36 ft. below the existing ground surface. The rock core obtained, shows the rock to be generally grey limestone with dark brown chert nodules and some chertified patches. The bedrock is generally sound as indicated by the relatively high core recovery of 70% to 100%.

5. GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS:

Groundwater level observations carried out during the period of the field investigation, indicate that the water level in the borings generally ranged from elev. 595.8 to elev. 610.8, which is some 3 to 10 ft. below existing ground surface. The exact water levels observed during the time of the field investigation, are shown on the enclosed drawing as well as on the borehole logs (Appendix I).

6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

6.1) General:

It is proposed to construct an underpass structure to carry the proposed North St. Revision over the Queen Elizabeth Way. Present proposals call for a single four-span (50'-110'-110'-70') structure with approach fills having a maximum height of about 25 ft. above the revised Q.E.W. grade, or some 8 to 10 ft. above the existing Q.E.W. roadway cut slopes.

Subsoil at the site consists generally of a deposit of firm to hard clayey silt with some sand and traces of gravel, followed by limestone bedrock at a depth of 22 to 36 ft. below the existing ground surface.



6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (cont'd.) ...

6.2) Structure Foundations:

The proposed abutments may be founded on spread footings in the hard clayey silt crust, with a safe bearing pressure of 3.0 t.s.f. The south abutment foundation can be placed at elev. 607.0, and the north abutment foundation at elev. 612.0. The total settlement of footings founded high up in the crust and imposing the above bearing pressure, should not exceed 1 inch.

The abutment footings may, however, be located at a higher elevation within the approach fills provided the fill material consists of well compacted G.B.C. Class 'A' material below the tops of the footings. This granular fill should extend for a horizontal distance of at least 10 ft. from the footing edge in the plane of the footing top. This portion of the fill should be constructed with side slopes of 2:1. The remainder of the fill should be completed to above profile grade for a distance of about 50 feet behind the abutments before re-excavating for the abutment footings. For footings founded as discussed above, a safe load of 2.0 t.s.f. may be used in the design of the abutment foundations.

The revised grade of the Q.E.W. will be at elev. 597  $\pm$ . For frost protection the pier footings should be located at least 4 ft. below the proposed grade - i.e., the footings would be founded at about elevation 593. At this elevation the clayey silt deposit has a stiff consistency, with the average undrained shear strength being about 1,500 p.s.f. Based on this, it is recommended that the piers be founded on spread footings placed in the clayey silt stratum at the above elevation using an allowable bearing pressure of 1.5 t.s.f. Settlement of pier footings, designed for a bearing pressure of 1.5 t.s.f., is estimated to be about 1 inch.

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6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (cont'd.) ...

6.2) Structure Foundations: (cont'd.) ...

As an alternative, the piers can be founded on end-bearing piles driven to bedrock. The allowable design load will depend upon the pile section chosen. For example, a safe design load of 90 tons/pile may be used for a 14 BP 73 steel H-pile section.

6.3) Embankments:

As discussed above, the abutments may be founded on spread footings located within the approach fills. If this is the case, it is recommended that all topsoil be removed from beneath the specified granular fill portion of the embankment in the vicinity of the abutments. There should be no overall stability problem with the approach embankments, provided that standard slopes of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical are used.

6.4) Dewatering:

Due to the relatively impermeable nature of the subsoil, no major dewatering problems are anticipated in any of the footing excavations. Any seepage or surface run-off could readily be handled by pumping from sumps. In order to prevent softening of the excavation base by surface run-off, a working slab should be cast as soon as the desired excavated elevation is reached.

7. SUMMARY:

The results of a foundation investigation for the proposed underpass structure to carry North St. over the Q.E.W., are presented.

The subsoil at the site generally consists of some 26 to 34 ft. of hard to firm clayey silt with some sand and traces of gravel. The upper 10 to 15 feet of the stratum has been desiccated to a hard crust. The clayey silt stratum is directly underlain by sound limestone bedrock.

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7. SUMMARY: (cont'd.) ...

The proposed abutments can be founded on spread footings in the hard clayey silt crust using a safe bearing pressure of 3.0 t.s.f. or, alternatively, within the approach fills constructed with granular material, with a safe bearing pressure of 2.0 t.s.f. The piers can be founded on spread footings in the clayey silt stratum (below the crust) using a safe bearing pressure of 1.5 t.s.f., or on short end-bearing piles driven to bedrock.

Embankments of the height contemplated, will be stable. Groundwater seepage into open excavations should be minor and should cause no serious construction problems.

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

The field work was carried out during September 27 to October 3, 1967, by Mr. W. Hutton, Project Foundation Engineer, who also prepared this report.

The work was carried out under the general supervision of Mr. M. Devata, Supervising Foundation Engineer, who reviewed this report.

The equipment was owned and operated by Johnston Drilling Co. Ltd., Toronto.

November 1967

APPENDIX I

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS - ONTARIO

## MATERIALS &amp; TESTING DIVISION

RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 1

### FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 67-F-85

LOCATION Sta. 363 + 73 @ Q.E.W. o/s 200' Rt.

ORIGINATED BY 20

W.P. 160-64

BORING DATE Sept. 27 - Oct. 2, 1967

COMPILED BY WH

DATUM \_\_\_\_\_ Geodetic

BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger & DIamond Drill

CHECKED BY                     

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE		LIQUID LIMIT — WL PLASTIC LIMIT — WP WATER CONTENT — W		BULK DENSITY P.C.F.	REMARKS	
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS / FOOT		BLOWS / FOOT		SHEAR STRENGTH P.S.F.				WATER CONTENT %
							20	40	60	80			
607.9	Ground Level												
0.0	Fill Material (clayey silt with some sa. & gr.)											Gr.Sa.Si.Cl	
604.9													
3.0	Desiccated (Brown)		1	SS	38								
			2	SS	56	600							
596.9	Hard.		3	SS	35								
11.0	Clayey silt with some sand and trace of gravel (occ. thin clay & silt seams) Greyish to Reddish Brown. Firm to very stiff.		4	TW	PH								
			5	SS	30								
			6	TW	PM	590							
			7	SS	19								
			8	TW	PM								
581.9			9	TW	PH 12"								
26.0	Sound Limestone Bedrock with some chertified patches.		10	AXT	85% Rec	580							
			11	AXT	90% Rec								
573.5			12	AXT	70% Rec								
35.4	End of Borehole					570							
							20						
							15-5	% Strain					
							10						

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JOB 67-F-85

LOCATION Sta. 363 + 22 @ Q.E.W. o/s 7<sup>1</sup> Rt.

ORIGINATED BY ZO

W. P. 160-64

BORING DATE Sept. 27 - Sept. 29, 1967

COMPILED BY           WH          

DATUM \_\_\_\_\_ Geodetic

BOREHOLE TYPE Diamond Drill

CHECKED BY

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 2

FOUNDATION SECTION

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## MATERIALS &amp; TESTING DIVISION

JOB 67-F-85

LOCATION Sta. 262 + 54 @ Q.E.W. o/s 121' Rt.

## FOUNDATION SECTION

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ORIGINATED BY

W. P. 160-64

BORING DATE Sept. 29, 1967

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DATUM \_\_\_\_\_ Geodetic

BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger

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## RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 4

FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB 67-F-85

LOCATION Sta. 362 + 97 @ Q.E.W. o/s 145' Lt.

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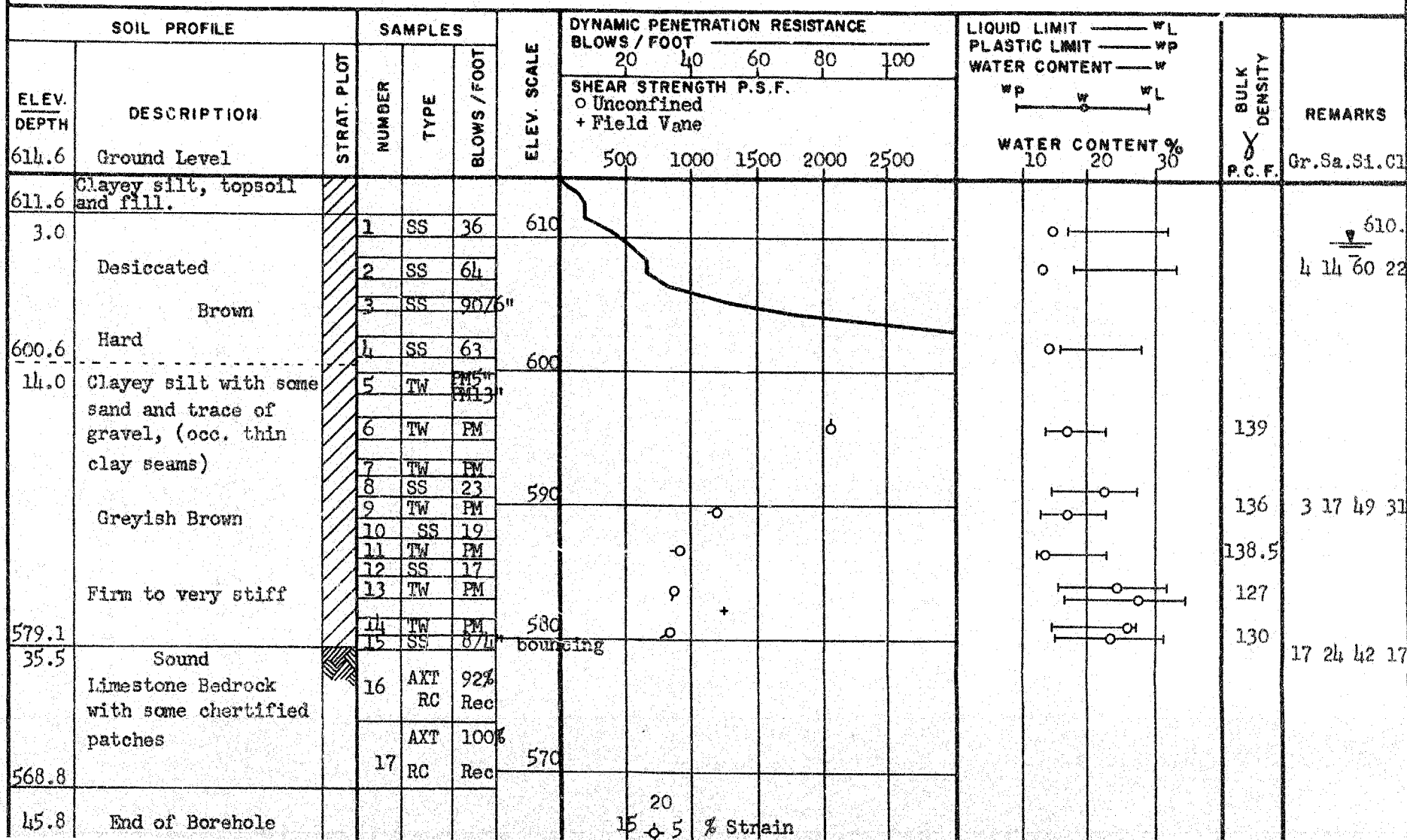
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DATUM Geodetic

BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. flight auger &amp; diamond drill

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE NO. 6 (Former Golder &  
Assoc. BH.#9) FOUNDATION SECTION

JOB <u>67-F-85</u>	LOCATION <u>Sta. 362 + 57 @ Q.E.W. o/s 111' Lt.</u>	ORIGINATED BY <u>HOO</u>
W.P. <u>160-64</u>	BORING DATE <u>August 11-12, 1966</u>	COMPILED BY <u>PBS</u>
DATUM <u>Geodetic</u>	BORHOLE TYPE <u>Cont. Flight Auger</u>	CHECKED BY <u>[Signature]</u>

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			ELEV. SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE	LIQUID LIMIT ——— WL		BULK DENSITY	REMARKS					
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS / FOOT		BLOWS / FOOT	PLASTIC LIMIT ——— WP	WATER CONTENT ——— W							
							20	40	60			80	100	WP	W	WL
							SHEAR STRENGTH P.S.F.							WATER CONTENT %		
							○ Unconfined									
							● Quick Triaxial									
							+ Field Vane									
							500 1000 1500 2000 2500	10 20 30								
613.8	Ground Level															
0.0	Hard Brown Clayey Topsoil		1	SS	33	610				128	610.8					
2.0	Desiccated		2	SS	80											
	Brown		3	SS	81											
	Very stiff to hard		4	SS	35	600										
596.8	Clayey silt with some sand, trace of gravel.		5	TW	PH											
17.0	Greyish Brown		6	SS	18	590										
	Firm to stiff		7	TW	PH											
579.5	Sound Limestone		8	SS	100	580										
34.3	Bedrock		9	AXT	100%											
			10	RC	80% Rec											
			11		97% Rec	570										
568.8	End of Borehole															
45.0																

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JOB 67-F-85

LOCATION Sta. 363 + 16 @ Q.E.W. o/s 128' Rt.

ORIGINATED BY HQG

W. P. 160-64

BORING DATE August 13-15, 1966

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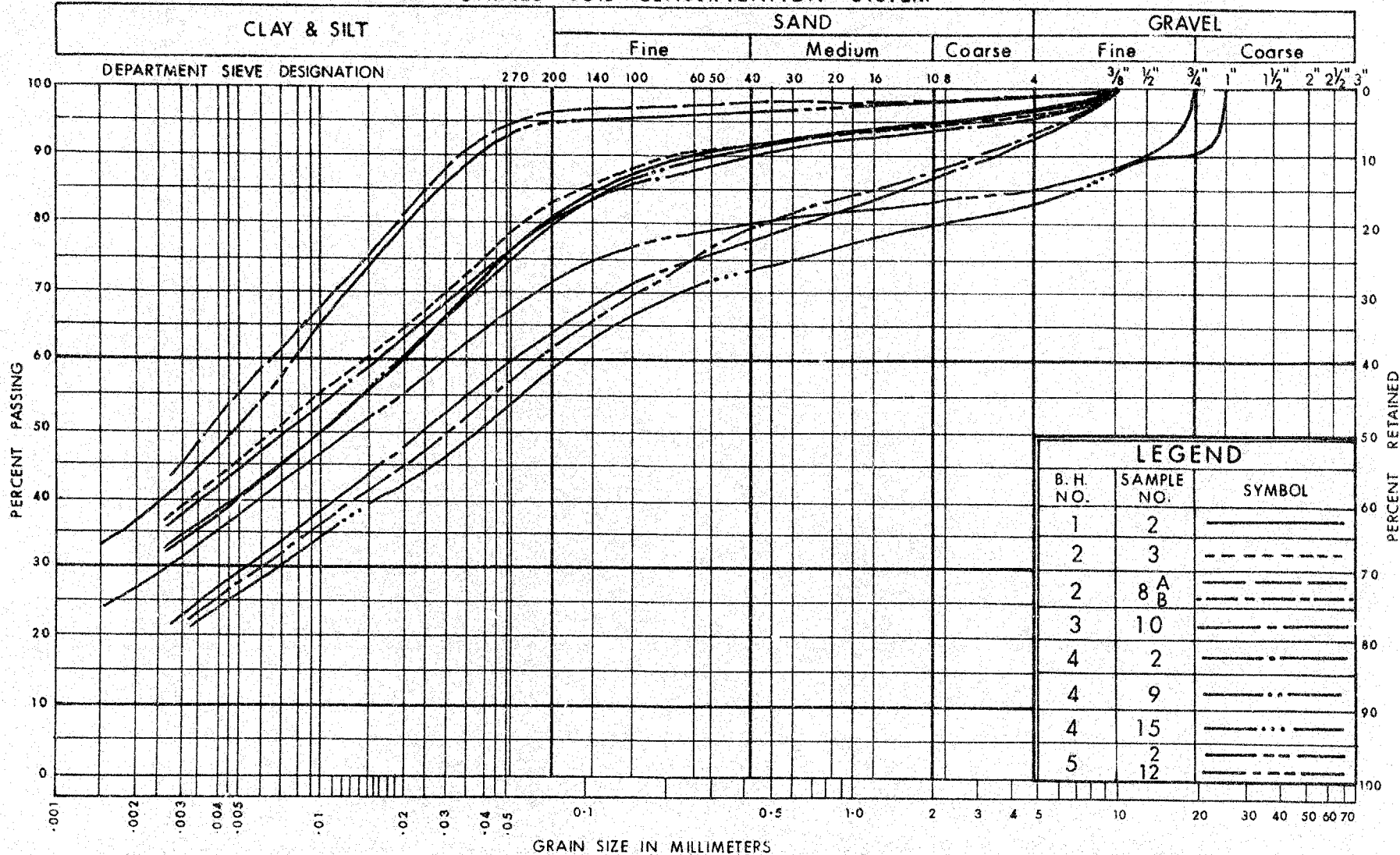
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BOREHOLE TYPE Power Auger Boring

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# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

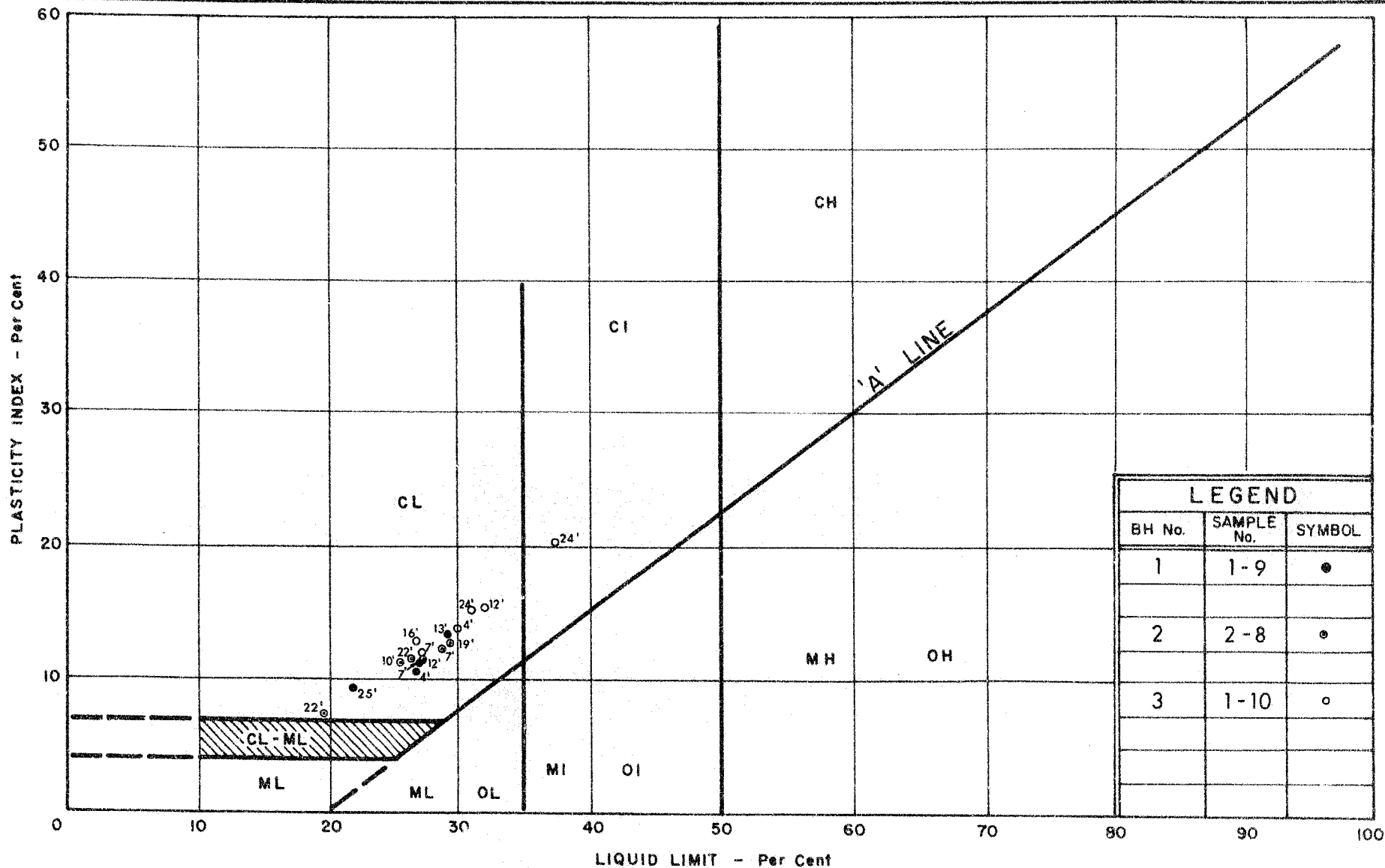


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## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

W.P. No. 160 - 64

JOB No. 67-F-85



LEGEND		
BH No.	SAMPLE No.	SYMBOL
1	1-9	•
2	2-8	◦
3	1-10	◦



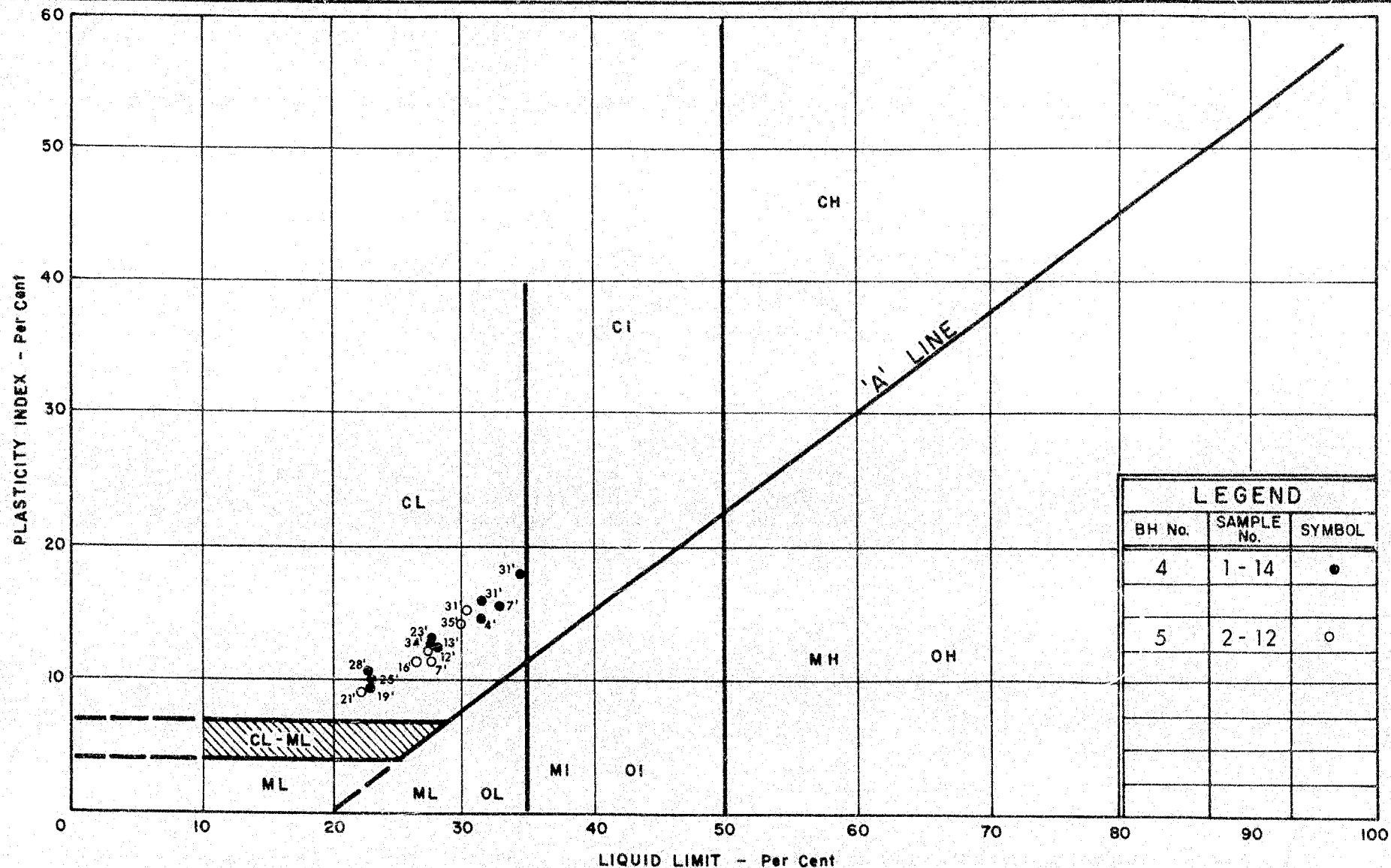
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## PLASTICITY CHART

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LEGEND		
BH No.	SAMPLE No.	SYMBOL
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5	2-12	o



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## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

### PENETRATION RESISTANCE

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE 'N' - THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE A STANDARD SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER 12 INCHES INTO THE SUBSOIL, DRIVEN BY MEANS OF A 140 POUND HAMMER FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 30 INCHES.

DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE - THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE A 2 INCH, 60 DEGREE CONE, FITTED TO THE END OF DRILL RODS, 12 INCHES INTO THE SUBSOIL, THE DRIVING ENERGY BEING 350 FOOT POUNDS PER BLOW.

### DESCRIPTION OF SOIL

THE CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS AND THE RELATIVE DENSITY OR DENSENESS OF COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

<u>CONSISTENCY</u>	<u>'N' BLOWS / FT.</u>	<u>c LB. / SQ. FT.</u>	<u>DENSENESS</u>	<u>'N' BLOWS / FT.</u>
VERY SOFT	0 - 2	0 - 250	VERY LOOSE	0 - 4
SOFT	2 - 4	250 - 500	LOOSE	4 - 10
FIRM	4 - 8	500 - 1000	COMPACT	10 - 30
STIFF	8 - 15	1000 - 2000	DENSE	30 - 50
VERY STIFF	15 - 30	2000 - 4000	VERY DENSE	> 50
HARD	> 30	> 4000		

### TYPE OF SAMPLE

S.S.	SPLIT SPOON	T.W.	THINWALL OPEN
W.S.	WASHED SAMPLE	T.P.	THINWALL PISTON
S.B.	SCRAPER BUCKET SAMPLE	O.S.	OESTERBERG SAMPLE
A.S.	AUGER SAMPLE	F.S.	FOIL SAMPLE
C.S.	CHUNK SAMPLE	R.C.	ROCK CORE
S.T.	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE		
	P.H.	SAMPLE ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY	
	P.M.	SAMPLE ADVANCED MANUALLY	

### SOIL TESTS

Qu	UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	L.V.	LABORATORY VANE
Q	UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	F.V.	FIELD VANE
Qcu	CONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	C	CONSOLIDATION
Qd	DRAINED TRIAXIAL	S	SENSITIVITY



# ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

## SOIL PROPERTIES

$\gamma$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL (BULK DENSITY)
$\gamma_s$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES
$\gamma_w$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER
$\gamma_d$	UNIT DRY WEIGHT OF SOIL (DRY DENSITY)
$\gamma'$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL
G	SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF SOLID PARTICLES $G = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_w}$
e	VOID RATIO
n	POROSITY
w	WATER CONTENT
$S_r$	DEGREE OF SATURATION
$w_L$	LIQUID LIMIT
$w_p$	PLASTIC LIMIT
$I_p$	PLASTICITY INDEX
s	SHRINKAGE LIMIT
$I_L$	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$
$I_C$	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$
$e_{max}$	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE
$e_{min}$	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
$I_D$	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
	RELATIVE DENSITY $D_r$ IS ALSO USED
h	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
Q	RATE OF DISCHARGE
v	VELOCITY OF FLOW
i	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
k	COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY
j	SEEPAGE FORCE PER UNIT VOLUME
$m_v$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE = $\frac{-\Delta e}{(1+e)\Delta\sigma}$
$c_v$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
$C_c$	COMPRESSION INDEX = $\frac{\Delta e}{\Delta \log_{10} \sigma}$
$T_v$	TIME FACTOR = $\frac{c_v t}{d^2}$ (d, DRAINAGE PATH)
U	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\tau_f$	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF SHEARING RESISTANCE, OR FRICTION
$c_u$	APPARENT COHESION
$\phi_u$	APPARENT ANGLE OF SHEARING RESISTANCE, OR FRICTION
$\mu$	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION
$S_t$	SENSITIVITY

## GENERAL

$\pi$	= 3.1416
e	BASE OF NATURAL LOGARITHMS 2.7183
$\log_e a$ OR $\ln a$	NATURAL LOGARITHM OF a
$\log_{10} a$ OR $\log a$	LOGARITHM OF a TO BASE 10
t	TIME
g	ACCELERATION DUE TO GRAVITY
V	VOLUME
W	WEIGHT
M	MOMENT
F	FACTOR OF SAFETY

## STRESS AND STRAIN

u	PORE PRESSURE
$\sigma$	NORMAL STRESS
$\bar{\sigma}$	NORMAL EFFECTIVE STRESS ( $\bar{\sigma}$ IS ALSO USED)
$\tau$	SHEAR STRESS
$\epsilon$	LINEAR STRAIN
$\gamma$	SHEAR STRAIN
$\nu$	POISSON'S RATIO ( $\mu$ IS ALSO USED)
E	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION (YOUNG'S MODULUS)
G	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
K	MODULUS OF COMPRESSIBILITY
$\eta$	COEFFICIENT OF VISCOSITY

## EARTH PRESSURE

d	DISTANCE FROM TOP OF WALL TO POINT OF APPLICATION OF PRESSURE
$\delta$	ANGLE OF WALL FRICTION
K	DIMENSIONLESS COEFFICIENT TO BE USED WITH VARIOUS SUFFIXES IN EXPRESSIONS REFERRING TO NORMAL STRESS ON WALLS
$K_0$	COEFFICIENT OF EARTH PRESSURE AT REST

## FOUNDATIONS

B	BREADTH OF FOUNDATION
L	LENGTH OF FOUNDATION
D	DEPTH OF FOUNDATION BENEATH GROUND
N	DIMENSIONLESS COEFFICIENT USED WITH A SUFFIX APPLYING TO SPECIFIC GRAVITY, DEPTH AND COHESION ETC. IN THE FORMULA FOR BEARING CAPACITY
$k_s$	MODULUS OF SUBGRADE REACTION

## SLOPES

H	VERTICAL HEIGHT OF SLOPE
D	DEPTH BELOW TOE OF SLOPE TO HARD STRATUM
$\beta$	ANGLE OF SLOPE TO HORIZONTAL



401 & Keele Street  
Downsview, Ontario

October 31, 1967

Johnston Drilling Co. Ltd.  
377 Munster Ave.  
Toronto, Ontario


Dear Sirs:

This is to confirm our request of September 25, 1967 for the supply of a Diamond Drill and Penn Drill together with all necessary equipment, as specified under the terms of our Contract Agreement, at North St. & Q.E.W., Fort Erie, Ont. on September 27, 1967.

This project bears Job Number 67-F-85.

Yours truly,

MD:mt

  
M. Devata  
Supervising Foundation Engineer  
for: A. G. Stermac  
Principal Foundation Engineer

cc: H. Konings  
Foundation Files 110  
General File

*M. Devata*

Telephone: 248-3446

Mr. W. Wigle,  
Program Engineer,  
Administration Bldg.

E.J. McCabe,  
Toronto Regional Road Design.

March 13, 1968.

Re: Queen Elizabeth Way from  
Highway 403 to Fort Erie,  
District 4, Hamilton.

Your letter of February 12, 1968 requesting a program for placement of early fills as recommended by the Foundation Section has been passed on to me for comment.

This afternoon Mr. Devata, Foundations Section, Mr. Melinyshyn, Bridge Planning Section, and the writer met to consider our needs for early fill placement. It was determined that early fill would be placed:

- 1) If required for bridge construction.
- 2) If required for grading purposes. A 6' settlement or more was used as a basis to determine the need for early fill placement for grading purposes.

The following is a summary of our conclusions:

- 1) Mountain Road Interchange - W.P. 154-64.

Bridge Office to decide in one month whether early fill placement required for bridge purposes.

- 2) Herold Stone Road - W.P. 155-64-03.

No early fill placement required.

- 3) McLeod Road - W.P. 156-64.

- 4) Northbound West Service Road - W.P. 157-64-2.

Both bridges will be on piles. An 8½' settlement is predicted. We propose delaying the final paving of the fill areas from one to two years.

Continued .... /2

March 13, 1965.

Mr. W. Wigle - Re: Queen Elizabeth Way.

- 5) Lyons Creek - W.P. 158-64-01.
- 6) Beck Road - W.P. 442-65.
- 7) Bossert Road - W.P. 443-65.
- 8) Sodom Road - W.P. 159-64.
- 9) Baker Road - W.P. 445-65.
- 10) Townline Road, Black Creek, Service Road - W.P. 167-64.
- 11) Bridgemount Road - W.P. 165-64.
- 12) Bowen Road
- 13) Sunset Drive - W.P. 447-65.
- 14) Gilmore Road - W.P. 448-65.

Considerable settlement can be anticipated for the above structure sites and approach thereto. We propose that early fill placement be considered two years in advance of the current construction program year.

- 15) West-North and South Ramp - W.P. 162-64-2.
- 16) Thompson Road - W.P. 162-64-1.
- 17) - W.P. 162-64-3.
- 18) C.N.R. Widening - W.P. 162-64-05.
- 19) Concession Road (Erie St.) - E.P. 161-64.
- ✓20) North Street Revision - W.P. 160-64 67-F-85

No early fill placement required at these sites.

*E.J. McCabe*

E.J. McCabe  
Expressway Consultant Control Engineer

For:  
G.K. Hunter  
Regional Road Design Engineer

EJM/GB

c.c. M. Devata  
W. Melinyshyn  
A.J. Fletcher  
E.A. Fletcher

Department of Highways Ontario

Copy for the information of

Mr. A. Stermac

Mr. W. Melinszyn,  
Reg. Bridge Location Engineer,  
Central Region,  
Admin. Building

Bridge Office,  
Downsview, Ontario

January 16, 1969

North St. Underpass  
W.P. 160-64, Site 34-188  
O.E.W., District No. 4

67-F-85

Attached herewith are prints of the Preliminary Bridge Plan Drawing D-6401-P1 for the above-mentioned structure.

The estimated cost of the proposed structure is \$411,000. This cost includes tender, materials, engineering and sundry construction.

Any comments or revisions you may have should be submitted within three weeks.

CSG:rd

C.S. Grebski,  
Bridge Design Engineer

Attach.

c.c. S. McCombie  
A. Stermac (2)  
J. Anderson

ALP

Mr. C. S. Grebski,  
Bridge Design Engineer,  
Bridge Office,  
Admin. Bldg.

Foundation Section,  
Materials & Testing Office,  
Room 107, Lab. Bldg.

January 24, 1969

-- NORTH STREET UNDERPASS --  
W.P. 160-64 -- Site 34-188 -- W.J. 67-17-85  
Q.E.W., District No. 4 (Hamilton)

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We have reviewed the Preliminary Drawing No. D-6401-P1  
for the above mentioned structure and submit the following comments:

1. The abutment footings are shown located at elevation 601<sup>+</sup> on the Preliminary Drawing, which is some 6 to 11 ft. lower than the elevation recommended in the foundation report. At this elevation a safe bearing pressure of 3.0 TSP may be used for design purposes.
2. For the design of pier footings located at elevation 592, the safe bearing pressure should not exceed 1.5 TSP.

MD/MdeF

cc: Messrs. S. McCombie  
W. S. Melinyshyn  
J. Anderson

Foundations Files  
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SUPERVISING FOUNDATION ENGR.  
For:  
A. G. Stermac,  
PRINCIPAL FOUNDATION ENGR.

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Downsview, Ontario

January 16, 1969

North St. Underpass  
W.P. 150-64, Site 34-188  
O.E.W., District No. 4

67-F-85

Attached herewith are prints of the Preliminary Bridge Plan Drawing D-6401-P1 for the above-mentioned structure.

The estimated cost of the proposed structure is \$411,000. This cost includes tender, materials, engineering and sundry construction.

Any comments or revisions you may have should be submitted within three weeks.

CSG:rd

C.S. Grebaki,  
Bridge Design Engineer

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C.S. Grebski

June 13, 1969

*Underpass =*  
Central Ave. ~~Overpass~~  
W.P. 160-64, Site No. 34-188  
G.E.W., District No. 4

67-F-85

Attached herewith are prints of the revised Preliminary Bridge Plan Drawing D-6401-P2 for the above-mentioned structure.

The estimated cost of the proposed structure is \$347,000. This cost includes tender, materials, engineering and sundry construction.

Any comments or revisions you may have should be submitted within three weeks.

CSG:rd

C.S. Grebski,  
Bridge Design Engineer

Attach.

c.c. S. McCombie  
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J. Anderson

*No Comments*

*PM D.*

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Mr. A. Starvas,  
Principal Foundation Engineer,  
Room 107, Lab. Building

C.S. Grebski,  
Bridge Office

March 13, 1970

Central Ave. Underpass  
W.P. 160-64, Site 34-188  
Q.E.W., District No. 4

67-F-85

Attached herewith we are submitting the final  
bridge drawings which show the foundation design for  
this structure.

Kindly give us your comments at your earliest  
convenience.

CSG:rd

C.S. Grebski,  
Bridge Design Engineer

Attach.

c.c. Foundation Office

We have been advised settlement of 1" is not the reason  
for changing abutment foundations to piles. It appears from  
the designers comment that pile foundations are more economical  
than spread footings with 30 t.s.f. In view of this we have  
no comments.



M. Sivata  
6th April 70

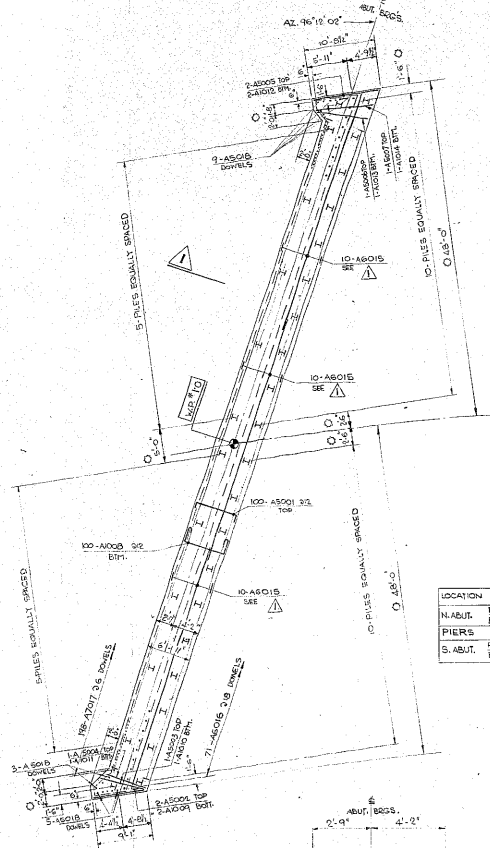
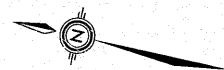




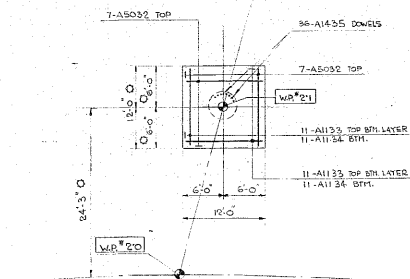




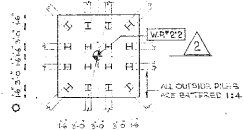




LOCATION	N <sup>o</sup> OF PILES	LENGTH	TYPE	DESIGN LOAD
N. ABUT.	P. 20	29'-0"	12 B.P.	70 TONS
	B. 12	28'-0"	53	
PIERS	32	12'-6"	14 B.P.	115
S. ABUT.	P. 11	25'-0"	117	TONS
	B. 6			

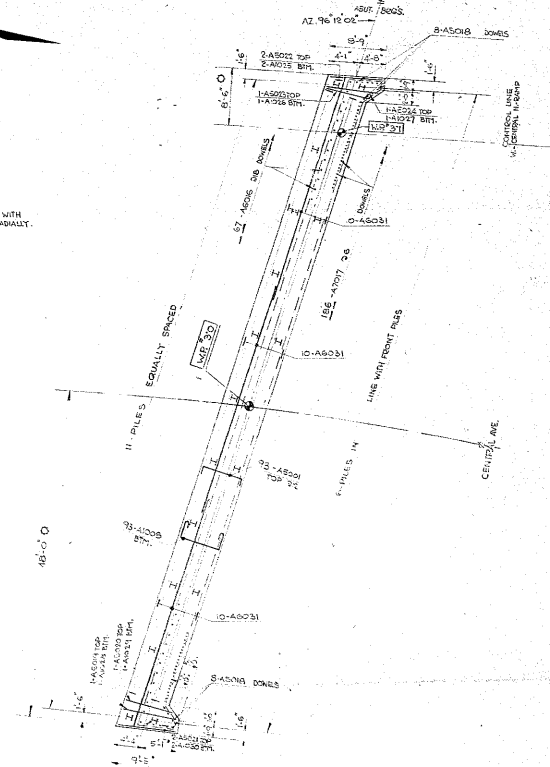
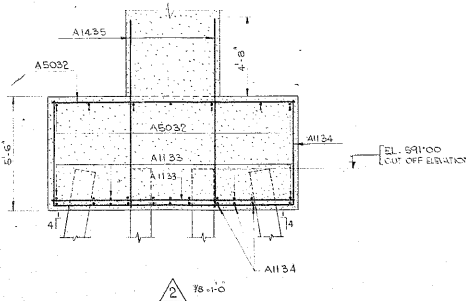
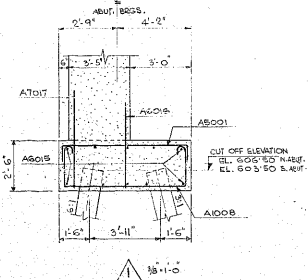


NOTE:  
 \* ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN WITH  
 \* ASTERISKS ARE TAKEN RADIALY.



W.P.	STATION	NORTH	SOUTH
1°0	58+68.0	906 86.01	560 29.28
2°0	30+00.38	905 57.24	560 77.46
2°1	30+00.81	905 58.69	561 02.50
2°2	29+94.06	905 59.52	560 52.41
3°0	31+60.0	904 02.33	559 05.70
3°1	372+42.92	903 97.81	561 47.24

\* POSITION FOR W.P. # 3/1 IS TAKEN CONTROL LINE  
W - CENTRAL N - RAMP.

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS ONTARIO  
BRIDGE DIVISION

67-F-15<sup>th</sup>

CANTAL AVE. UNDERPASS  
PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER R.R. TRACKS

KING'S HIGHWAY No. G. E. W. DIST. No. 4  
CO. WELLAND  
TWP. BERTIE LOT          CON.         

FOOTINGS - DIMENSIONS AND REINFORCING

APPROVED		SHEET No.	W.P. No.
DESIGN	BRIDGE ENGINEER		160-64
SEAL	CHECK	CONTRACT	NO.
DRAWING	CHECK		
DATE	12B. 1970	DRAWING No.	D-6401:3
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