

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS ONTARIO

## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Foundation Section,  
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Attention: Mr. S. McCombie

DATE: May 13, 1965

OUR FILE REF.

IN REPLY TO

SUBJECT:

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT  
For

Proposed New Structure at the Crossing  
of Relocated Kipling Avenue and the  
Existing Queen Elizabeth Highway and  
the New Service Roads, District No. 6.  
Toronto, Ont.

W.J. 65-F-37 -- W.P. 276-64-~~X~~

It is proposed to construct Service Roads on the north and south sides of the existing Q.E.W. between Islington Avenue and Hwy. #27. The new Kipling Avenue will be relocated some 75 ft. west of the existing centre line. A four-span underpass is proposed at the crossing of relocated Kipling Avenue and the existing Q.E.W. and the new Service Roads. A verbal request from Mr. J. Curtis of the Bridge Office, to carry out a foundation investigation at the above-mentioned site was received by this Section during April 1965.

The subsequent investigation consisted of 7 sampled boreholes and 2 dynamic cone penetration tests, and was carried out during April 15 - 22, 1965.

Subsoil at the site consists of 5 ft. to 9 ft. of loose to dense silty sand followed by shale bedrock. The bedrock, except for a 1-ft. thick weathered zone at the top, was found to be in sound

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condition. Water level observations in boreholes, carried out during the course of the investigation, indicated the ground water level to be at approximate elevation 357.

Because of the relatively low estimated bearing capacity of the silty sand stratum, it is recommended that the new structure be founded on shale bedrock. A safe bearing pressure of 10 t.s.f. may be used for design purposes for footings placed on sound shale bedrock. No approach fill stability problems are anticipated for standard 2:1 side slopes.

The field work, together with the preparation of this report, was undertaken by Mr. R. Magi, Project Foundation Engineer. The investigation was carried out under the general supervision of Mr. M. Devata, Senior Foundation Engineer, who also reviewed this report.

Equipment was owned and operated by Master Soil Investigations, Ltd., of Toronto.

We believe the factual data and recommendations contained in this report will suffice for your design requirements. Should there be any queries in connection with this project, please do not hesitate to contact our Office.

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APPENDIX I.

## 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 'D' - 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

Q <sub>u</sub>	UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	L.V	LABORATORY VANE
Q	UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	F.V	FIELD VANE
Q <sub>cu</sub>	CONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	C	CONSOLIDATION
Q <sub>d</sub>	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	ACCELF. DUE TO GRAVITY
V	VOLUME
W	WEIGHT
M	MOMENT
F	FACTOR OF SAFETY

### STRESS AND STRAIN

u	PORE PRESSURE
$\sigma$	NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	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

# 65-F-37

W.P. # 276-64

Q.E.W. E'

KIPLING AVE.



Mr. A. Teye.

June 9th, 1958.

Bridge Engineer

For Foundation Report.

Materials & Research.

W.P. 49-58. W.J. 1-58-14.

New Bridge at Highway No.401 and  
Hwy. No.25 Crossing one mile north  
west of Milton, Esqueping Township.

Two copies of the above Foundation Report are enclosed  
herewith, which you will find self-explanatory.

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FOUNDATION REPORT

ON

NEW BRIDGE AT HIGHWAY NO. 401 AND  
HIGHWAY NO. 25 CROSSING ONE MILE  
NORTH WEST OF MILTON, ESCUSSING TOWNSHIP

Station No.: 420/64.38

Plan No.: F-3523-10

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## INTRODUCTION.

A subsoil investigation was carried out to determine the bearing values of layers for supporting the foundations of the proposed structure.

The site is located about one mile north west of Milton where the new highway 401 line "A" underpasses the existing Highway no. 25 in Lot 2 (con. II & III), Township of Esquesing (station 420 /64.38, profile no. F 3523-11). The work started on May 2, 1958 and was completed on May 9, 1958.

## DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND FIELD WORK.

The site is in the area referred to as "Peel Plain". The terrain is basically a till, rich in clay containing large amounts of boulders.

The subsoil investigations were carried out by means of a skid mounted coredrill machine. In the course of investigations four boreholes were made. The casings were drilled down by using BX casing shoes. The presence of great many boulders made the driving of the casings impossible. From the boreholes samples were extracted and tested in the laboratory. Also, during the sampling operation Standard Penetration tests were registered. By driving 2 inch diameter cone from ground level down to refusal dynamic cone penetration profile of the site was established.

The boreholes were explored some 36 ft. below the ground elevation and due to the nature of the subsoil encountered were stopped at this depth.

The location of the boreholes is shown on the drawing no. F-58-14A, and their elevations on log sheets under Appendix I.

#### FIELD AND LABORATORY FINDINGS.

The investigations carried out at the site disclosed the subsoil stratigraphy as made up of one layer of bouldery clay till down to the end of the boreholes.

Under the topsoil down to elevation about 676 the soil has brown colour; while below this elevation down to the end of the boreholes the soil has grey colour.

The samples tested in the laboratory showed the matrix of the soil made up of clay, silt, and fine sand in a loam state. The presence of gravel and boulders varied from 4% to 20%. The liquid limit was calculated to be about 20%, plastic limit 13%. The natural moisture content is about 12%, and density about 140 p.c.f. The soil is inorganic and of low plasticity. The unconfined compression tests gave values of 3000 - 5800 p.s.i.

The water level in the casing was observed at elevation about 687 ft. This is believed to be perched water and the layer is considered to be hard and impervious.

#### SUPPORT OF ABUTMENTS:

The new highway no. 401 is underpassing the existing Highway no. 25 at this crossing. The new grade line is shown at elevation about 689 ft.

It is presumed that 7 ft. wide footings will be used, and placed at elevation 682 ft. (allowing 7 ft. for ditching and frost)

According to bulb pressure distribution the stressed layer will be between the elevation 682 ft. where the footings will be placed and a depth interval equal to twice the width of the footing (elevation 668 ft.) The average unconfined compression value found in this interval is 3500 ~~ft~~ p.s.f. The calculated bearing value from Meyerhof's formula is:

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= cN_c + D : N_c = 5 \left(1 + \frac{D}{4B}\right) \\ &= 5 \left(1 + \frac{7}{4 \times 1}\right) \\ &= 5 \times 1.25 = 6.25 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= 3500 \times 6.25 + 140 \times 7 \\ &= 11.4 \text{ T.S.F. : with } F_s = 3 \\ &= \frac{11.4}{3} = 3.8 \text{ T.S.F. allowable bearing value.} \end{aligned}$$

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

From the above discussion it will follow that:

1. The subsoil stratigraphy is hard bouldery clay till.
2. It will be convenient to support the proposed structure on spread footing type foundations. The footing could be placed at or below elevation 682 ft. where the layer can provide a bearing value of 3.8 T.s.f. with a safety factor of 3.
3. The approach fills to the new structure do not present any stability problem.

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Foundation Engineer.

APPENDIX I

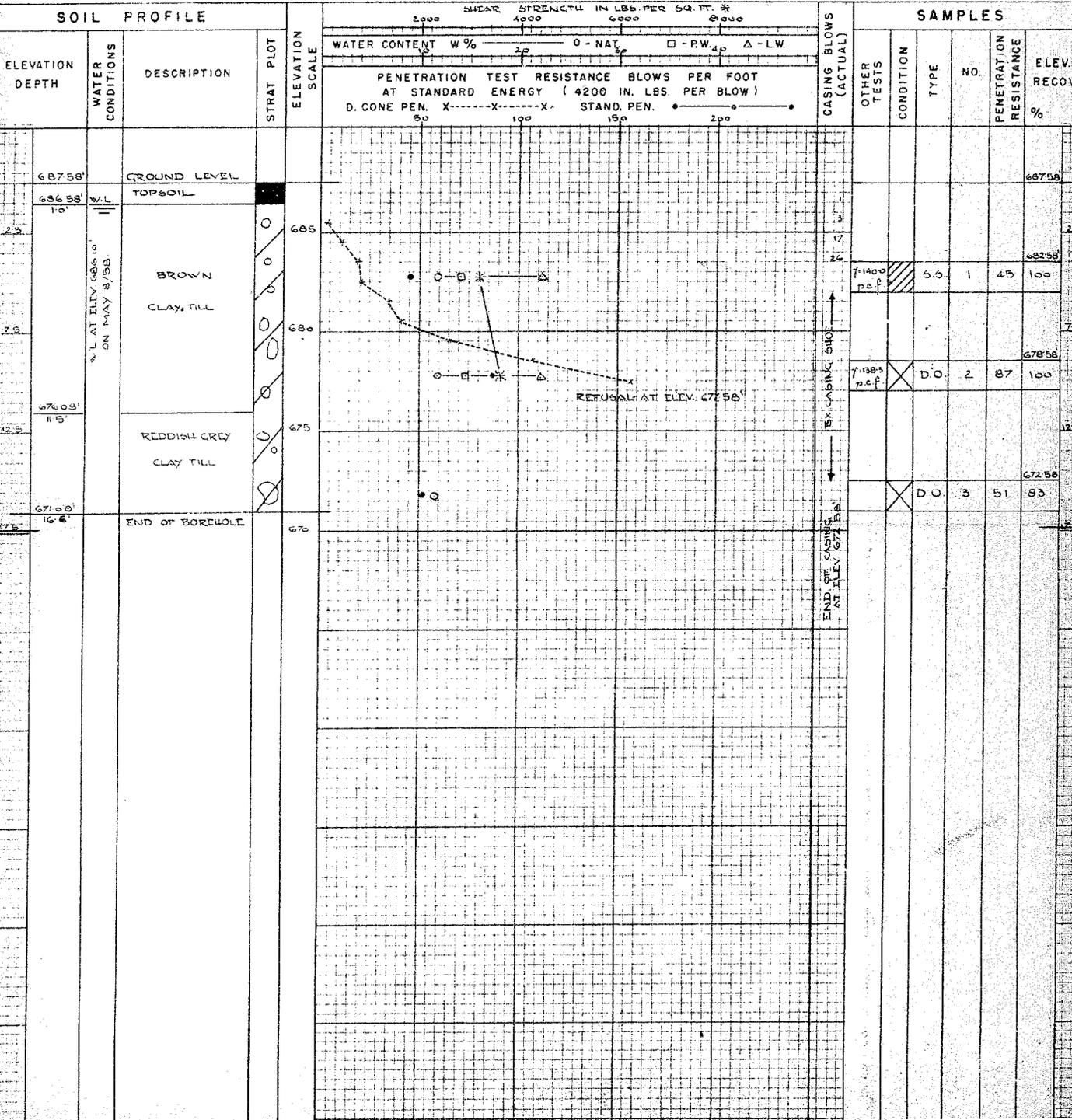


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**MATERIALS & RESEARCH BRANCH - FOUNDATIONS SECTION - DOWNSVIEW**  
**OFFICE REPORT ON SOIL EXPLORATION**

DRILL RIG 54 B OPERATION BORING & PENET'N. JOB T-58-14 WP 49-58 BORING 2 STA. 420+17 (47' LT)  
 CASING BX (standard samplers to fit unless noted) DATUM GEODETIC DATE REPORT MAY 1958  
 SAM LER HAMMER WT. 250 LBS. DROP 18 INCHES COMPILED BY H.B. CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE BORING 6 MAY 1958

**ABBREVIATIONS**      **SAMPLE TYPES**      **SAMPLE CONDITION**

V - INSITU VANE SHEAR TEST	Q - TRIAXIAL QUICK	K - PERMIABILITY	C.S. - CHUNK	S.S. - SLEEVE SAMPLE	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DISTURBED</li> <li>- FAIR</li> <li>- GOOD</li> <li>- LOST</li> </ul>
M - MECHANICAL ANALYSIS	S - TRIAXIAL SLOW	C - CONSOLIDATION	D.O. - DRIVE OPEN	P.S. - PISTON SAMPLE	
U - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	WL - WATER LEVEL IN CASING	CA - CASING	DF - DRIVE FOOT VALVE	WS - WASHED SAMPLE	
QC - TRIAXIAL CONSOLIDATED QUICK	WT - WATER TABLE IN SOIL	γ - UNIT WEIGHT	T.O. - THIN WALLED OPEN	R.C. - ROCK CORE	



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**OFFICE REPORT ON SOIL EXPLORATION**

DRILL RIG B4-S OPERATION BORING & PENETRATION JOB T-58-14 WP 49-58 BORING 3 STA. 429+73 (48' LT)  
 CASING BX (standard samplers to fit unless noted) DATUM GEODETIC DATE REPORT MAY 1958  
 SAMPLER HAMMER WT. 250 LBS. DROP 18 INCHES COMPILED BY H.S. CHECKED BY A.L. DATE BORING 7 MAY 1958

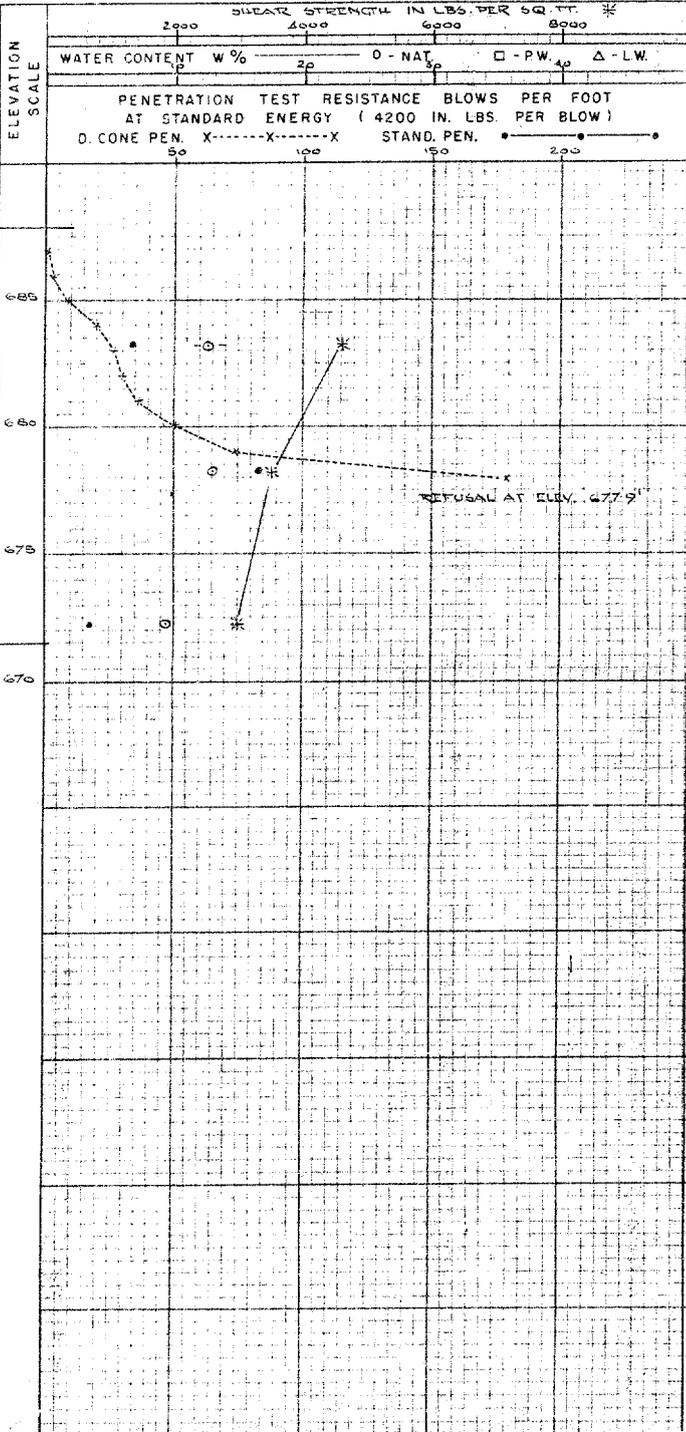
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 U - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION WL - WATER LEVEL IN CASING CA - CASING D.F. - DRIVE FOOT VALVE W.S. - WASHED SAMPLE  
 Qc - TRIAXIAL CONSOLIDATED QUICK WT - WATER TABLE IN SOIL γ - UNIT WEIGHT T.O. - THIN WALLED OPEN R.C. - ROCK CORE

**SAMPLE TYPES**  
 S.S. - SLEEVE SAMPLE  
 P.S. - PISTON SAMPLE  
 W.S. - WASHED SAMPLE  
 R.C. - ROCK CORE

**SAMPLE CONDITION**  
 - DISTURBED  
 - FAIR  
 - GOOD  
 - LOST

**SOIL PROFILE**

ELEVATION DEPTH	WATER CONDITIONS	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	ELEVATION SCALE
687.9'		GROUND LEVEL		687.9'
686.9' 1.0'	W.L.	TOPSOIL		686.9'
675.9' 12.0'	W.L. AT ELEV. 686.7 ON MAY 6, 58	BROWN CLAY TILL GRAVELLY		675.9'
671.4' 16.5'		GREY CLAY TILL GRAVELLY		671.4'
		END OF BOREHOLE		670'



CASING BLOWS (ACTUAL)	SAMPLES				
	OTHER TESTS	CONDITION	TYPE	NO.	ELEV. RECOV. %
2					687.9'
3					683.9'
27	1485 p.e.p.		S.S.	1 34	89
					678.9'
	1390 p.e.p.		D.O.	2 83	100
					672.9'
	1390 p.e.p.		D.O.	3 17	100
					670'

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**OFFICE REPORT ON SOIL EXPLORATION**

DRILL RIG 54-5 OPERATION BORE & PENET'N JOB F.34-14 WP 49-58 BORING 4 STA. 421+08 (45 RT)  
 CASING BX (standard samplers to fit unless noted) DATUM GEODMIC DATE REPORT MAY 1958  
 SAMPLER HAMMER WT. 250 LBS. DROP 18 INCHES COMPILED BY H.S. CHECKED BY A.L. DATE BORING 8 MAY 1958

**ABBREVIATIONS**

- V - INSITU VANE SHEAR TEST
- Q - TRIAXIAL QUICK
- M - MECHANICAL ANALYSIS
- U - UNCONFINED COMPRESSION
- QC - TRIAXIAL CONSOLIDATED QUICK
- K - PERMIABILITY
- S - TRIAXIAL SLOW
- C - CONSOLIDATION
- WL - WATER LEVEL IN CASING
- CA - CASING
- GA - UNIT WEIGHT

**SAMPLE TYPES**

- C.S. - CHUNK
- D.O. - DRIVE OPEN
- D.F. - DRIVE FOOT VALVE
- T.O. - THIN WALLED OPEN
- S.S. - SLEEVE SAMPLE
- P.S. - PISTON SAMPLE
- W.S. - WASHED SAMPLE
- R.C. - ROCK CORE

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