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ABSTRACT

The results of a soil investigation to determine the subsurface conditions at the location of a proposed water intake line and intake structure in the Bay of Quinte at the western limits of Belleville, Ontario are reported and recommendations are made for foundation design and construction of the proposed pipe line and intake structure.

The bay bottom is underlain by very soft organic silt. The organic silt is of limited thickness (3 to 5 feet) within about 900 feet of the shoreline. Beyond 900 feet, the thickness of the organic silt increases, being about 25 feet thick at the proposed intake structure location. In the area of the inlet structure, the organic silt is underlain by some 10 feet of soft clayey silt. The organic silt and the clayey silt is underlain by compact to dense silty sand and gravel (till) and by limestone bedrock.

The trench for the intake pipe will be excavated into bedrock at the shoreline and into the compact to dense till to about 900 feet from the shoreline. The trench in the till will be difficult to dredge and it is considered that a dipper dredge would probably be most effective. A bedding layer of sand should be placed on this coarse till. Beyond Station 9+00, the intake pipe will be founded on the very soft organic silt. It is recommended in order to minimize underwater connections in this soft and compressible material that the pipe be assembled in long lengths on land or on barges, floated into position, and sunk into position in the dredged trench. Little sinkage is expected of the pipe below the dredged depth (5 feet below existing bay bottom).

It is recommended that the light intake structure be founded on the very soft organic silt at a depth of about 5 feet below bay bottom. The estimated design bearing pressure (40 lb/sq.ft.) is below the maximum allowable bearing pressure of 200 lb/sq.ft. Flexible joints should be provided to accomodate the differential settlement between the intake structure and the first sections of the pipe line.

INTRODUCTION

H. Q. Golder & Associates Ltd. have been retained by Gore & Storrie Limited, Consulting Engineers to the Belleville Utilities Commission, to carry out a soil investigation for a new water intake structure and 36" diameter intake line for Belleville, Ontario. The purpose of this investigation was to determine the subsoil conditions at the site and based on this information, to make recommendations for the foundation design and construction of the proposed structures.

PROCEDURE

The field work for this investigation was carried out between January 12 and January 21, 1970. Twelve boreholes were put down from the ice surface along the proposed water intake line using a drill rig supplied by the F. E. Johnston Drilling Co. Limited, Ottawa. Seven of the boreholes, located within one thousand feet from shore, were advanced some 9 to 20 ft. below the bay bottom. Bedrock was cored in three of these borings to define the bedrock surface close to shore. The five other boreholes were put down beyond 1,000 feet from shore in the deep overburden area in the vicinity of the water intake structure. At the proposed water intake structure location, bedrock was found 33 ft. below the bay bottom and

was proved by core drilling in AXT size for a depth of 8 feet. The shear strength of the organic silt and clay was determined by in situ vane testing. The field work was supervised throughout by a member of our engineering staff.

A detailed log of each boring is given on the Record of Borehole sheets following the text of this report. The locations of the borings together with 1 foot contours of the bay bottom are shown on Fig. 1. A section of inferred soil stratigraphy along the proposed water intake line is shown on Fig. 2.

The soil samples obtained during the investigation were brought to our laboratory for detailed examination and testing. The results of the laboratory tests are shown on Figs. 3 to 6.

The elevations given in this report are referred to the ice level in the bay, which was given to us as 244.1, Geodetic datum, by Gore & Storrie Limited at the time of the investigation.

SITE AND GEOLOGY

The site is located in the Bay of Quinte at the western boundary of the City of Belleville, Ontario, just south of the existing Water Purification Plant. The depth of water increases in the offshore direction to approximately 15 ft. at

the proposed intake structure.

From available geological information it is known that this area is underlain by thinly bedded limestone bedrock of the Trenton formation, Middle Ordovician Period. A thin layer of glacial drift, covers most of the bedrock in the Belleville area. In the area near Lake Ontario, thin lacustrine clay deposits, which were formed in glacial lakes, are present. In general, the overburden deposits are relatively thin in this area due to the erosion caused by glaciers. At the harbour bottom, however, recent lacustrine deposits of organic silt overlie the clay and glacial drift overburden.

SOIL CONDITIONS

The detailed soil stratigraphy encountered in each borehole is given on the Record of Borehole sheets and is illustrated on the stratigraphic section on Fig. 2. Following is a summarized account of the soil conditions along the proposed water intake.

Organic Silt

The harbour bottom is underlain by a deposit of dark brown to dark grey organic silt. The organic silt was found in all the boreholes and ranged in thickness from 2 feet at 700 ft. from shore to 24 feet at 1800 ft. from shore. The results of a grading analysis on a sample of the organic silt

is shown on Fig. 3. The natural water content of this deposit on a dry weight basis varies from about 480 percent at the top to about 170 percent at the bottom of the stratum. The sampling tools and casings were advanced through most of this deposit under their own weight except near the bottom where the consistency increased and manual pressure was exerted on the sampling tool. In situ vane shear testing was carried out in the organic silt and the shear strength ranged from about 50 to 440 lb/sq.ft. indicating that the consistency of the deposit is very soft to soft. Remoulded vane tests were also carried out and the sensitivity ranged from 1.5 to 3. The vane test results are summarized on Fig. 7.

In borehole 10, the organic silt is underlain by approximately 2 feet of grey blue silt. A mechanical analysis carried out on a sample of the silt is shown on Fig. 4. The N value for this sample was 2 blows/ft. Underlying the grey blue silt is 3 feet of layered light grey and dark grey clay containing a trace of twigs and roots. This deposit was also found only in borehole 10. The N value in this clay was 13 blows/ft.

Clayey Silt

Underlying the organic silt in boreholes 1, 2, 7, and 8 is a stratum of grey clayey silt which ranges in thickness

from 5 ft. at borehole 2 to 12 ft. at borehole 7. Grading analyses carried out on two samples of the clayey silt are shown on Fig. 5. The natural water content was found to vary between 34 and 39 percent. The sampler was advanced easily through this stratum either by the weight of the hammer or by manual pressure. The shear strength, determined by in situ vane tests, ranged from 160 to 700 lb/sq.ft. though, in general, the shear strengths were found to range between 220 and 400 lb/sq.ft. and the clayey silt is considered to be of soft consistency.

This stratum contains some sand, shells, and organic material.

Silty Sand Till

A deposit of grey silty sand and gravel with a trace of clay was encountered in most of the boreholes. This material is believed to be a glacial till. The till varied in thickness from 1 ft. to 16 ft. and was found to directly overlie the bedrock. The results of mechanical analyses on two samples of the till are given on Fig. 6. and show the well graded character of the stratum.

Standard penetration test in the till gave N values ranging from about 20 blows/ft. to greater than 100 blows/ft. Based on this information the relative density of the till is

considered to be compact to very dense.

Limestone Bedrock

Limestone bedrock was proved by core drilling in borehole 1 at the proposed water intake location and in boreholes 9, 10 and 11 near the shoreline. From the core recovered the limestone bedrock is considered to be sound.

WATER CONDITIONS

At the time of the investigation, the ice level in the Bay of Quinte was at elevation 244.1. No artesian or unusual water conditions were encountered in the boreholes during drilling.

DISCUSSION

a) General

It is understood that it is planned to construct a new water intake line for the Belleville Water Purification Plant. The intake line, of 36 inch diameter, is to extend 1500 feet into the Bay of Quinte and to be located to the west of the existing 30 inch diameter line as shown in plan on Fig. 1. The existing line of steel pipe was constructed in the fall of 1923 and encountered soft bottom at and beyond about 1,000 feet from shore. It appears from construction drawings that some sinkage of the pipe occurred in the soft bottom. The intake crib was of very light construction and flexible joints were

provided near the end of the pipe line and at the pipe intake connection. As presently planned, the new pipe above soft overburden could consist of either steel, polyethylene or fibre reinforced plastic. The inlet assembly will probably consist of light pipe openings founded on pads to reduce the bearing pressure, on a submerged weight basis, to about 40 lb/sq.ft.

b) Intake Line

The invert of the intake line is to be located some 12 feet below the bay bottom at the shoreline and some 5 feet below the bay bottom near the inlet (see Fig. 2.). The boreholes put down along the proposed intake line indicates that the invert will be in the limestone bedrock for about the first 100 feet leading from the terminal chamber. A silty sand and gravel (glacial till) will be at invert level from about Station 1+00 to about Station 9+00. Beyond about Station 9+00, the pipe invert will be founded on very soft organic silt which increases in thickness to about 20 feet at the intake location.

Based on the N values obtained in the glacial till which generally ranged from about 20 to 50 blows/ft., the density of this material is considered to be compact to dense. The well graded nature of the material can be seen from the grading curves on Fig. 6. In addition, the glacial till

contained boulders which required diamond drilling techniques to advance the casing in boreholes 4, 11 and 12. This glacial till will be a difficult material to dredge. It is considered that a dipper dredge will be effective in excavating this glacial till material. The well graded till should stand on a relatively steep dredged slope. The overlying organic silt will require a flatter excavation slope. A sand bedding layer should be placed on the base of the trench above this coarse till. Consideration could be given to the use of concrete pipe where the glacial till is at invert level

Based on the experience of trying to sample the surface portion of the organic silt stratum in the field, it is felt that the upper few feet of this stratum exists in situ in virtually a suspended state. The water content of the surface sample in borehole 2 was measured as 480 percent based on a dry weight basis. At invert level (about 5 feet below bay bottom level), the shear strength of the organic silt has been measured by in situ vane testing as 70 lb/sq.ft. or more.

The submerged unit weight of the organic silt is estimated to be about 10 lb/cu.ft. at the bay bottom and about 15 lb/cu.ft. at a depth of 5 feet. Calculations indicate that the submerged weight for a 39 inch diameter pipe would have to be limited to about 100 lb/lineal foot in order that

it may be bouyant within its own diameter on the bay bottom. However, with depth the organic silt acquires a small, but appreciable, shear strength so that bouyancy of the pipe is not the only criterion which will control sinkage of the pipe. It is estimated that a 3 ft. diameter pipe which weighs 200 lb/lineal foot will not sink below a depth where the undrained shear strength equals 70 lb/sq.ft. This depth is considered to be some 5 to 6 feet below bay bottom.

Present plans call for laying the pipe in a 5 ft. deep trench. Some minor sinkage is to be expected at this depth and there will be construction difficulties in attempting to make underwater connections of the pipe sections above this very soft organic silt. It is recommended that the intake pipe, for the area where soft organic silt underlies the invert, be joined in long sections on land or on barges, floated into place during favourable weather conditions and lowered into the pre-dredged trench.

Alternatively, if the pipe is joined in short sections in the trench within the soft organic silt, it is recommended that a sand layer at least 1 foot thick be tremied onto the trench base to minimize sinkage and to provide a working base for divers.

c) Intake Structure

It is understood that the inlet structure will probably

be made up of a light pipe assembly founded on pads. The pads, founded about 5 feet below bay bottom, will distribute the load to a bearing pressure of about 40 lb/sq.ft. and will provide lateral stability.

The shear strength measured by in situ vane testing in borehole 1 was 100 lb/sq.ft. at a depth of 5 feet below bay bottom. Based on this shear strength value, the maximum allowable bearing value at this depth in design of the water inlet assembly pads is 200 lb/sq.ft. It is recommended, however, that the present design bearing pressure of 40 lb/sq.ft. be maintained to limit settlement of the inlet structure. Consideration should also be given to providing a sand pad of 1 ft. minimum thickness above the organic silt as a levelling base for the founding of the assembly pads.

It is expected that the inlet assembly structure will settle less than the adjacent pipeline and flexible joints should be provided to accomodate this differential movement.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations commonly employed on each "Record of Borehole," on the figures and in the text of the report, are as follows:

I. SAMPLE TYPES

AS	auger sample
CS	chunk sample
DO	drive open
DS	Denison type sample
FS	foil sample
RC	rock core
ST	slotted tube
TO	thin-walled, open
TP	thin-walled, piston
WS	wash sample

II. PENETRATION RESISTANCES

Dynamic Penetration Resistance: The number of blows by a 140-pound hammer dropped 30 inches required to drive a 2-inch diameter, 60 degree cone one foot, where the cone is attached to 'A' size drill rods and casing is not used.

Standard Penetration Resistance, N : The number of blows by a 140-pound hammer dropped 30 inches required to drive a 2-inch drive open sampler one foot.

WH sampler advanced by static weight—weight, hammer

PH sampler advanced by pressure—pressure, hydraulic

PM sampler advanced by pressure—pressure, manual

III. SOIL DESCRIPTION

(a) Cohesionless Soils

Relative Density	N , blows/ft.
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very dense	over 50

(b) Cohesive Soils

Consistency	c_u , lb./sq. ft.
Very soft	Less than 250
Soft	250 to 500
Firm	500 to 1,000
Stiff	1,000 to 2,000
Very stiff	2,000 to 4,000
Hard	over 4,000

IV. SOIL TESTS

C	consolidation test
H	hydrometer analysis
M	sieve analysis
MH	combined analysis, sieve and hydrometer ¹
Q	undrained triaxial ²
R	consolidated undrained triaxial ²
S	drained triaxial
U	unconfined compression
V	field vane test

NOTES:

¹Combined analyses when 5 to 95 per cent of the material passes the No. 200 sieve.

²Undrained triaxial tests in which pore pressures are measured are shown as \bar{Q} or \bar{R} .

LIST OF SYMBOLS

I. GENERAL

$\pi = 3.1416$	
e = base of natural logarithms 2.7183	
\log_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	

II. STRESS AND STRAIN

u	pore pressure
σ	normal stress
σ'	normal effective stress ($\bar{\sigma}$ is also used)
τ	shear stress
ϵ	linear strain
ϵ_{xy}	shear strain
ν	Poisson's ratio (μ is also used)
E	modulus of linear deformation (Young's modulus)
G	modulus of shear deformation
K	modulus of compressibility
η	coefficient of viscosity

III. SOIL PROPERTIES

(a) Unit weight

γ	unit weight of soil (bulk density)
γ_s	unit weight of solid particles
γ_w	unit weight of water
γ_d	unit dry weight of soil (dry density)
γ'	unit weight of submerged soil
G_s	specific gravity of solid particles $G_s = \gamma_s/\gamma_w$
e	void ratio
n	porosity
w	water content
S_r	degree of saturation

(b) Consistency

w_L	liquid limit
w_P	plastic limit
I_P	plasticity index
w_s	shrinkage limit
I_L	liquidity index = $(w - w_P)/I_P$
I_C	consistency index = $(w_L - w)/I_P$
e_{max}	void ratio in loosest state
e_{min}	void ratio in densest state
D_r	relative density = $(e_{max} - e)/(e_{max} - e_{min})$

(c) Permeability

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

(d) Consolidation (one-dimensional)

m_c	coefficient of volume change = $-\Delta e/(1+e)\Delta\sigma'$
C_c	compression index = $-\Delta e/\Delta \log_{10} \sigma'$
c_s	coefficient of consolidation
T_s	time factor = $c_s t/d^2$ (d , drainage path)
U	degree of consolidation

(e) Shear strength

τ_f	shear strength
c'	effective cohesion
ϕ'	intercept effective angle of shearing resistance, or friction
c_u	apparent cohesion*
ϕ_u	apparent angle of shearing resistance, or friction
μ	coefficient of friction
S_i	sensitivity

in terms of effective stress

$$\tau_f = c' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$$

in terms of total stress

$$\tau_f = c_u + \sigma \tan \phi_u$$

*For the case of a saturated cohesive soil, $\phi_u = 0$ and the undrained shear strength $\tau_f = c_u$ is taken as half the undrained compressive strength.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 12

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE JAN. 22, 1970

DATUM : GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAVING A WEIGHT 1401 gm. ONCE TO INCH

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.J.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE II

LOCATION See Figure 1

BORING DATE JAN. 20, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.J.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 10

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE JAN. 19, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.J.H.

Gottlieb Associates

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 9

LOCATION See Figure

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

BORING DATE JAN. 20, 1970

JAN. 20, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.H.
CHECKED F.C.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 8

LOCATION : See Figure

BORING DATE

JAN. 16, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.W.
CHECKED F.J.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 7

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE JAN. 15 & 16, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC.

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED E

RECORD OF BOREHOLE G

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE JAN. 15, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.J.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 5

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE : JAN. 15, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golden Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.E.D.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 4

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE JAN: 14, 1970

DATUM GEOPETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.J.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 3

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE JAN. 14, 1970

DATUM **GEODETIC**

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN:

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.J.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 2

LOCATION See Figure -

BORING DATE JAN. 13 & 14, 1970

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 160 LB., DROP 30 IN:

VERTICAL SCALE
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

Golder Associates

DRAWN D.N.
CHECKED F.J.H.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE I

LOCATION See Figure

BORING DATE JAN. 13, 1970

DATUM : GEODETIC

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PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

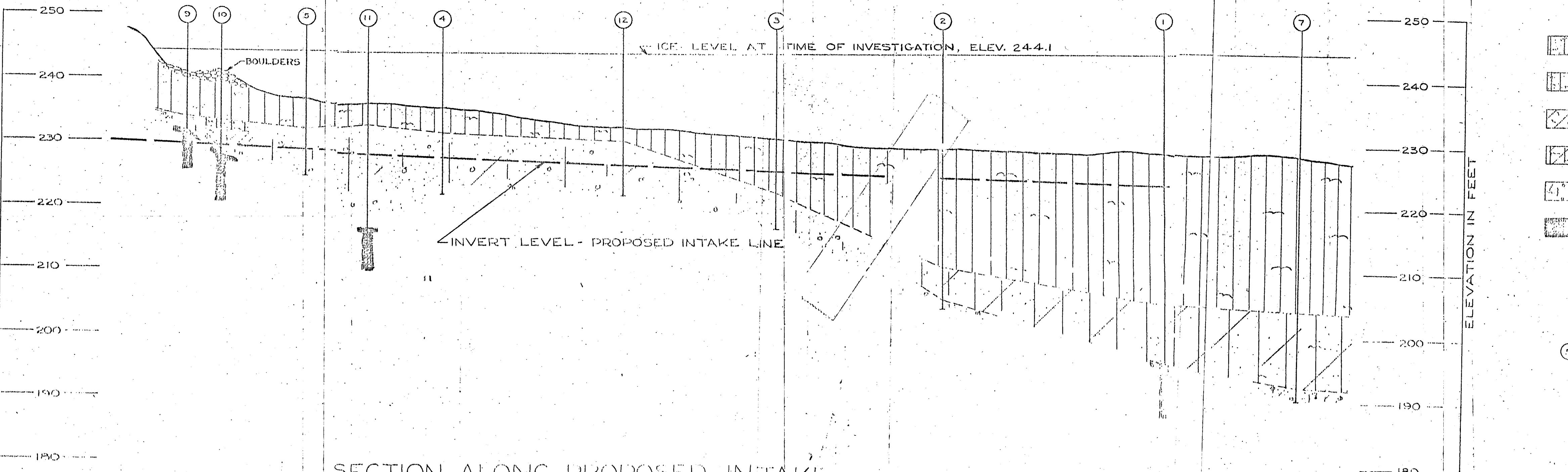
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1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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SOIL STRATIGRAPHY SECTION

FIGURE 2



NOTE
Data concerning the various strata have been obtained at borehole locations only. The soil stratigraphy between the boreholes has been inferred from geological evidence and so may vary from that shown.
For detailed stratigraphy of each borehole location refer to the record of borehole sheets.

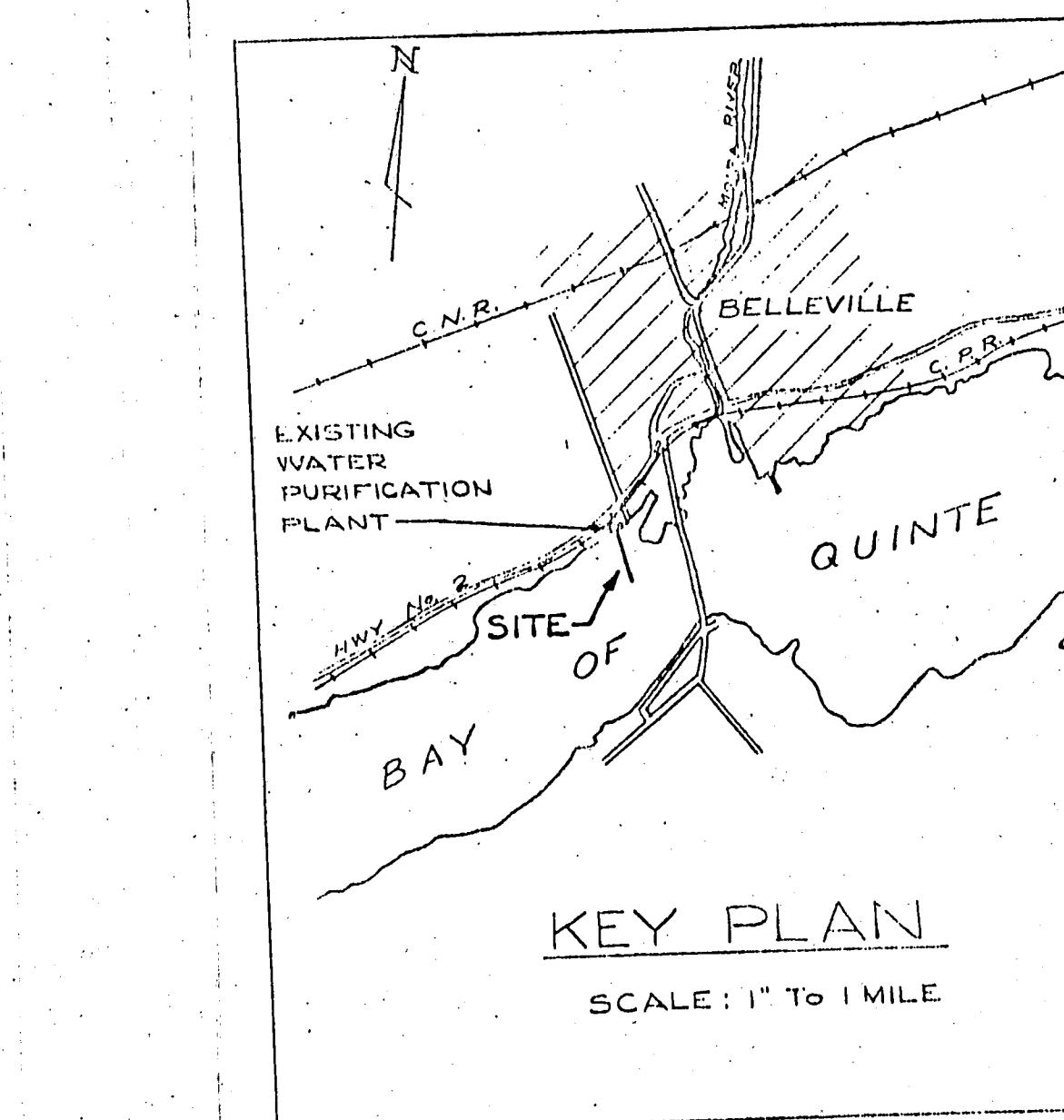
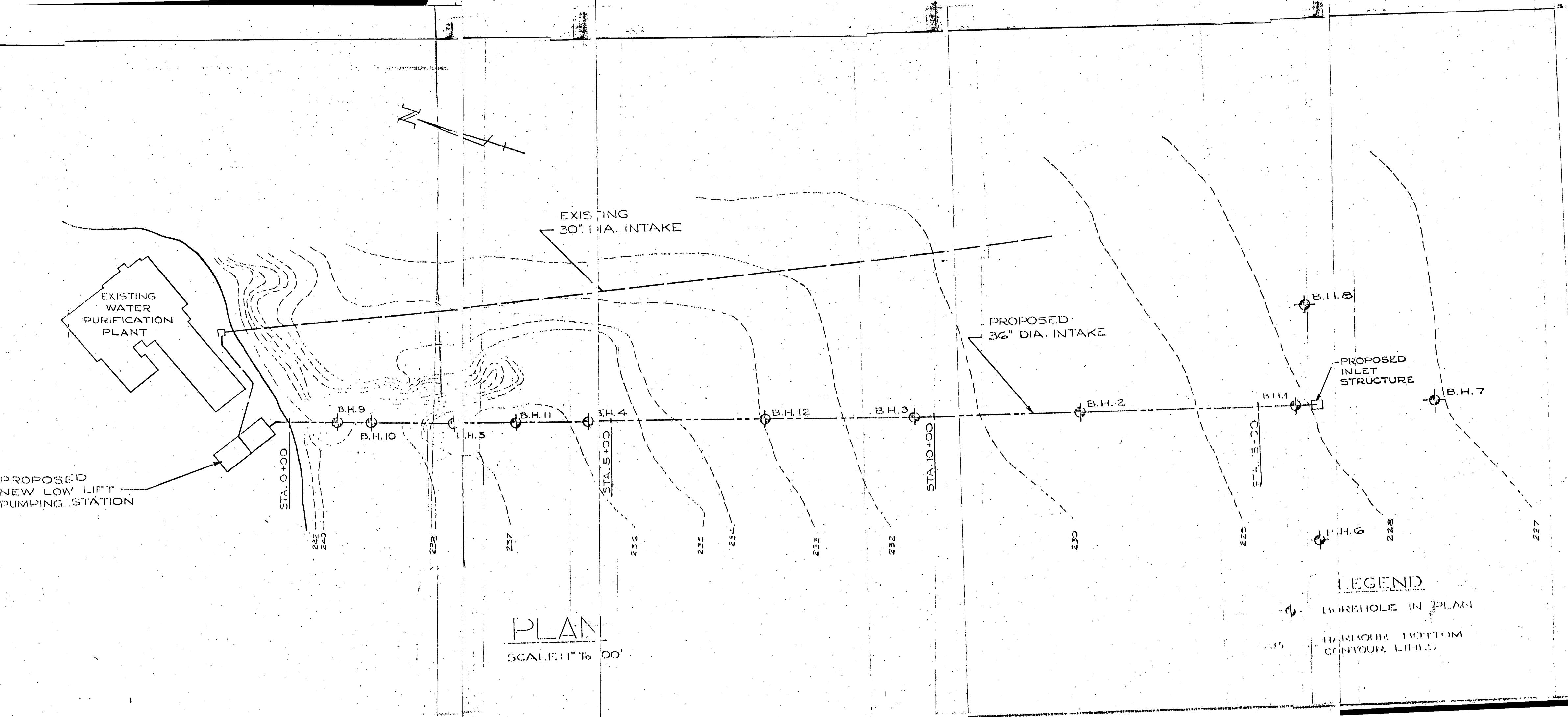
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BORING PLAN

FIGURE 1



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DATED DEC. 1969

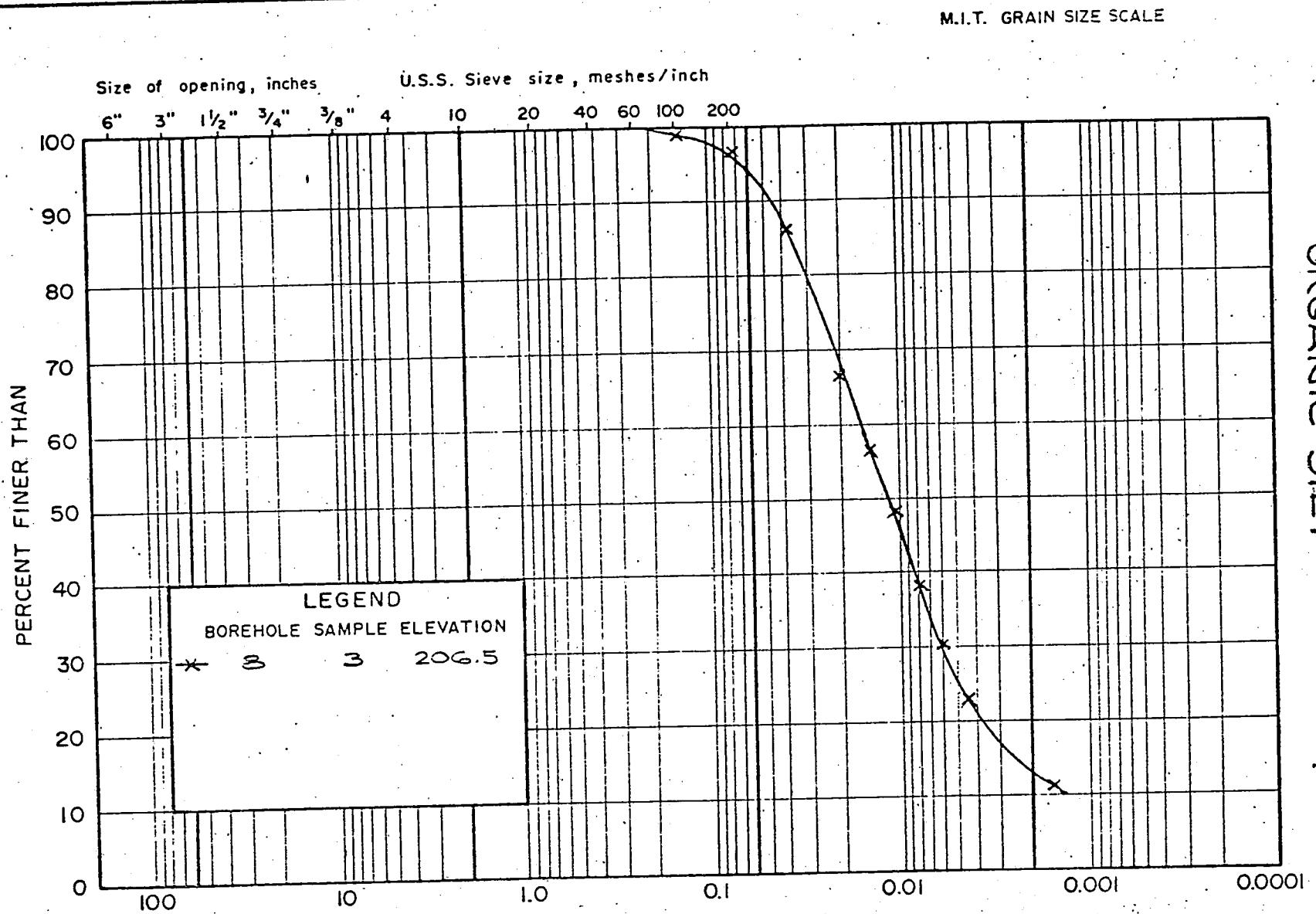
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

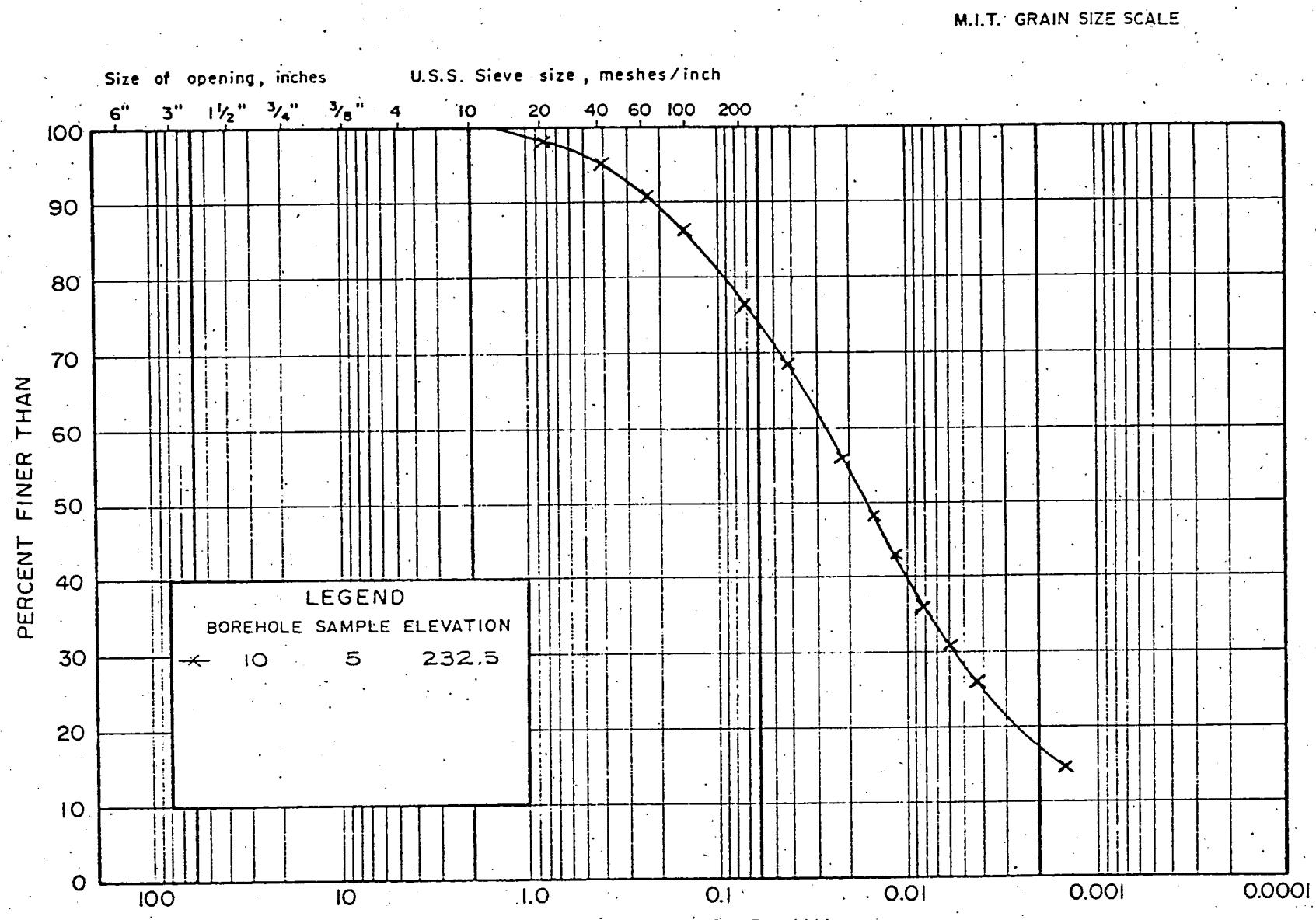
FIGURE 3



COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT SIZE	CLAY SIZE
	GRAVEL SIZE			SAND SIZE			FINE GRAINED	

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE 4

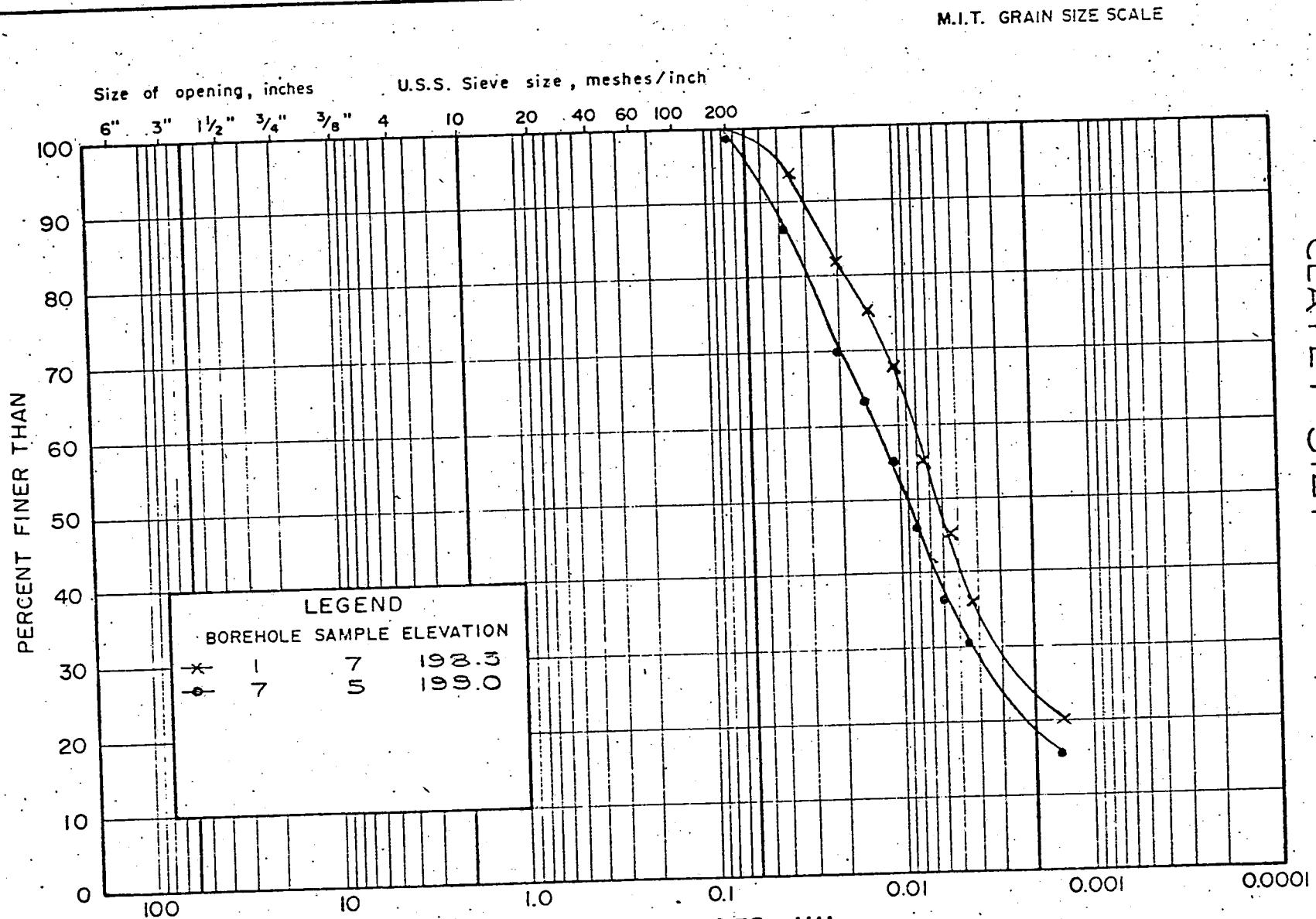


COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT SIZE	CLAY SIZE
	GRAVEL SIZE			SAND SIZE			FINE GRAINED	

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE 5

CLAYEY SILT



COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT SIZE	CLAY SIZE
	GRAVEL SIZE			SAND SIZE			FINE GRAINED	

SHEAR STRENGTH PROFILE

FIGURE 7

SHEAR STRENGTH, lb./sq. ft.

