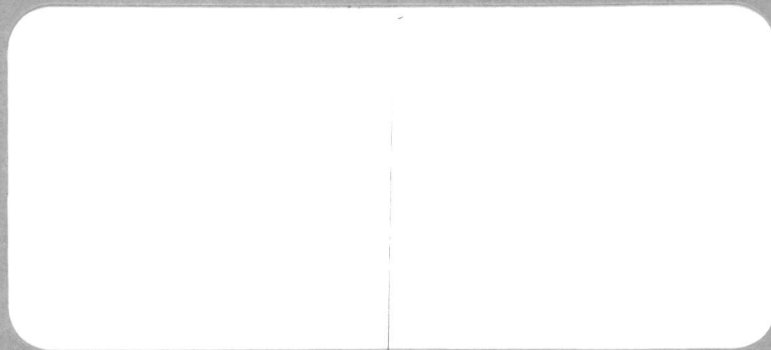


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EMBANKMENT FILL RECONSTRUCTION

HIGHWAY #12

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RE: EMBANKMENT RECONSTRUCTION  
HIGHWAY #12  
VICTORIA HARBOUR, ONTARIO

Dear Sirs:

This supplementary report summarizes the results of laboratory tests carried out on samples of the subsoils at the above site, (refer to Figure 1 for Key Plan). The progress of the ongoing reconstruction program is reviewed and preliminary recommendations for future construction procedures given.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The results of the recently completed laboratory testing program confirm our earlier interpretation of the subsurface conditions at the site\* and provide additional information on the engineering properties of the various subsoil strata. The results of laboratory tests are summarized on the attached

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\*refer to Golder Associates report no. 761175, dated August, 1976.

Record of Borehole sheets and on Figures 3 to 11, inclusive. The inferred subsoil stratigraphy across the site is shown on the stratigraphic sections on Figure 2.

#### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REVIEW

Reconstruction of the embankment fill began on July 26, 1976 in accordance with the recommendations outlined in Golder Associates report no. 761175, dated August, 1976. Progress has been reported weekly by our on-site supervisor in the form of weekly memoranda. The following is a brief summary of the general construction procedures and progress to date.

- (i) The embankment fill was lowered to about elevation 663 prior to reconstruction.
- (ii) A 2 cu.yd. dragline was used to excavate the north key trench starting in the northwest corner of the site.
- (iii) Because of the presence of boulders in the fill and instability of the excavation side slopes, a backhoe was used to excavate the original embankment fill ahead of the dragline operations. To avoid instability on the embankment side of the excavation, fill was removed to within about 20 ft. of the embankment centreline.
- (iv) Following completion of subexcavation and during backfilling of each section of key trench on the northern side of the embankment, the dragline was used to subexcavate for the south key trench. This procedure of advancing both key trenches simultaneously, avoided standby time for equipment and has been adopted throughout the reconstruction work.
- (v) A survey of the settlement of backfill placed in sections II and III in the north key trench indicated that the backfill material was relatively stable.

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- (vi) Following an initially slow start up period, progress was satisfactory and by about the end of August, the north and south key trenches had been completed to about stations 432+20. However, heavy rainstorms at about this time had caused a significant rise in water levels in the excavations causing local instabilities within the backfill which required repair. Considerable effort was also required to maintain haul roads after periods of heavy precipitation. These factors resulted in less productivity throughout most of September. A pump was employed to control the water level in excavations in the latter part of September.
  - (vii) When the key trench backfill had progressed a sufficient distance from the west end of the valley, good quality original embankment fill was placed outside the key trenches adjacent to the backfill to act as stabilizing berms for the completed embankment. Poor quality fill was wasted.
  - (viii) The removal of fill ahead of the key trench subexcavation by the backhoe is now essentially complete. Both the north and south key trenches have been backfilled to about station 431+50. The dragline is currently subexcavating the next section of the south key trench to about station 431+10.

Because the lower till surface slopes upward towards the east side of the valley (section C-C, Figure 2), it is anticipated that the excavation and backfilling of the south key trench should proceed relatively quickly. Subexcavation and backfilling of the north key trench is between 50 and 75 per cent complete. Depending on weather conditions and satisfactory operation of equipment, it is currently estimated that construction of the embankment to about elevation 660 can be completed within 2 to 4 weeks.

#### FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

It is understood that some 110,000 cu.yd. of fill will be available from lowering the road grade in the approach cuts to the embankment section. It is currently estimated

that about 30,000 cu.yd. of fill will be required as backfill in the key trenches and general raising of the embankment to about elevation 660. Raising the embankment to final design height (including surcharge) will require an additional 30,000 cu.yd., leaving about 50,000 cu.yd. for berm construction. Preliminary estimates indicate that this quantity of material will be sufficient for construction of 50 ft. wide berms along both sides of the embankment.

When the key trenches have been completed, the embankment fill and outer stabilizing berms should be raised simultaneously. The final dimensions of the outer berms will depend on the quantity of fill which is not required for embankment construction as discussed above. Because of their beneficial effect with respect to final embankment stability, the final width of berms need not be restricted and can be as much as 50 ft. or 100 ft.; however, the final berm elevation should be at about mid-height of the final embankment slope.

The embankment fill should be surcharged for a minimum period of 6 months. This procedure will minimize long term settlement of the completed embankment and reduce future maintenance costs. It is essential that an embankment failure does not result due to surcharging operations and, at this time, it is recommended that a maximum of 3 to 4 ft. of surcharge (above final proposed grade) be employed. The performance of the surcharged embankment should be monitored by observing the settlement of the embankment fill and pore-water pressure dissipation within the foundation subsoils. The settlement of the surcharged embankment due to consolidation of the 20 to 30 ft. thick soft foundation soils will vary across the site and could be as much as 1 to 3 ft.

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Settlement within the softened till deposits should occur relatively quickly. However, the rate of consolidation of the sensitive clay deposit will be considerably slower and will result in long term settlement of the embankment. The magnitude of long term settlement will depend to a large extent on the thickness of this material and on the degree to which it has been displaced during the recent construction operations.

Because of the magnitude of anticipated settlements, it will be necessary to widen the proposed embankment profile to ensure the design road allowance is achieved. Thus the width of the surcharged zone should be not less than the design road allowance. It is considered that this can be carried out by a modest steepening of the embankment side slope as opposed to widening the embankment for its full height. Following the surcharge period, excess fill should be removed and placed in the berm areas. Because of the settlements which are anticipated during surcharging operations, it will not be possible to pave the embankment section of the roadway until the spring of 1977 at the earliest, when the performance of the embankment has been assessed.

The stability of the surcharged embankment and the estimated settlement of the embankment given above must be assessed in relation to the actual subsurface conditions following the key trench construction, and in particular, the final berm profile to ensure stability of the interim surcharged embankment must be defined. To effect this definition, additional information on the strength and compressibility characteristics of the subsoils underlying the embankment and in particular the thickness of the soft sensitive clayey deposit is required. It is suggested that an investigation program consisting of 2 sampled

boreholes with accompanying vane tests be carried out, the borings being located along the centreline of both the north and south key trench and along the centreline of the completed embankment. The boreholes should be put down before the embankment is raised above elevation 670.

We trust that the information contained in this report is sufficient for your present requirements. If you have any questions regarding the results of laboratory tests or the recommendations for future construction procedures, please call us.

Yours truly,

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Figures 1 to 11, inclusive





## 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*

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

#### (b) *Cohesive Soils*

<i>Consistency</i>	<i>c<sub>u</sub>, lb./sq. ft.</i>
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<sup>1</sup>  
*Q* undrained triaxial<sup>2</sup>  
*R* consolidated undrained triaxial<sup>2</sup>  
*S* drained triaxial  
*U* unconfined compression  
*V* field vane test

### NOTES:

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

<sup>2</sup>Undrained 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
$\log_e a$ 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

### II. STRESS AND STRAIN

$u$	pore pressure
$\sigma$	normal stress
$\sigma'$	normal effective stress ( $\bar{\sigma}$ is also used)
$\tau$	shear stress
$\epsilon$	linear strain
$\epsilon_{xy}$	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

### III. SOIL PROPERTIES

#### (a) Unit weight

$\gamma$	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
$G_s$	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)

$m_v$	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
$T_v$	time factor $= c_s t / d^2$ ( $d$ , drainage path)
$U$	degree of consolidation

#### (e) Shear strength

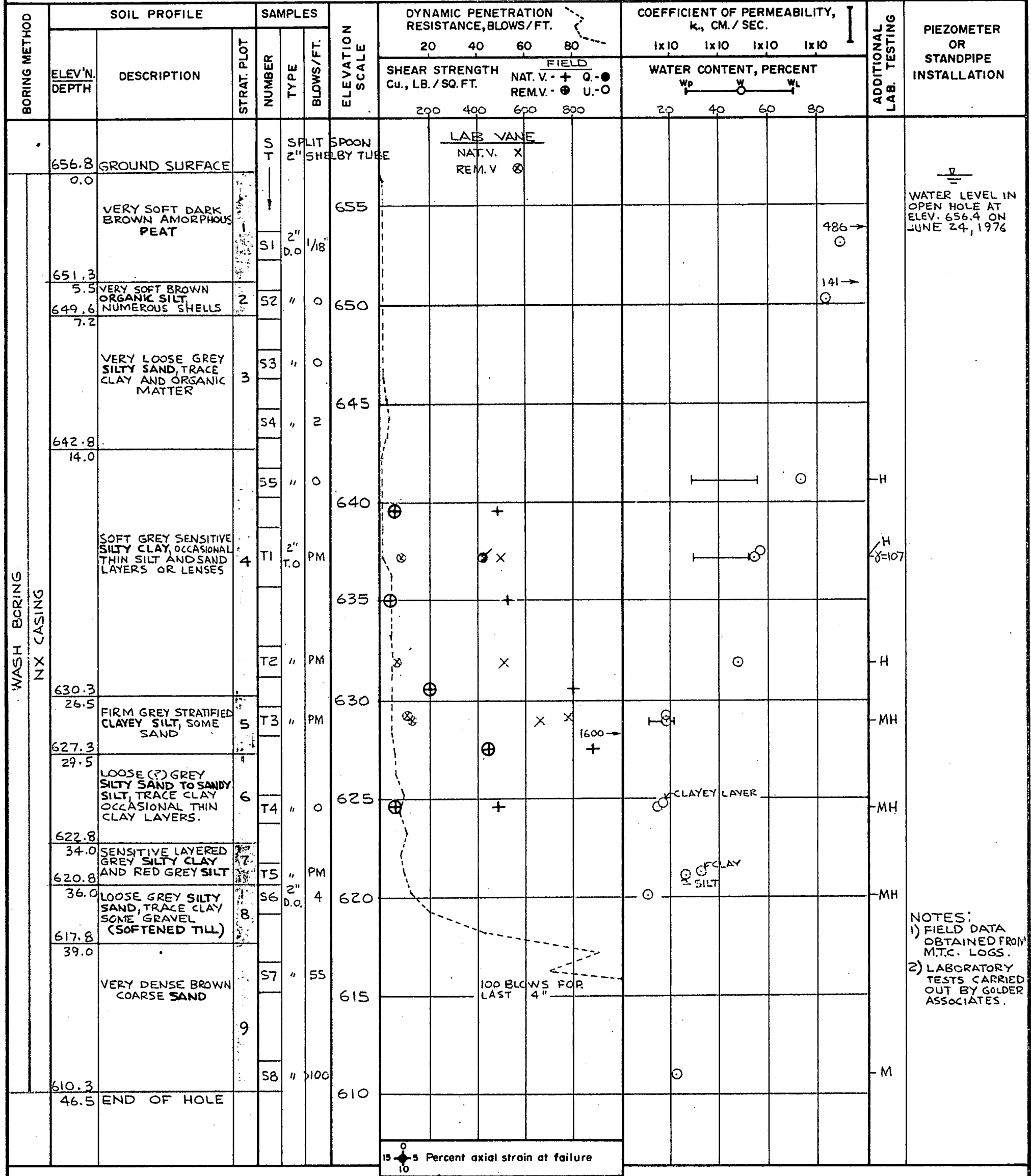
$\tau_f$	shear strength
$c'$	effective cohesion
$\phi'$	effective angle of shearing resistance, or friction
$c_u$	apparent cohesion*
$\phi_u$	apparent angle of shearing resistance, or friction
$\mu$	coefficient of friction
$S_t$	sensitivity

\*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.

STA. 13+35, 76' RT. OF E

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 1

LOCATION See Figure 2 BORING DATE JUNE 15, 1976 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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STA. 431+56, 170' RT. OF E

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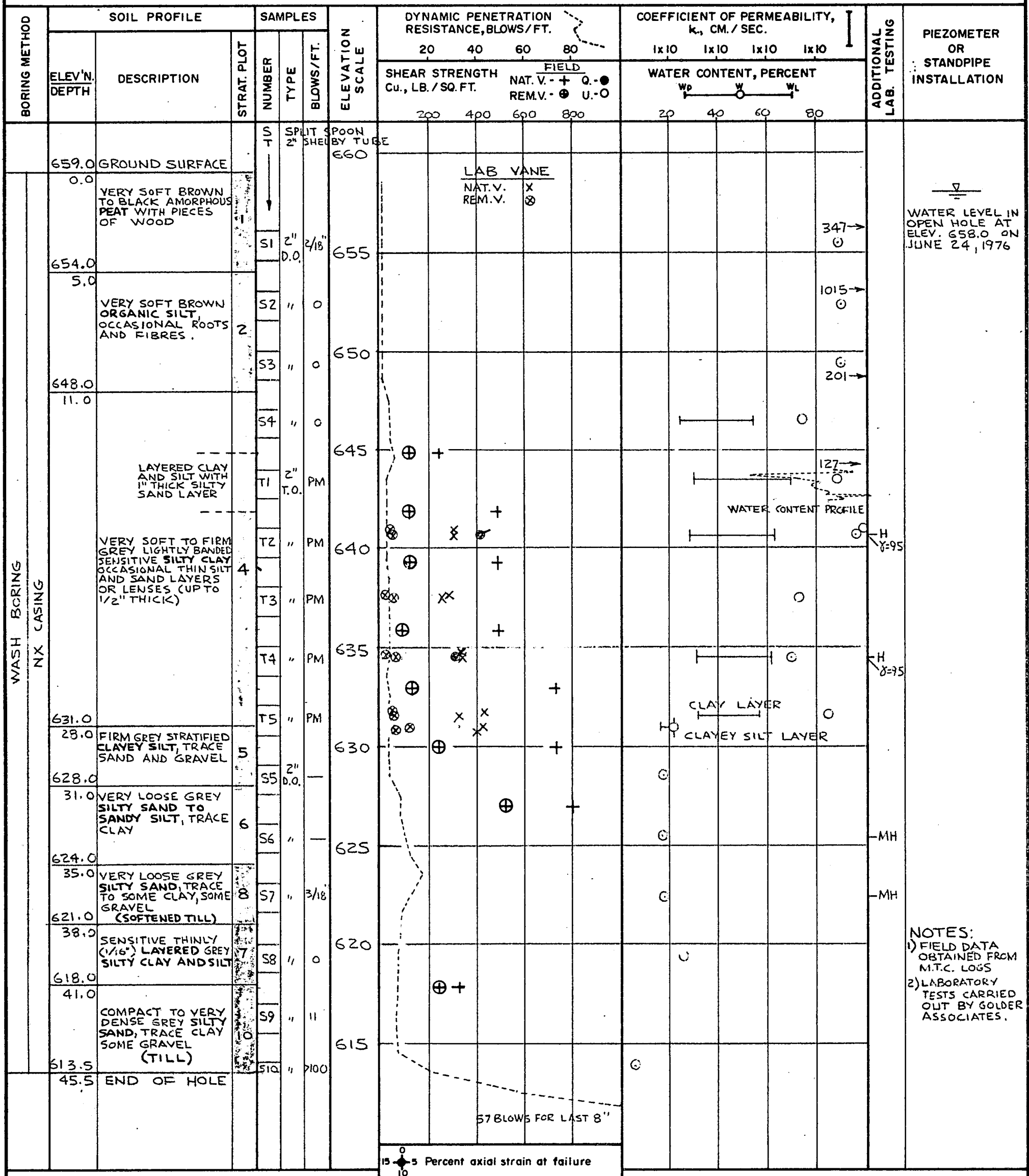
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BORING DATE JUNE 18, 1976

DATUM GEODETIC

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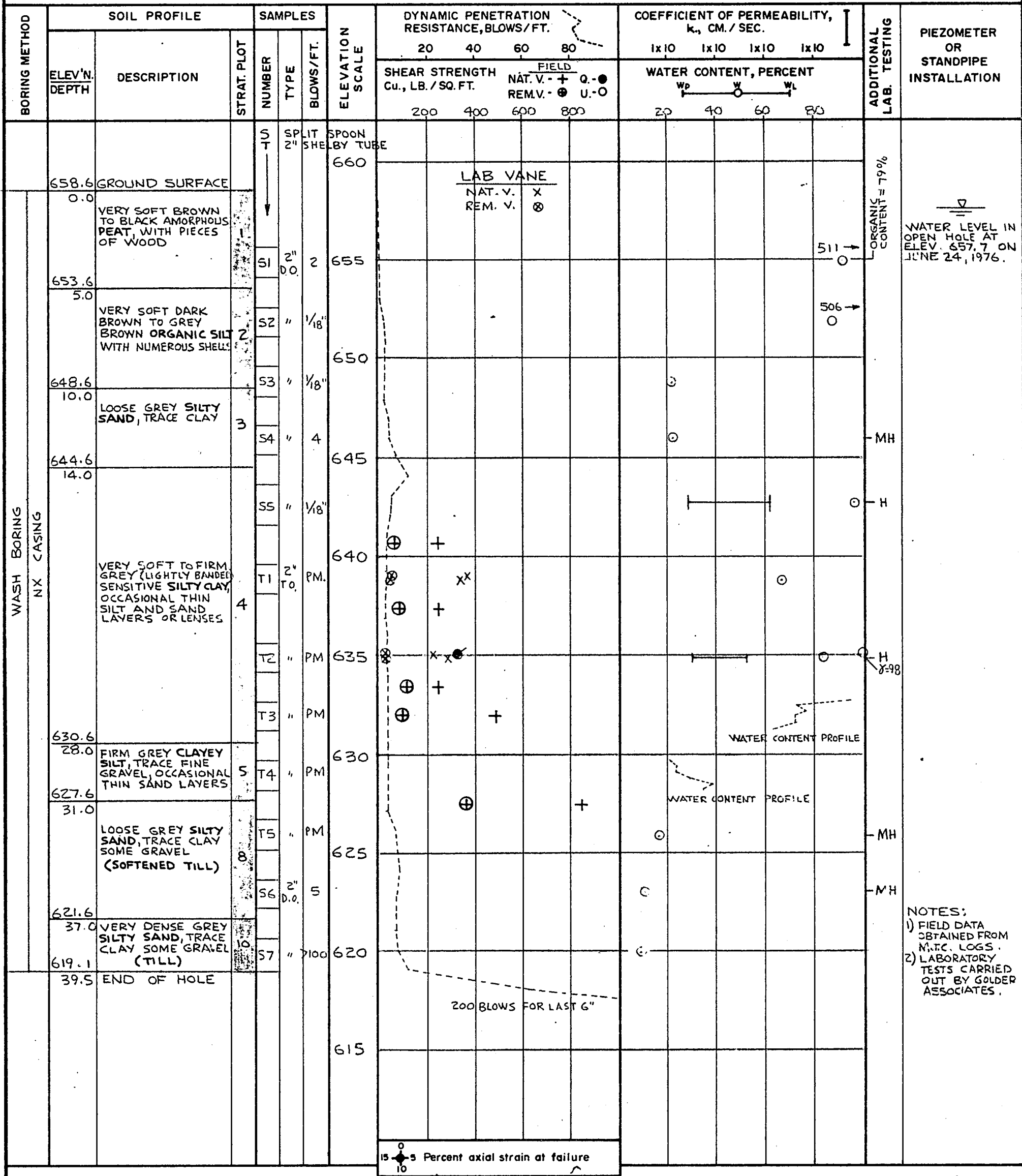
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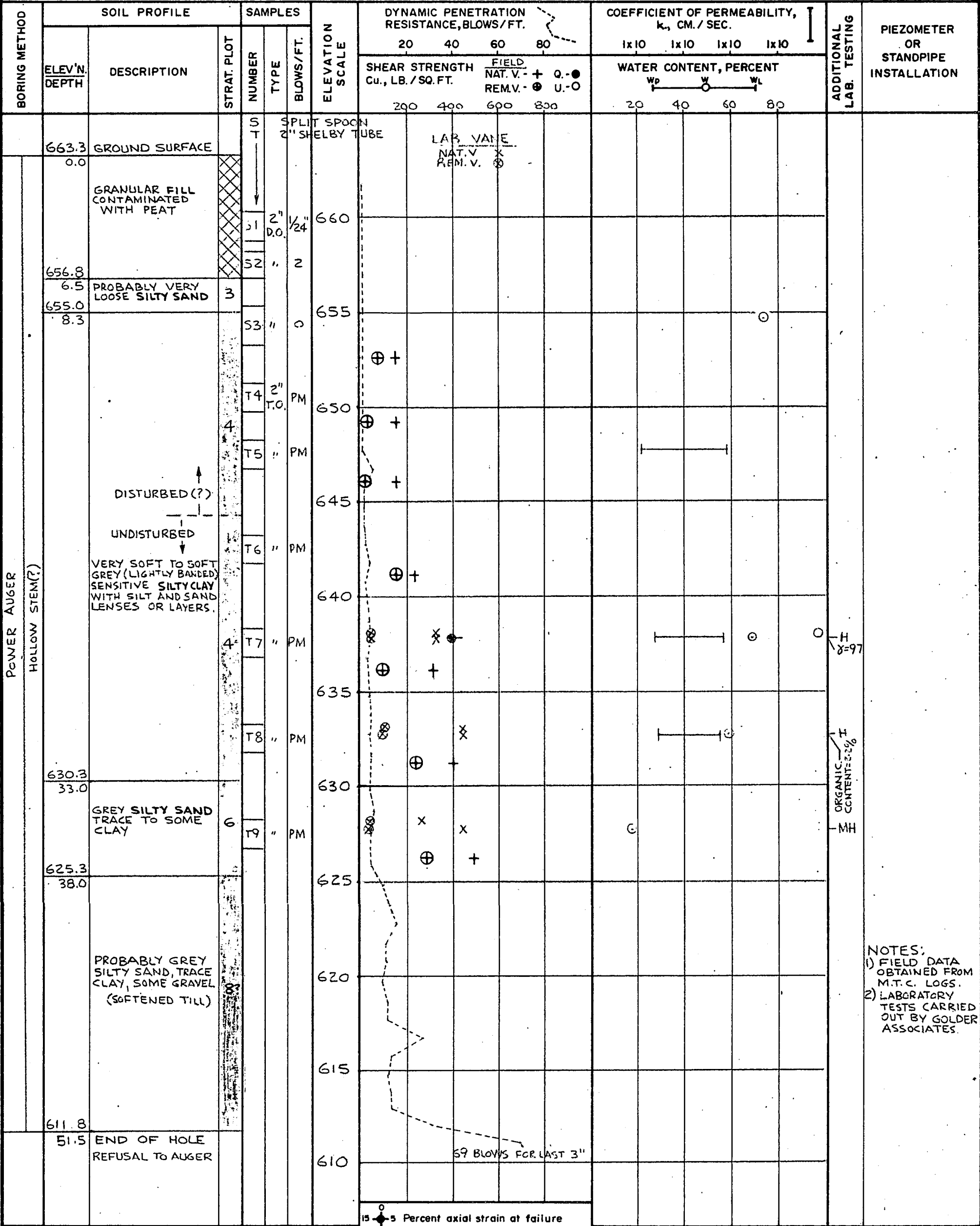
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SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.      PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.





STA. 431+85, 118' RT OF 4 RECORD OF BOREHOLE 101

LOCATION See Figure 2 BORING DATE JUNE 11, 1976 DATUM GEODETIC  
SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN. PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.



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STA. 432+65, 94' LT. OF E

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 102

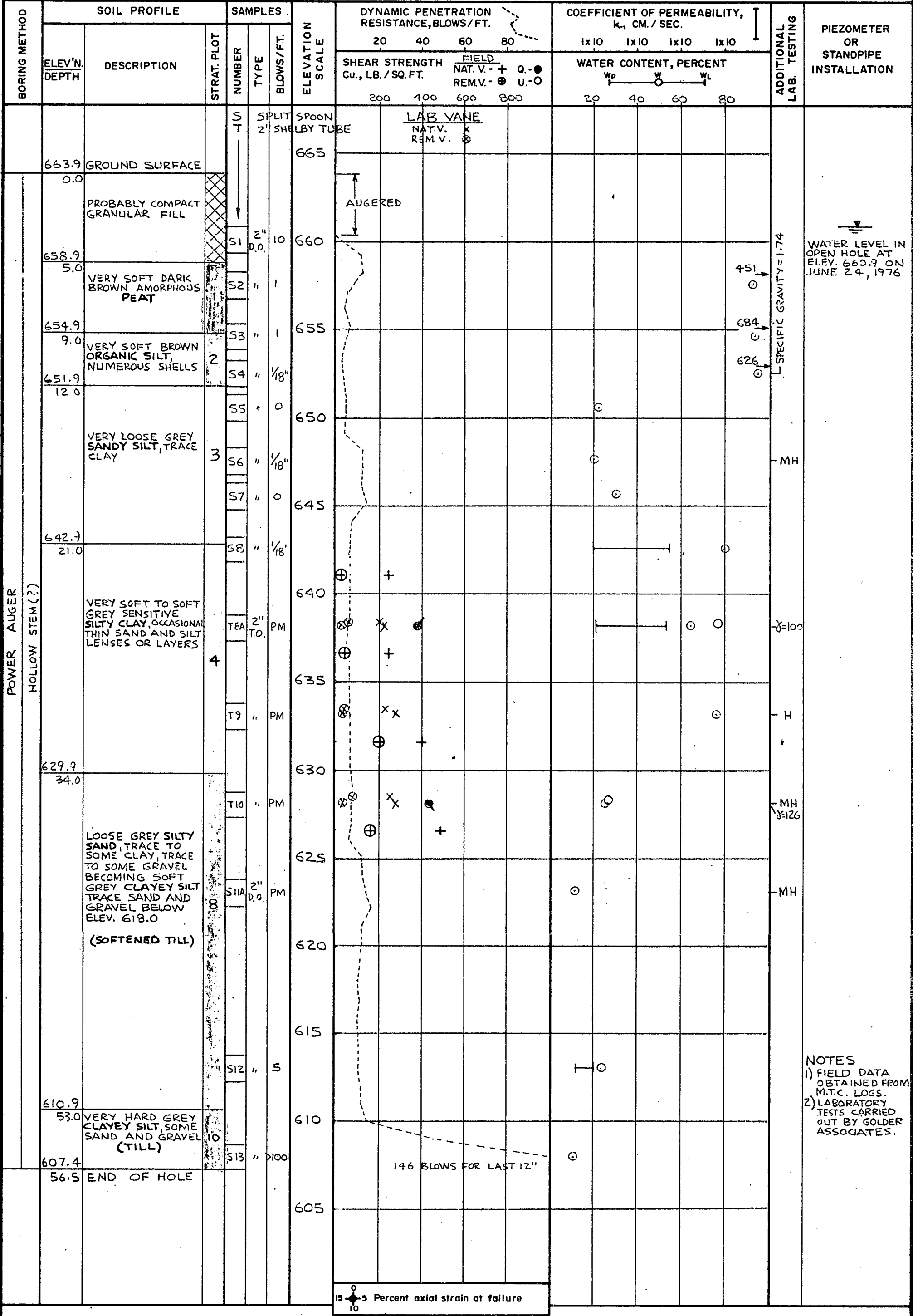
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BORING DATE JUNE 14, 1976

DATUM - GEODETIC

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



VERTICAL SCALE  
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE 103

DATUM      GEODETIC

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

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE 104

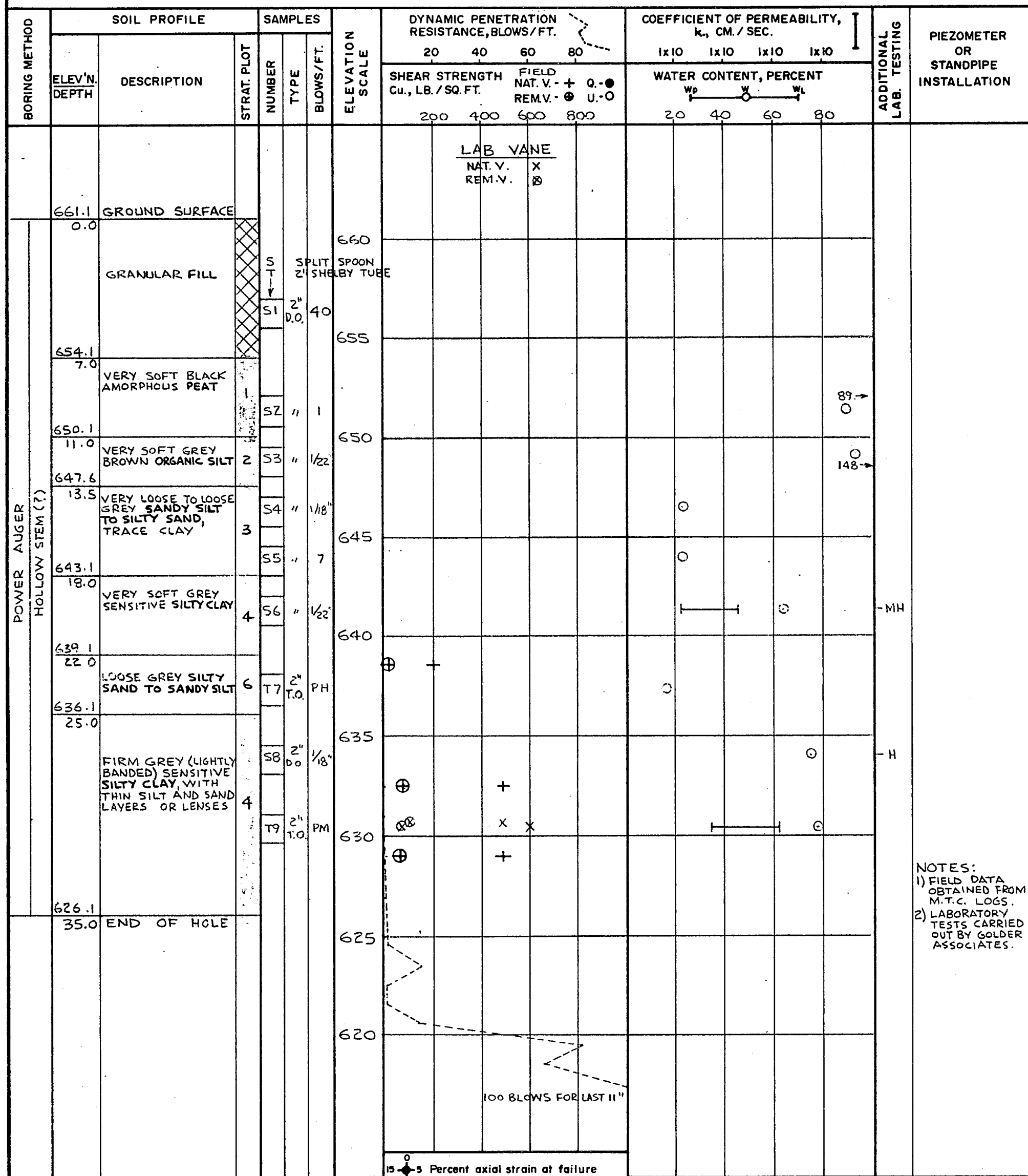
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VERTICAL SCALE  
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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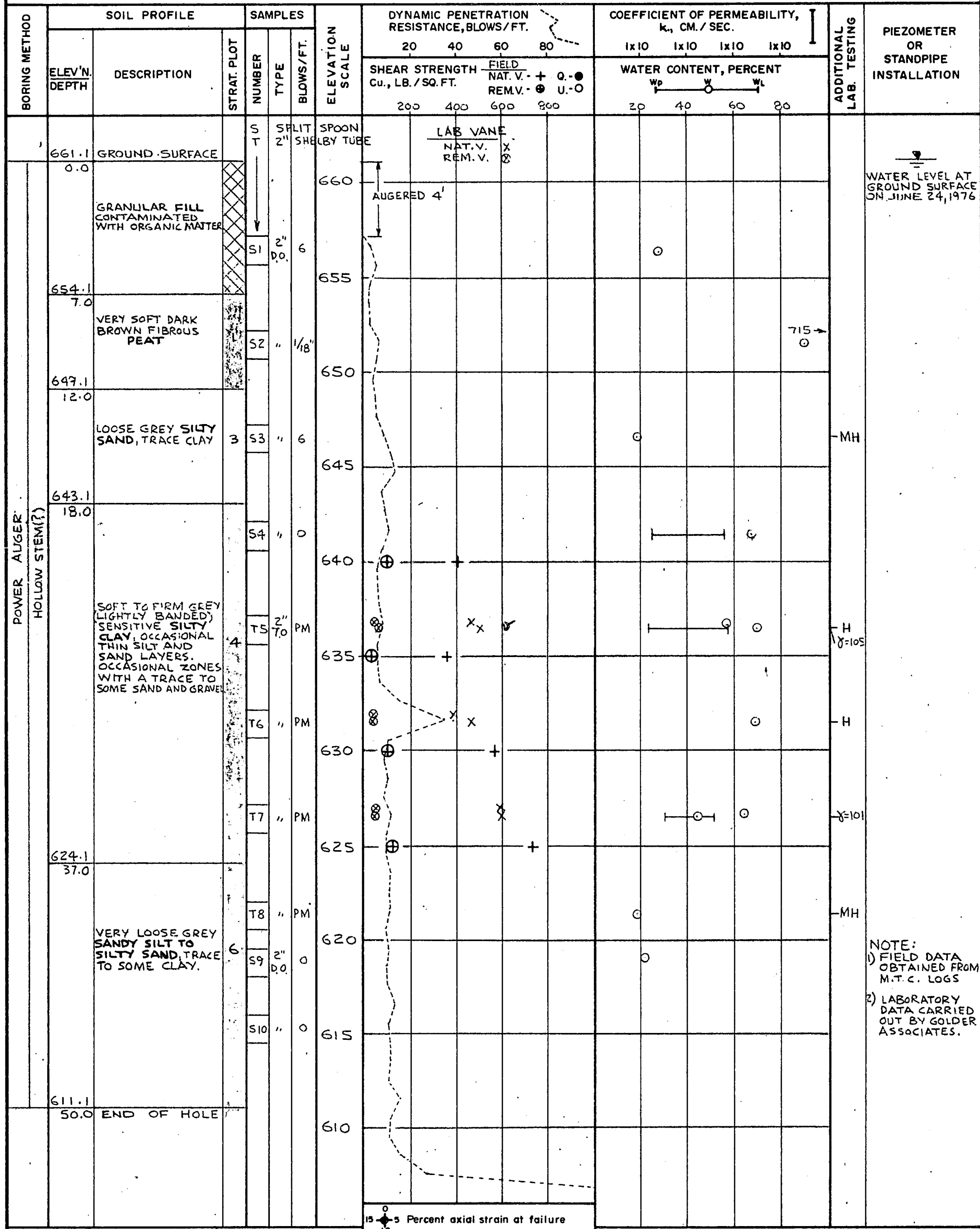
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STA. 433+16, 111' LT. OF  $\phi$  RECORD OF BOREHOLE 106

LOCATION See Figure 2 BORING DATE JUNE 21, 1976 DATUM GEODETIC  
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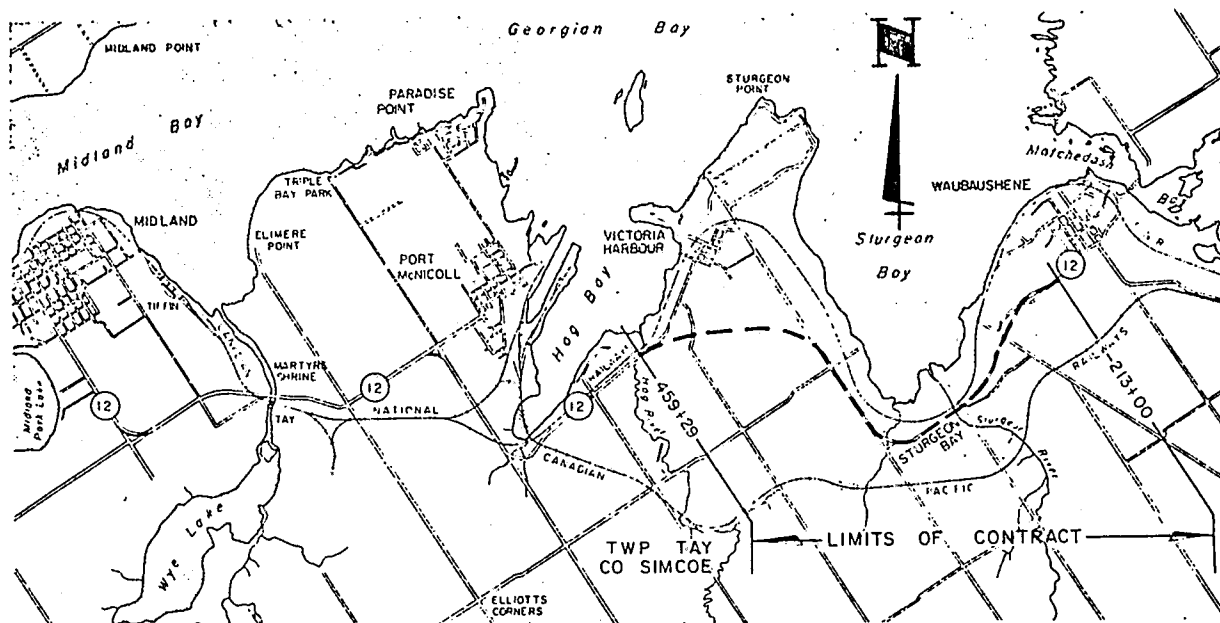
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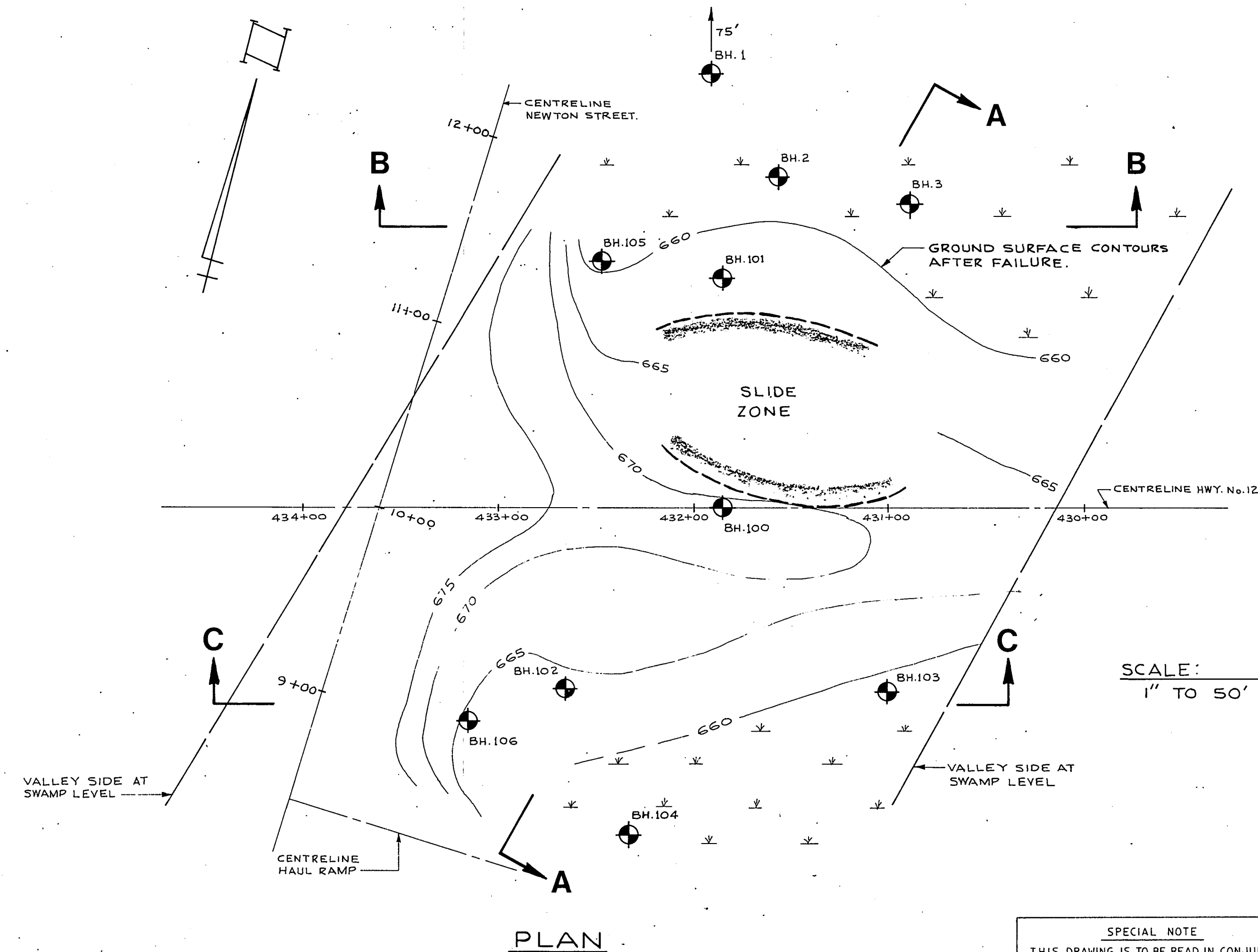
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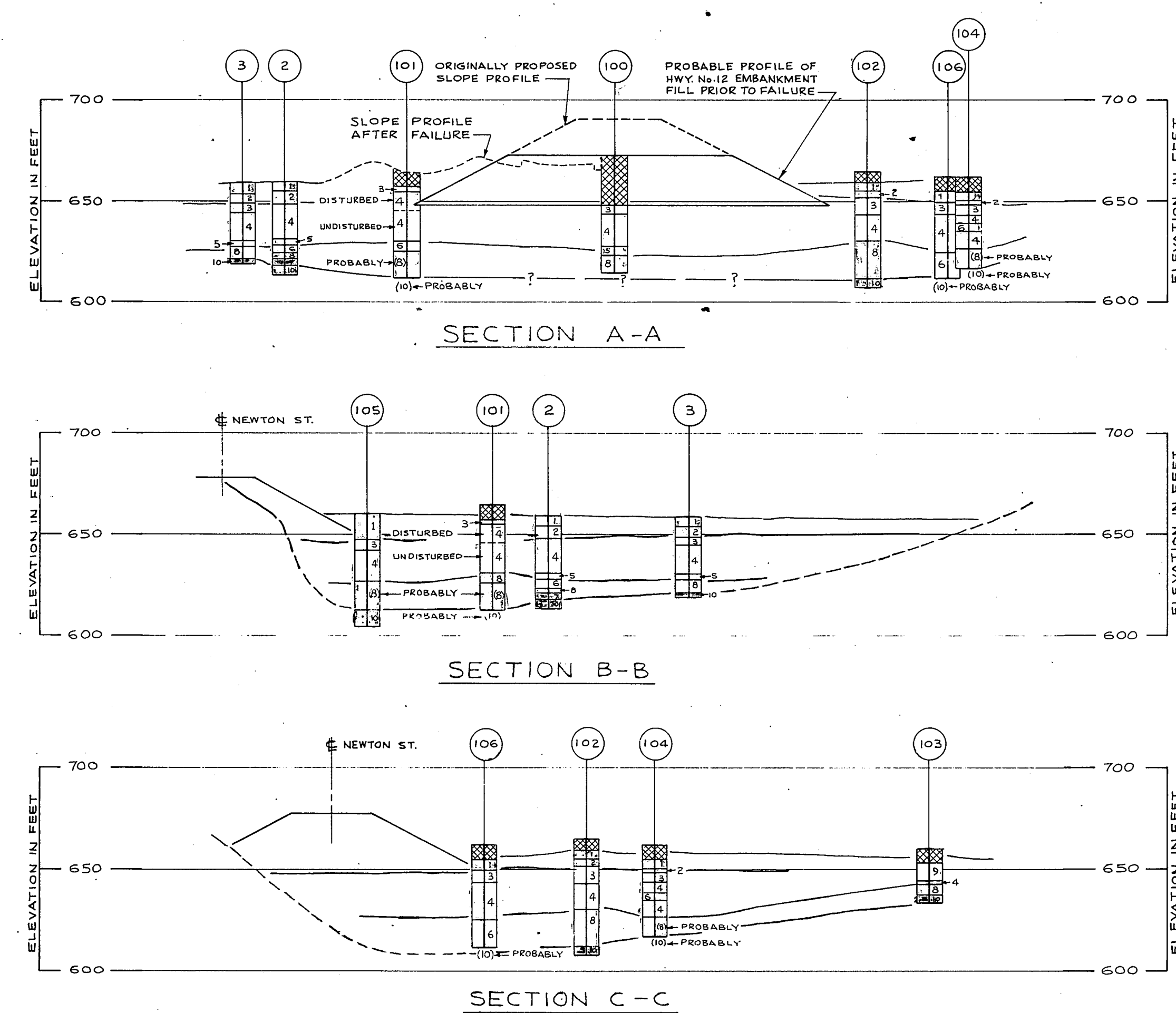
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## BORING PLAN AND STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS

FIGURE 2

### LEGEND

- BOREHOLE LOCATION IN PLAN
- BOREHOLE IN ELEVATION
- GROUND SURFACE AT BOREHOLE
- SOIL TYPE (REFER TO STRATIGRAPHY LEGEND)

### STRATIGRAPHY

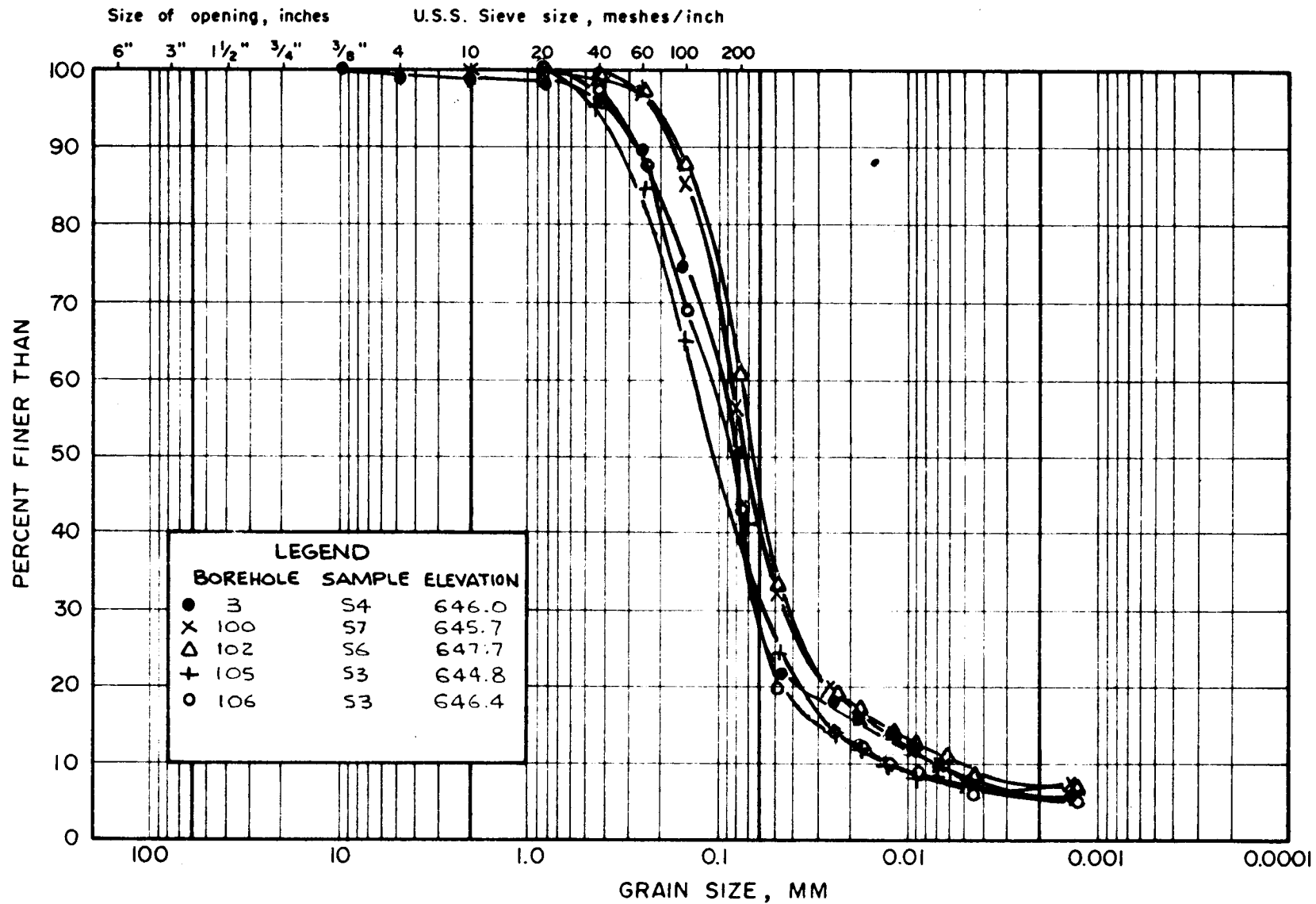
- FILL.
- VERY SOFT BLACK AMORPHOUS TO FIBROUS PEAT. } SWAMP DEPOSITS
- VERY SOFT SENSITIVE GREY BROWN ORGANIC SILT. }
- VERY LOOSE TO LOOSE SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND, TRACE CLAY. }
- VERY SOFT TO FIRM GREY SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY, WITH SILT AND SAND LAYERS OR LENSES. } LACUSTRINE DEPOSITS
- FIRM GREY STRATIFIED CLAYEY SILT, TRACE SAND AND GRAVEL, OCCASIONAL SAND LAYERS. }
- VERY LOOSE SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND, TRACE TO SOME CLAY
- SOFT TO FIRM GREY SILTY CLAY TRACE GRAVEL TO INTERLAYERED CLAY AND SILT.
- SOFT TO FIRM GREY CLAYEY SILT, SOME SAND TRACE GRAVEL TO SILTY SAND, TRACE TO SOME CLAY AND GRAVEL. (SOFTENED TILL)
- VERY DENSE BROWN SAND TO SAND AND GRAVEL.
- VERY DENSE SANDY SILT, TRACE CLAY, TRACE TO SOME GRAVEL TO HARD GREY CLAYEY SILT, SOME SAND AND GRAVEL. (BASAL TILL)

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## M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE

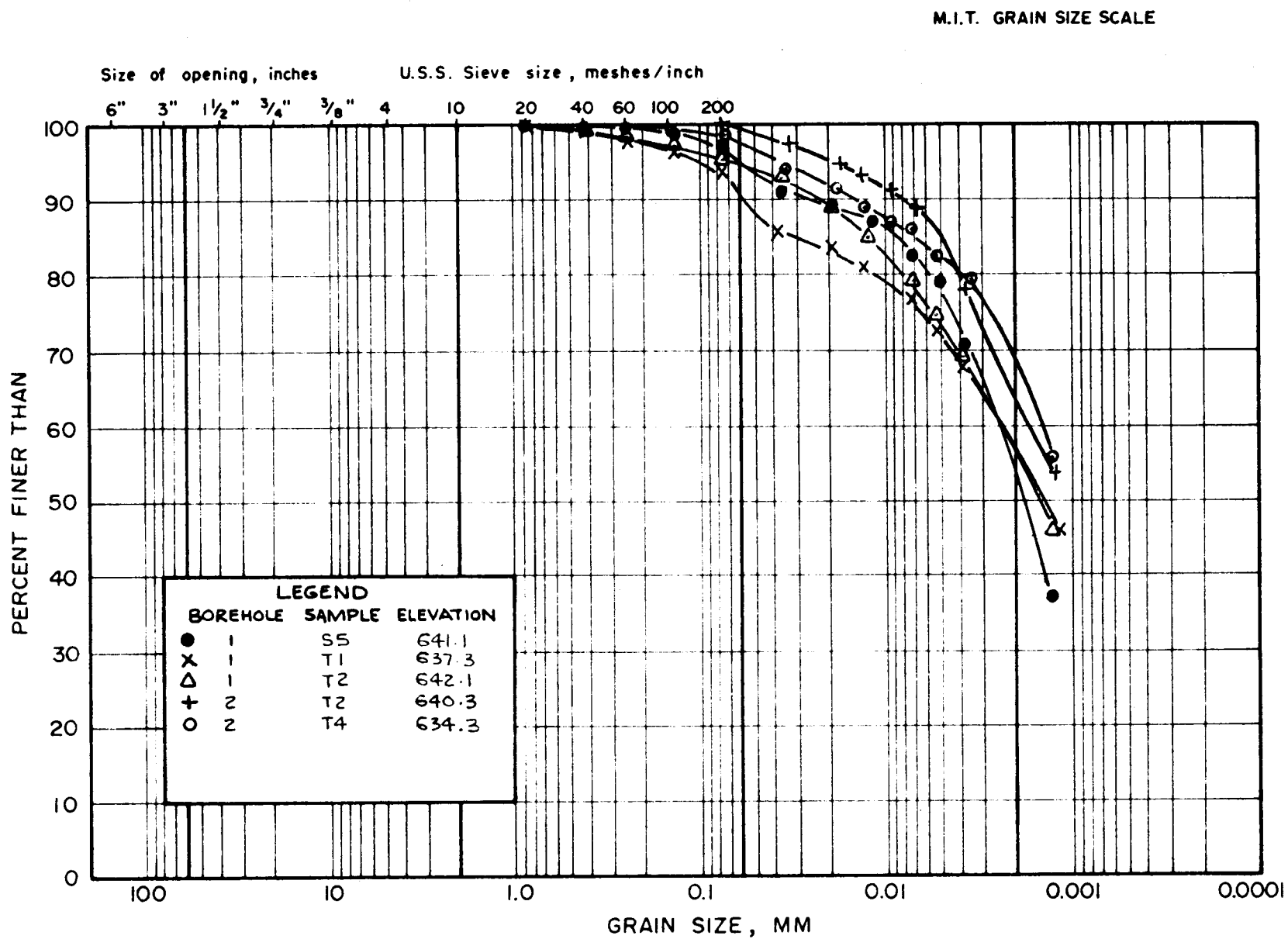


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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND - TYPE 3

FIGURE 3

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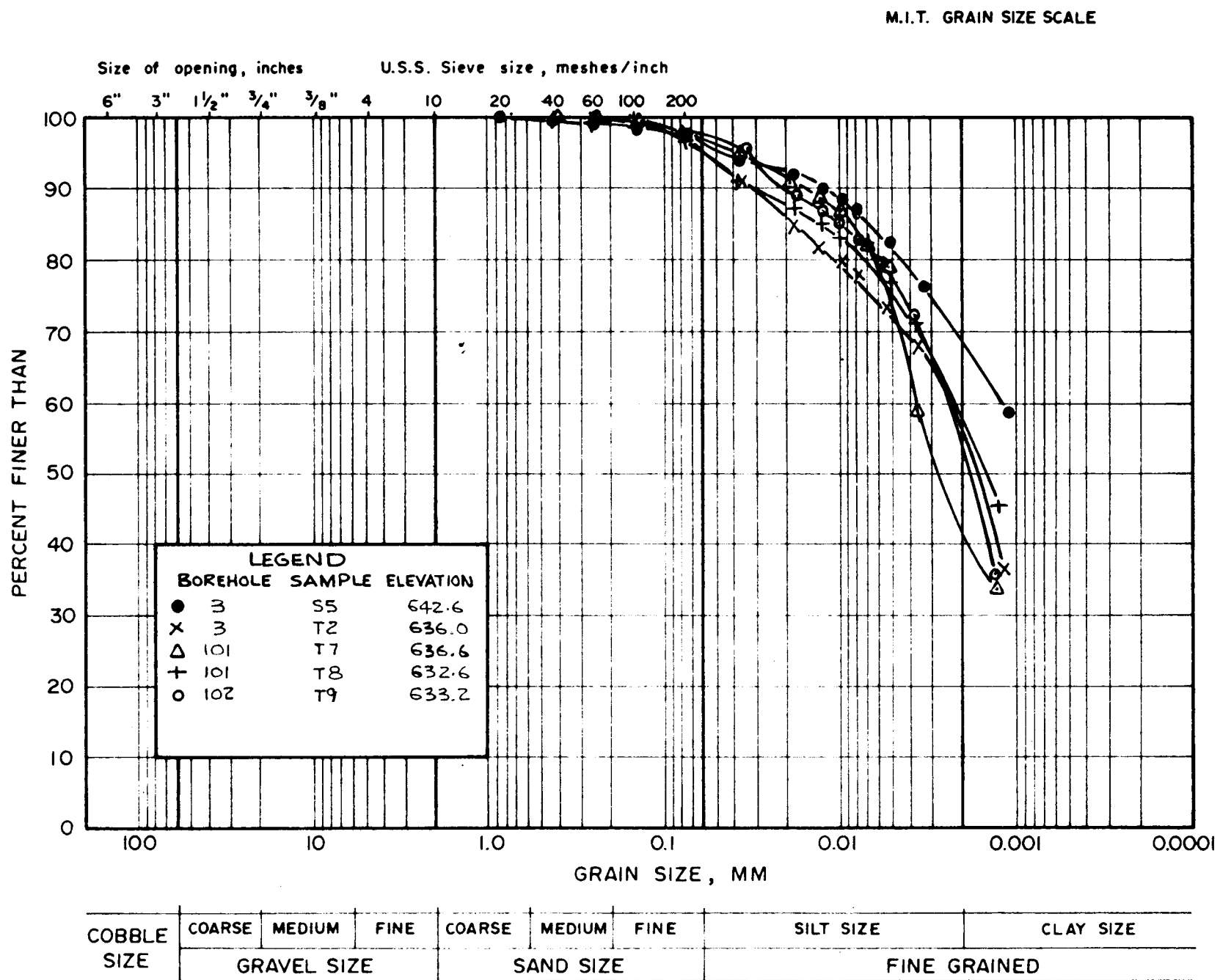


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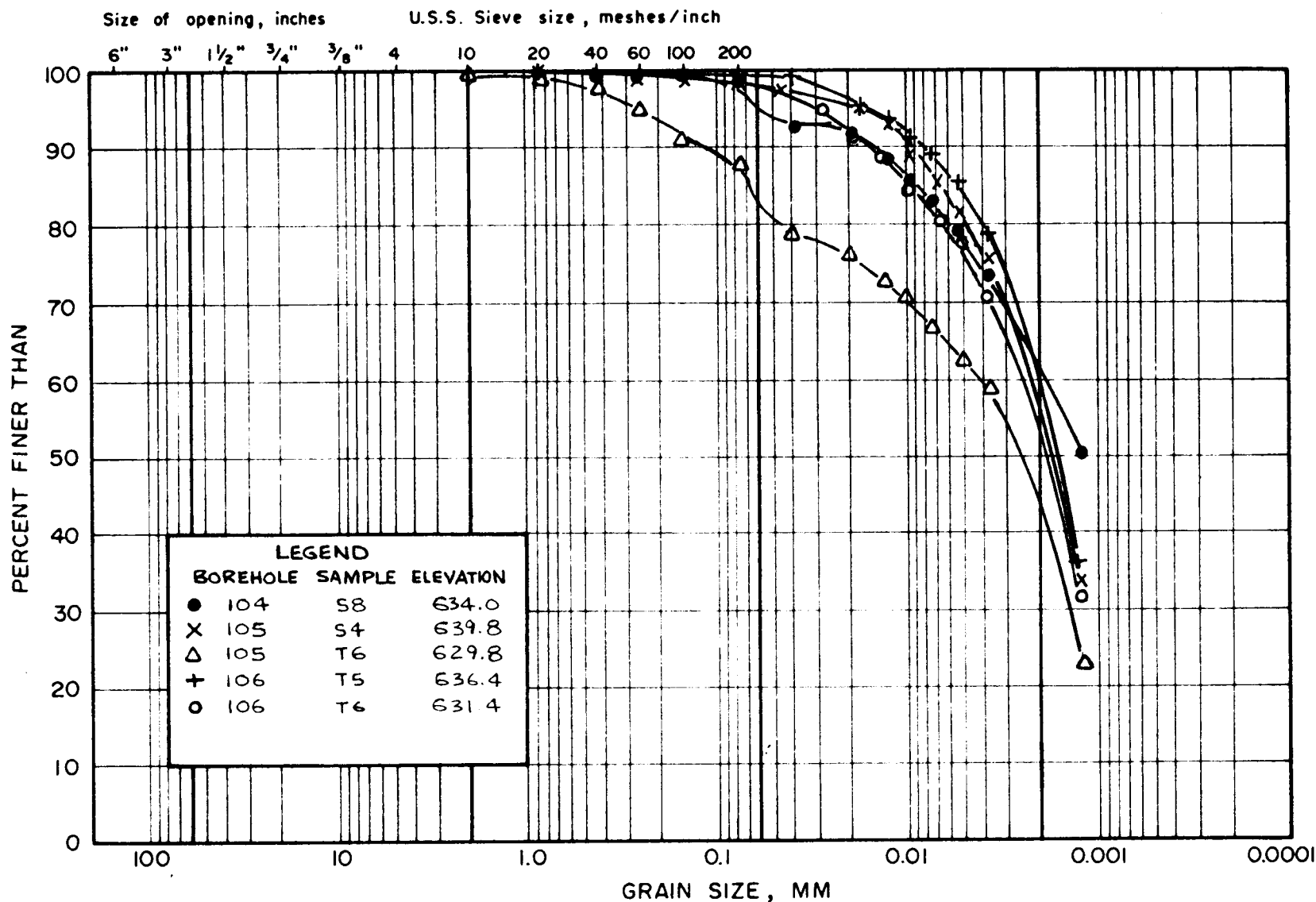
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SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY-TYPE 4

FIGURE 4



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**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY-TYPE 4**
**FIGURE 5**

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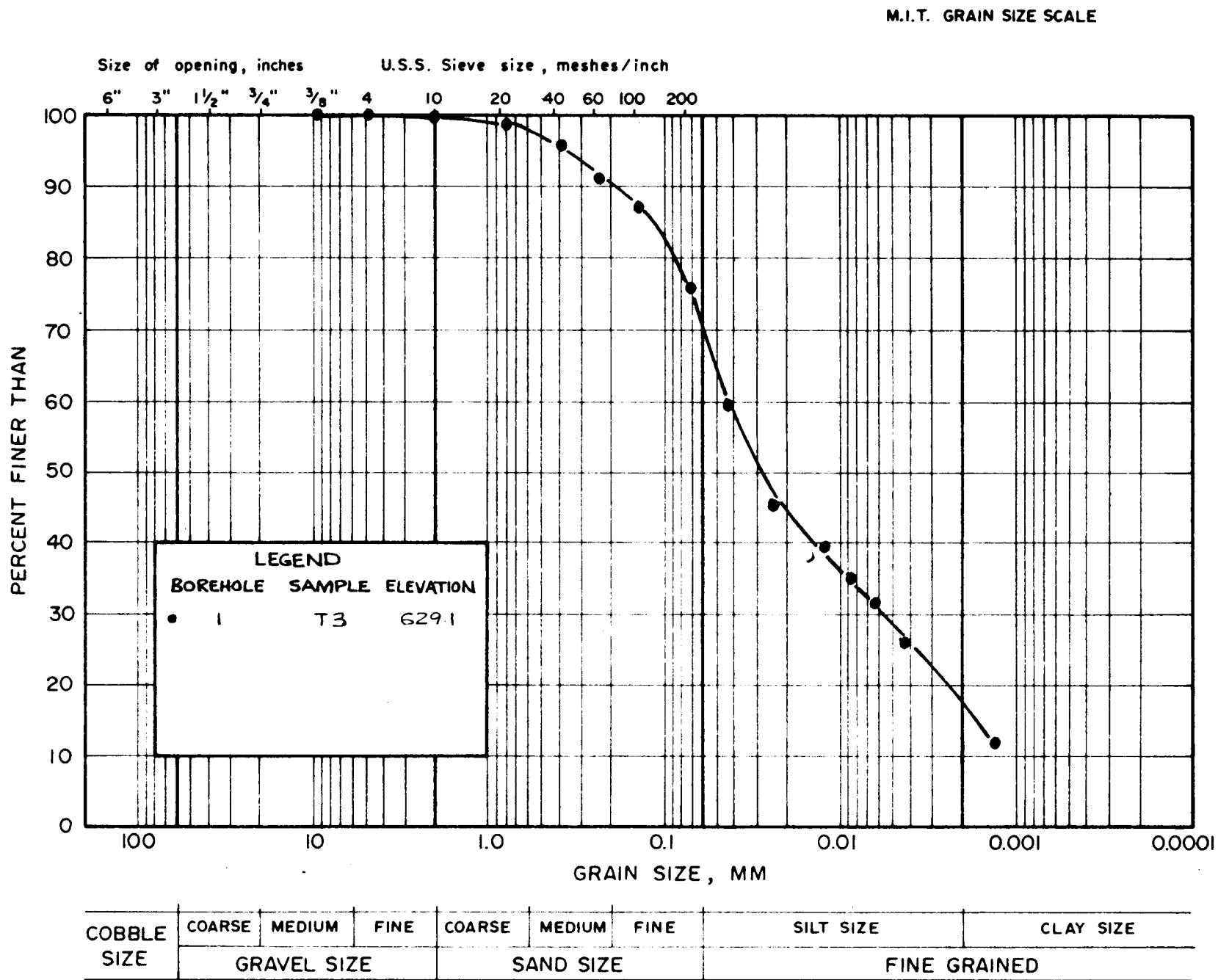


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FIGURE 6

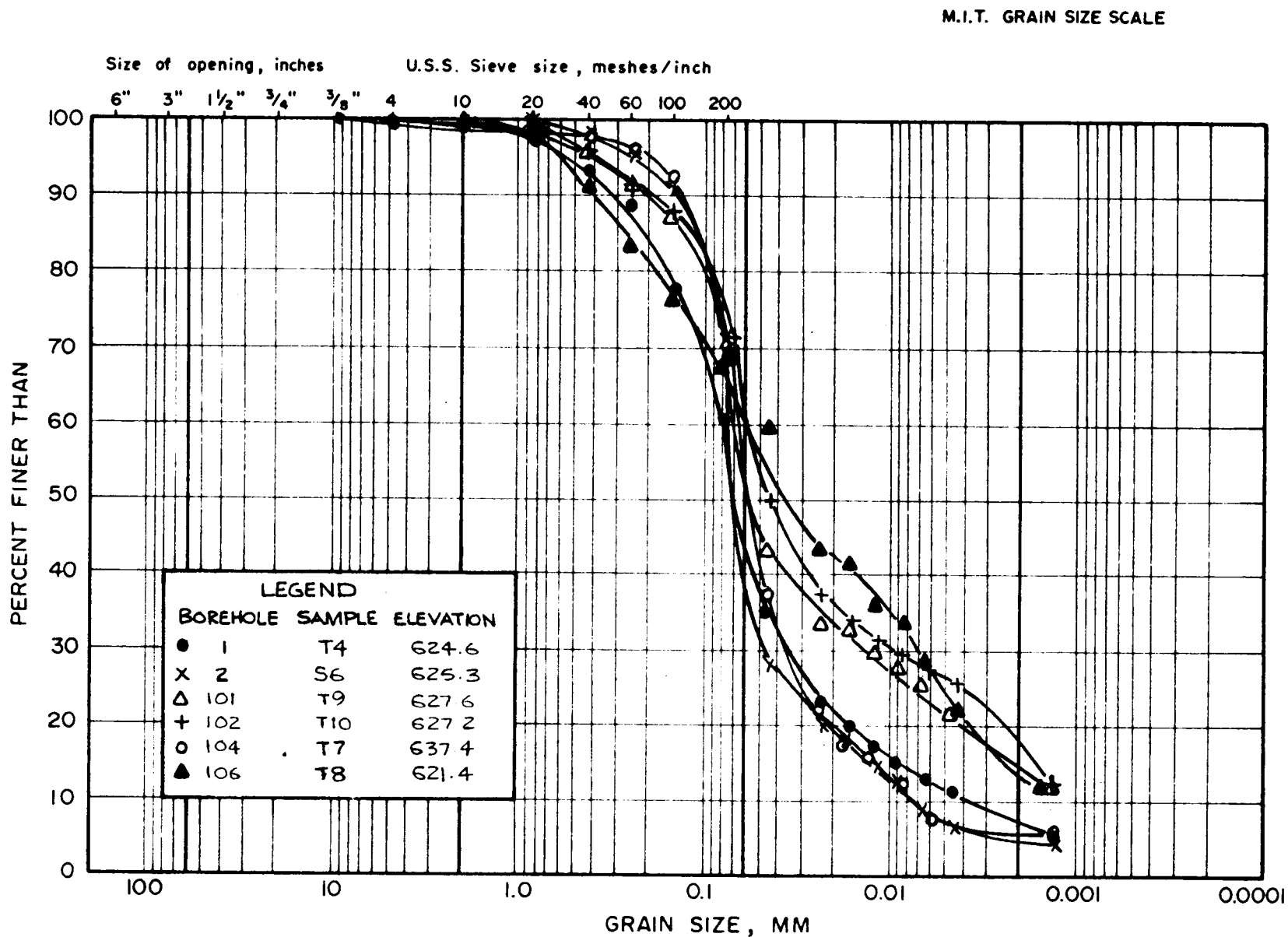
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STRATIFIED CLAYEY SILT - TYPE 5

FIGURE 7

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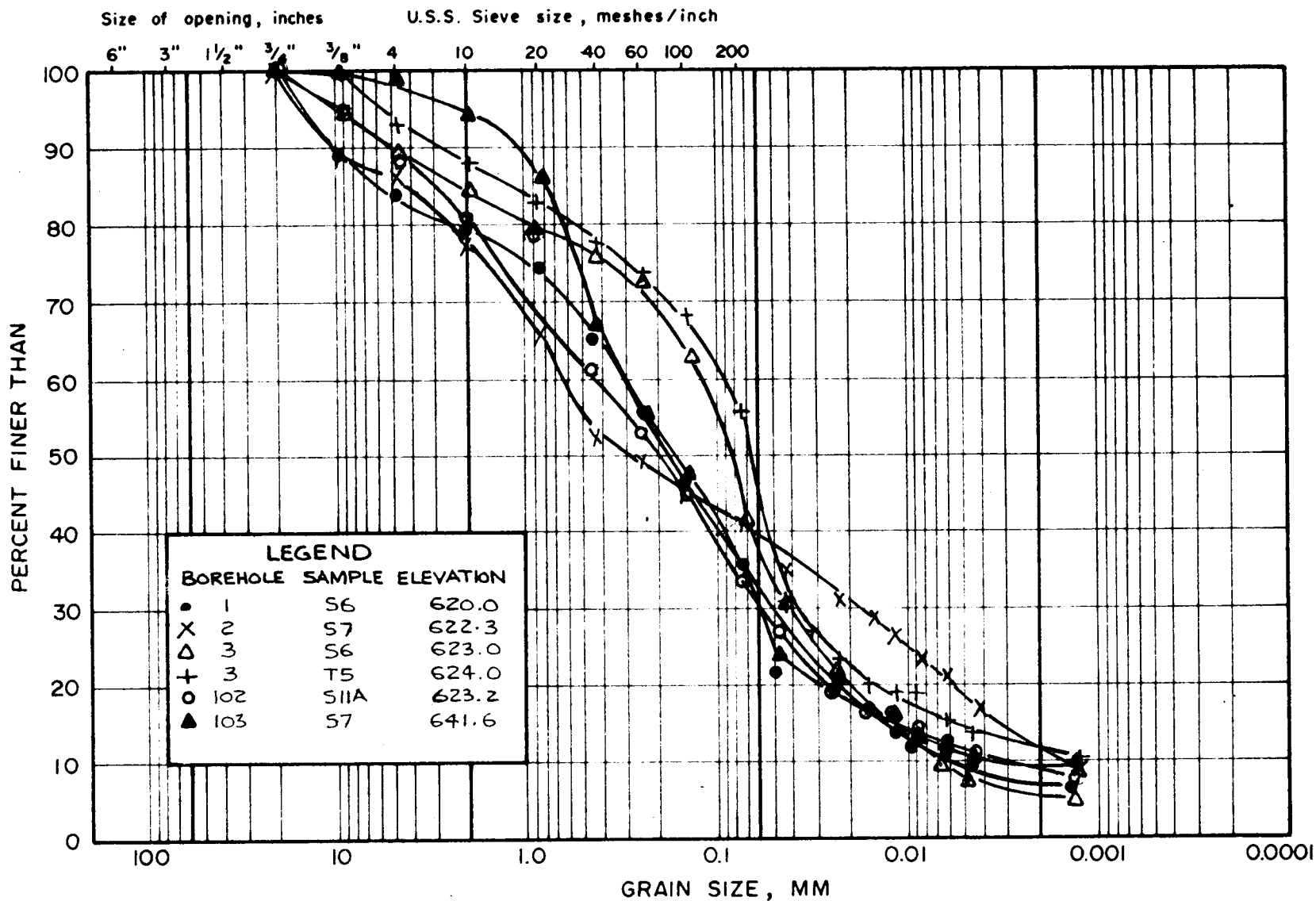
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SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND - TYPE 6

FIGURE 8

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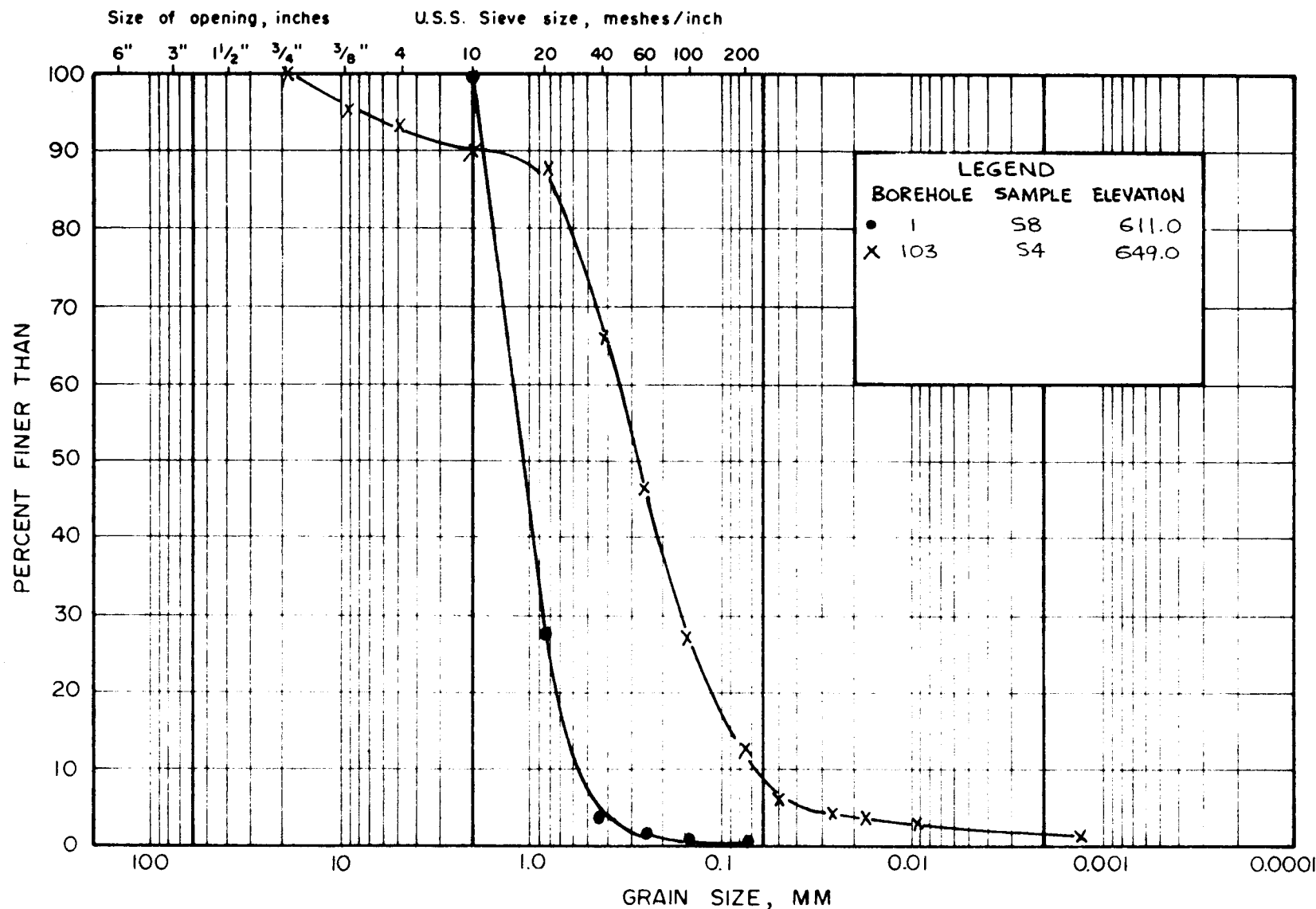
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SILTY SAND (SOFTENED TILL) TYPE 8

FIGURE 9

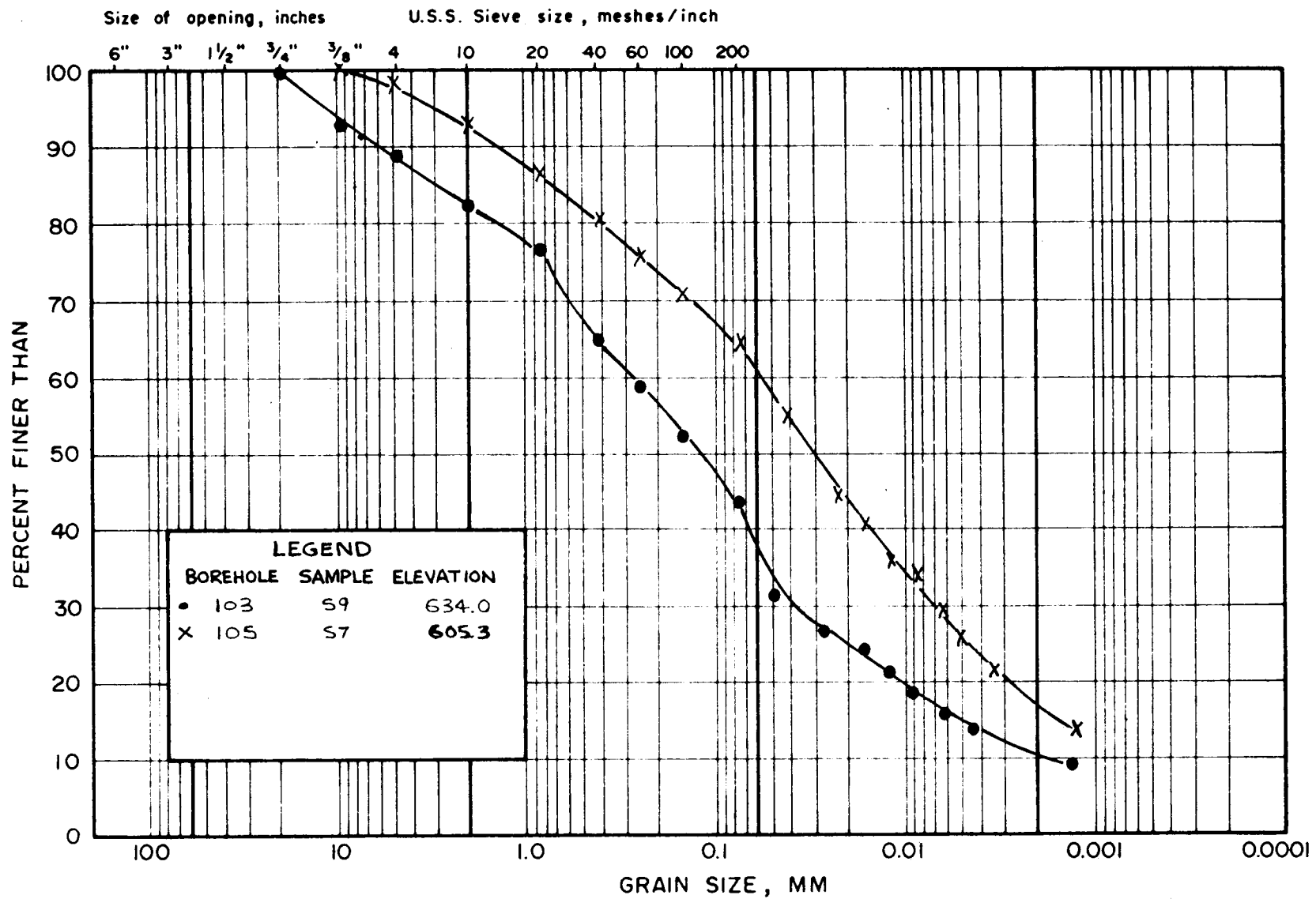
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
SAND TO SAND AND GRAVEL-TYPE 9

FIGURE 10

## M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE



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

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
SANDY SILT (BASAL TILL) -TYPE 10

FIGURE 11



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Dear Sirs:

This letter reports the results of boreholes put down recently at the above site, (see Figure 1 for Key Plan). The purpose of the borings was to determine the in situ strength of the foundation subsoils below the embankment. Based on this information, the stability of the proposed surcharged embankment was to be assessed.\*

FIELDWORK PROCEDURE

A total of six boreholes were put down at the locations shown on the attached Figure 2. Boreholes 201 and 202 were put down between October 12 and 15, 1976, with the remaining

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\*This phase of the project was actually carried out in October/November, 1976, prior to the recent completion of the embankment to surcharge elevation. The purpose of this report is to complete M.T.C. records with respect to geotechnical aspects of the reconstruction work.

four borings being completed between November 8 and 12, 1976. The delay in completing the program was necessary to avoid disruption of construction operations. The boreholes were put down using a CME-75 drillrig equipped with 7 in. dia. hollow stem augers. The drilling equipment was supplied and operated by Site Investigation Ltd., of Peterborough under contract to the M.T.C.

All borings were advanced from the surface of the embankment fill and were taken into the lower very dense till deposits, (i.e. depths ranging between 46 and 55 ft.). Samples were taken at 5 ft. depth intervals using standard 2 in. O.D. split spoon sampling equipment supplemented by 2 and 3 in. Shelby tube samples. All samples obtained during the drilling program were sealed in air tight containers and transported to our laboratory for detailed examination and testing. In cohesive soil stata, two field vane tests (NX size) were carried out between samples to determine the in situ shear strength of these materials.

The field work was supervised throughout by one of our senior field technicians who was already present on site directing reconstruction operations. The locations and ground surface elevations were provided to us by on site M.T.C. survey personnel. It is understood that the elevations are referred to Geodetic datum.

#### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The detailed stratigraphy encountered in each borehole is shown on the attached Record of Borehole sheets. The results of laboratory tests carried out on representative samples of the various strata are shown on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figures 4 to 8. The following

interpretation of the subsurface conditions is based on the results of boreholes put down at the locations shown on Figure 2 and uses our existing numbering system for soil strata, (refer to our report No. 761175 dated October 1, 1976).

In all boreholes, grey sensitive silty clay (soil type 4) was encountered directly below the silty sand (till) embankment fill. The base of the sensitive silty clay deposit was found to be generally at about elevation 630 and is underlain locally (boreholes 2, 3 and 204) by thin pockets of stratified grey clayey silt. In those boreholes closest to the western edge of the swamp (section AA, Figure 3), these upper cohesive lacustrine materials are underlain by a sandy silt to silty sand deposit (soil type 6) which is between 3 and 10 ft. thick. This material was not encountered in the majority of boreholes put down within the eastern portion of the site and on which the inferred stratigraphy shown on section B-B (Figure 3) is based. In this area, the sensitive silty clay is directly underlain by a softened silty sand till (soil type 8) which directly overlies very dense basal silty sand till, (soil type 10). The silty sand to sandy silt deposit present within the western portion of the site was also found to be underlain by softened till immediately to the north of the embankment centerline. However, to the south of the embankment centerline the softened till deposit is absent and the silty sand to sandy silt deposit is directly underlain by a deposit of thinly layered clay and silt (soil type 7) which overlies the very dense basal till.

The sequence and distribution of soil strata described above broadly confirms and refines our previous understanding of the origin of soil strata which overlie the basal till deposits, (see our report No. 761175, dated August, 1976). However, the extent of the thinly layered clay and silt

deposits (soil type 7), which occur at depth within the western portion of the site, is greater than originally anticipated. Further, it appears that the sequence of soil strata deposited during the immediate post glacial period (i.e. soil types 6, 7 and 8) can be reasonably defined depending on location (east or west) within the general site area.

#### STABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Based on our review of available data, it was considered that the initial embankment failure occurred along a shallow failure surface within the upper portion of the sensitive silty clay deposit. Because of the significant loss in strength within the failure zone, it was concluded that reconstruction of the embankment must involve removal of the failed (weakened) material. Therefore key trenches were sub-excavated to about elevation 637 parallel to the embankment centerline as shown on Figure 3. In this way the possibility of further shallow-seated failures was avoided and because of the geometry of the subsurface fill, potential failure surfaces were forced to greater depth in more competent materials. Further, because a potential deep seated failure would involve more rotational than translational movements, outer beams would be more effective in maintaining stability.

From the relationship between undrained shear strength and depth shown on Figure 9, it appears that the undrained strength of the sensitive silty clay below the embankment fill is between 400 and 600 lb/sq.ft. In general this range is slightly higher than the average values measured in boreholes put down immediately after the failure. The results of stability analyses carried out on a typical section (section 431+50) of the proposed embankment (plus 4 ft. surcharge) are shown on Figure 10. From these results, it can be seen that

for the range in average values of undrained shear strength (400 to 600 lb/sq.ft.) the minimum width of berm required at this section would be about 70 ft. To the west the required berm width decreases as the surcharged embankment elevation decreases. Although the surcharged embankment elevation increases to the east, wider berms were only required up to about stations 431+00 (south) and 430+50 (north), the locations at which subexcavation for key trenches penetrated through the sensitive silty clay deposit.

We trust that this letter provides an adequate summary of the analyses carried out to assess the stability of the surcharged embankment. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact us.

Yours truly,

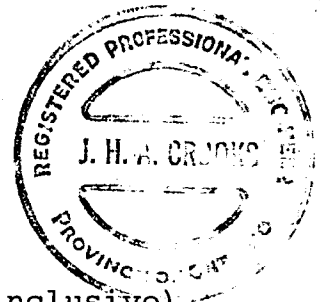
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Encl: List of Abbreviations and Symbols  
Record of Borehole sheets (Nos. 201 to 206 inclusive)  
Figures 1 to 10



## 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

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

#### (b) Cohesive Soils

<i>Consistency</i>	<i>c<sub>u</sub>, lb./sq. ft.</i>
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<sup>1</sup>  
*Q* undrained triaxial<sup>2</sup>  
*R* consolidated undrained triaxial<sup>2</sup>  
*S* drained triaxial  
*U* unconfined compression  
*V* field vane test

#### NOTES:

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

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



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

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CHAINAGE 432+50 ON CENTRELINE HWY 12      **RECORD OF BOREHOLE 202**

LOCATION    See Figure 2                      BORING DATE    OCT. 14 AND 15, 1976                      DATUM    GEODETIC

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

BORING METHOD	SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE, BLOWS/FT.				COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY, k, CM./ SEC.				ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING	PIEZOMETER OR STANDPIPE INSTALLATION				
	ELEV'N. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/FT.		20	40	60	80	1x10	1x10	1x10	1x10						
								SHEAR STRENGTH Cu., LB./ SQ. FT.				NAT. V. - + Q. - ● REM.V. - ⊕ U. - ○						WATER CONTENT, PERCENT			
								200	400	600	800	20	40	60	80						
POWER AUGER 7" DIAM. HOLLOW STEM	660.0	GROUND SURFACE					660														
	0.0	COMPACT TO LOOSE GREY BROWN SILTY SAND, SOME CLAY, TRACE TO SOME GRAVEL, OCCASIONAL COBBLES AND BOULDERS (FILL)	X	1	2" D.O.	17	655														
				2	"	7	650														
				3	"	8	645														
	641.0			4	" WH		640														
	19	SOFT TO FIRM GREY SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY (COLOUR BANDING AND 'BLOCKY' STRUCTURE EVIDENT)	4	5	3" T.O.		635														
				6	2" T.O.		630														
	625.0			7	2" D.F.	9	625														
	35	LOOSE GREY SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND, TRACE CLAY	6																		
	621.0			8	2" D.F.		620														
	39	FIRM GREY SENSITIVE THINLY LAYERED SILTY CLAY AND SILT WITH SANDY LAYERS.	7																		
				9	2" D.F.	3	615														
611.0																					
49	HARD GREY CLAYEY SILT, SOME SAND AND GRAVEL (TILL)	10	10	2" D.O.	109 1/2"	610															
607.3																					
	52.7	END OF HOLE																			
		REFUSAL TO AUGERS					605														

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WATER LEVEL IN HOLLOW STEM AUGERS BETWEEN ELEV. 654 AND ELEV. 653 DURING DRILLING.

15

5

Percent axial strain at failure

WATER LEVEL IN HOLLOW STEM AUGERS BETWEEN ELEV. 654 AND ELEV. 653 DURING DRILLING.

15 0 5 Percent axial strain at failure

VERTICAL SCALE  
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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CHAINAGE 431+70, 60 ft SOUTH OF  
CENTRELINE OF HWY. 12.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 203

LOCATION See Figure 2      BORING DATE NOV. 8 AND 9, 1976      DATUM GEODETIC  
SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.      PENETRATION TEST HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

BORING METHOD	SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE, BLOWS/FT.				COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY, k, CM./ SEC.				ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING	PIEZOMETER OR STANDPIPE INSTALLATION
	ELEV'N. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/FT.		20 40 60 80				1x10 1x10 1x10 1x10					
								SHEAR STRENGTH Cu., LB./SQ. FT.		NAT. V. - + Q. - ● REM. V. - ⊕ U. - ○		WATER CONTENT, PERCENT					
								200 400 800 1000.					20 40 60 80				
POWER AUGER 7" DIAM. HOLLOW STEM.	665.2 0.0	GROUND SURFACE					665										
		COMPACT TO LOOSE GREY AND BROWN SANDY SILT, TRACE TO SOME CLAY, SOME GRAVEL, NUMEROUS COBBLES AND BOULDER (FILL)		1	2" D.O.	10	660										
				2	"	27	655										
				3	"	5	650										
				4	"	3	645										
				5	"	4	640										
	636.2 29	SOFT TO FIRM GREY SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY WITH THIN (1/16") SAND LAYERS (COLOUR BANDING AND BLOCKY STRUCTURE EVIDENT)		6	3" T.O.	PM	635										
				4				⊕	+								
	630.2 35	COMPACT GREY CLAYEY TO SANDY SILT, SOME GRAVEL AND ROCK FRAGMENTS (SOFTENED TILL)		7	2" T.O.	PM	630										
				8	2" D.O.	13	625										
	621.8 43.4	VERY HARD GREY CLAYEY TO SANDY SILT, SOME GRAVEL (TILL)		9	"	89	620										
				10													
	614.6 50.6	END OF HOLE REFUSAL TO AUGERS					615										

0  
10 5 Percent axial strain at failure

7  
WATER LEVEL IN  
HOLLOW STEM  
AUGERS AT ABOUT  
ELEV. 657.0  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
COMPLETION OF  
DRILLING.

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COMPLETION OF  
DRILLING.

VERTICAL SCALE  
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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## CHAINAGE 431+00 ON CENTRELINE HWY.12 RECORD OF BOREHOLE 204

LOCATION See Figure 2

BORING DATE NOV. 9 AND 10, 1976

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

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

BORING METHOD	SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES		ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE, BLOWS/FT.				COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY, $k_v$ , CM./SEC.				ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING	PIEZOMETER OR STANDPIPE INSTALLATION	
	ELEV'N. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		BLOWS/FT.	SHEAR STRENGTH $C_u$ , LB./SQ. FT.				WATER CONTENT, PERCENT					
								20	40	60	80	1x10	1x10	1x10			1x10
POWER AUGER 7" DIAM. HOLLOW STEM	667.1 0.0	GROUND SURFACE															
		VERY LOOSE TO COMPACT BROWN SILTY SAND AND GRAVEL AND GREY CLAYEY SILT SOME GRAVEL, NUMEROUS COBBLES AND BOULDERS THROUGHOUT (FILL)															
			1	2" D.O.	5												
			2	"	17	←	SAMPLE LOST										
			3	"	3												
			4	"	5 3/4"	←	(COBBLE OR BOULDER?)										
	642.4 24.7	SOFT TO FIRM GREY SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY WITH THIN SANDY LAYERS OR LENSES (COLOUR BANDING AND "BLOCKY" STRUCTURE EVIDENT)	5	"	WH												
			4	6	3" T.O.	PM											
	632.1 35	FIRM GREY CLAYEY SILT, TRACE GRAVEL	5	7	2" T.O.	PM											
	628.1 39	LOOSE GREY CLAYEY TO SANDY SILT SOME GRAVEL (REWORKED TILL)	8	8	2" D.O.	Z											
	621.6 45.5	VERY STIFF TO HARD GREY SANDY SILT, TRACE CLAY SOME GRAVEL (TILL)	9	"	16												
	619.1		10														
48.0	END OF HOLE REFUSAL TO AUGER																

WATER LEVEL IN HOLLOW STEM AUGERS AT ELEV. 659.6 AFTER COMPLETION OF DRILLING

Percent axial strain at failure

VERTICAL SCALE  
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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CHAINAGE 431+30, 55 ft. NORTH OF  
CENTRELINE OF HWY. 12.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 205

LOCATION See Figure 2

BORING DATE NOV. 10 AND 11, 1976

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

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

BORING METHOD	SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE, BLOWS/FT.				COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY, k, CM. / SEC.				ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING	PIEZOMETER OR STANDPIPE INSTALLATION
	ELEV'N. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/FT.		20 40 60 80				1x10 1x10 1x10 1x10					
								SHEAR STRENGTH Cu., LB. / SQ. FT.		NAT. V. - + Q. - ● REM. V. - ⊕ U. - ○		WATER CONTENT, PERCENT					
								200 400 600 800					20 40 60 80				
POWER AUGER 7" DIAM. HOLLOW STEM	664.5	GROUND SURFACE					665										
	0.0	COMPACT TO VERY LOOSE CLAYEY TO SANDY SILT, SOME GRAVEL, OCCASIONAL COBBLES AND BOULDERS (FILL)	X	1	2" D.O.	15	660										
				2	"	4	655										
				3	"	2	650										
				4	"	2	645										
		ZONE OF VERY SOFT SILTY CLAY MIXED WITH TILL FILL	X	5	"	5	640										
	637.5			6	"	WR	635										
	27	SOFT TO FIRM GREY SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY	4	6	"	WR	635										
	631.5	LOOSE GREY SANDY SILT SOME CLAY AND GRAVEL OCCAS. SMALL COBBLES (REWORKED TILL)	X	7	3" T.O.	PH	630										
	33			8													
	8			2" D.O.	4	625											
	621.0	VERY DENSE GREY SILTY SAND, TRACE CLAY, SOME GRAVEL (TILL)	X	9	"	>100	620										
43.5	10																
	618.5																
	46.0	END OF HOLE															

0

15

10

5

Percent axial strain at failure

7

WATER LEVEL IN HOLLOW STEM AUGERS AT ELEV. 655.0 AFTER COMPLETION OF DRILLING.

MH

WATER LEVEL IN  
HOLLOW STEM  
AUGERS AT ELEV.  
655.0 AFTER  
COMPLETION OF  
DRILLING.

MH

0  
15 5 Percent axial strain at failure  
10

VERTICAL SCALE  
1 IN. TO 5 FT.

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CHAINAGE 432+08 55 ft. NORTH OF  
CENTRELINE OF HWY 12.

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 206

LOCATION See Figure 2

BORING DATE

NOV. 11 AND 12, 1976

DATUM GEODETIC

SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB., DROP 30 IN.

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

BORING METHOD	SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE, BLOWS/FT.				COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY, $k_v$ , CM./ SEC.				ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING	PIEZOMETER OR STANDPIPE INSTALLATION
	ELEV'N. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/FT.		20	40	60	80	1x10	1x10	1x10	1x10		
								SHEAR STRENGTH $C_u$ , LB./ SQ. FT.		NAT. V. - + Q. - ● REM. V. - ⊕ U. - ○		WATER CONTENT, PERCENT					
								200	400	600	800	20	40	60	80		
POWER AUGER 7" DIAM. HOLLOW STEM	663.4 0.0	GROUND SURFACE					665										
		COMPACT TO VERY LOOSE GREY AND BROWN SANDY TO CLAYEY SILT, SOME GRAVEL, OCCASIONAL COBBLES AND BOULDERS (FILL)		1	2" D.O.	18	660										
				2	"	28	655										
				3	"	33	650										
				4	"	3	645										
				5	"	2	640										
	634.4 29	SOFT TO FIRM GREY SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY WITH THIN SAND LAYERS (COLOUR BANDING AND "BLOCKY" STRUCTURE EVIDENT)	4	6	2" T.O.	PM	635										
	630.4 33	VERY LOOSE TO LOOSE GREY SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND, TRACE TO SOME CLAY, TRACE GRAVEL.		7	2" D.O.	WR	630										
				8	"	9	625										
				9	"	6	620										
	619.4 44	VERY LOOSE TO LOOSE GREY CLAYEY TO SANDY SILT, TRACE SOME GRAVEL (REWORKED TILL)	8				615										
				10	"	WR											
	611.0 52.4	VERY DENSE GREY SANDY SILT, TRACE CLAY, SOME GRAVEL (TILL)	10				610										
	608.9			11	"	9 5/8"											
	54.5	END OF HOLE					605										

0

10

15

5 Percent axial strain at failure

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WATER LEVEL IN HOLLOW STEM AUGERS AT ELEV. 657.5 AFTER COMPLETION OF DRILLING

WATER LEVEL IN HOLLOW STEM AUGERS AT ELEV. 657.5 AFTER COMPLETION OF DRILLING

15 0 5 Percent axial strain at failure

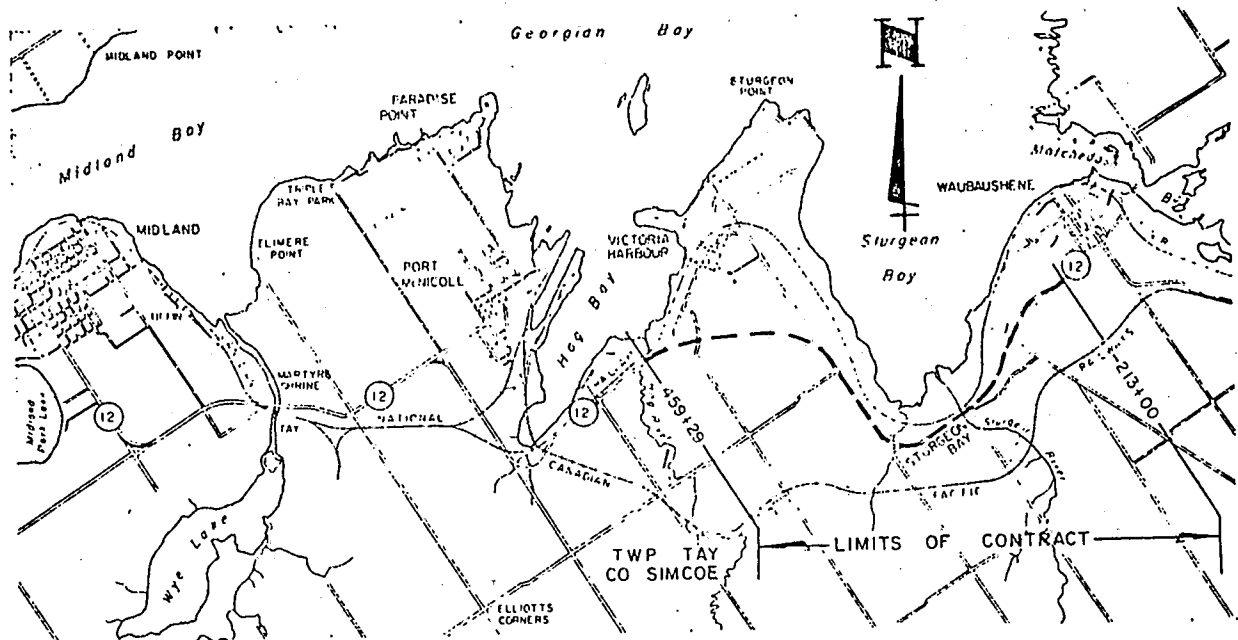
VERTICAL SCALE  
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# KEY PLAN

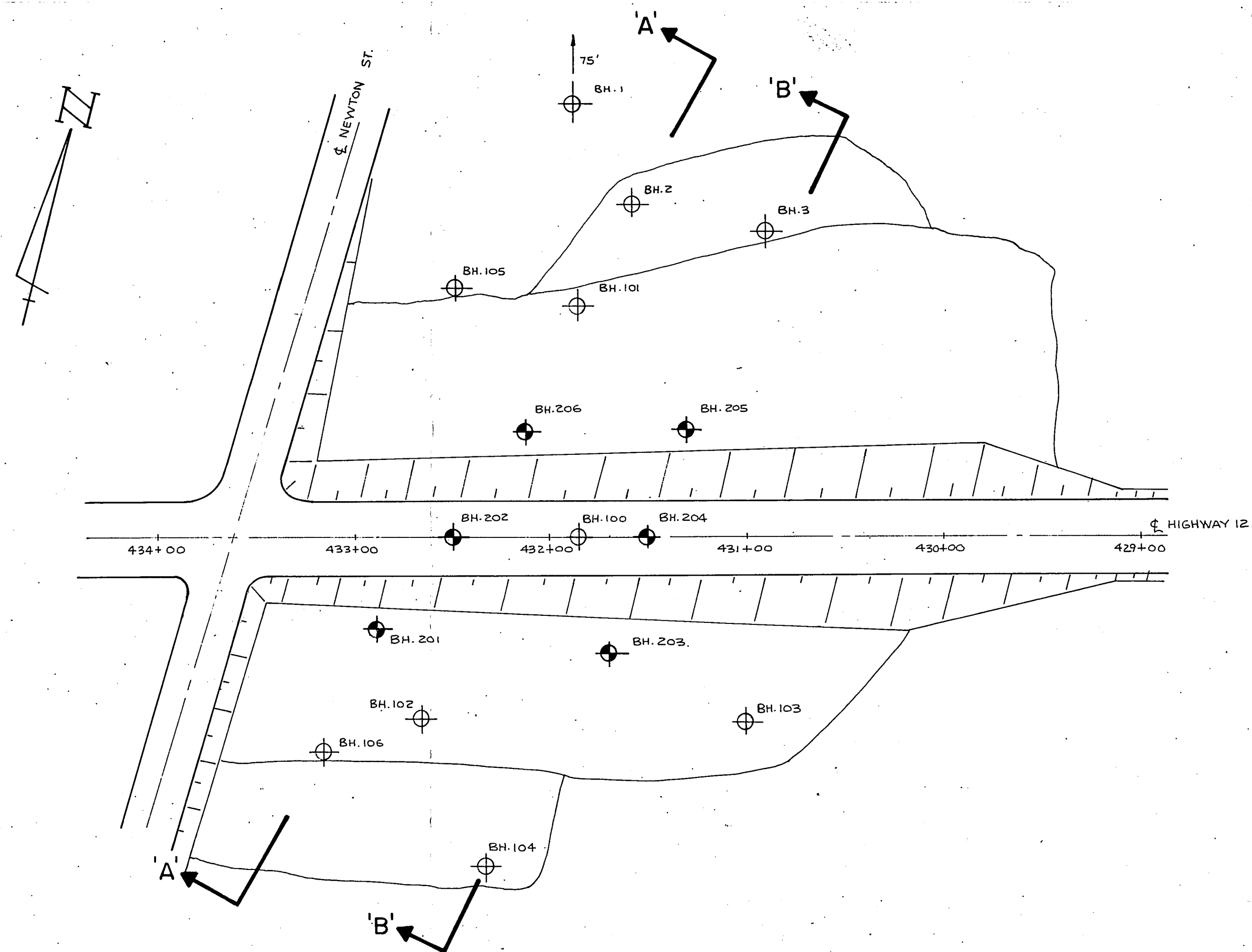
FIGURE 1



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## LEGEND

- ⊙ BOREHOLE LOCATION IN PLAN (BH's. 1 TO 3 AND 100 TO 106 INCL.) PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION BY M.T.C. REPORTED IN GOLDER ASSOCIATES REPORT No. 761175, DATED OCTOBER 1976.
- BOREHOLE LOCATION IN PLAN (BH's. 201 TO 206 INCL.) PRESENT INVESTIGATION.

## NOTE

FOR STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS A-A AND B-B, REFER TO FIG. 3

## SPECIAL NOTE

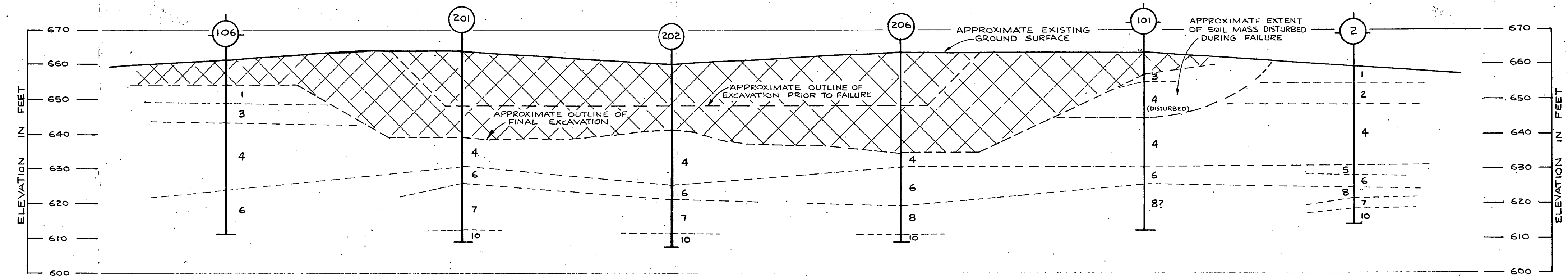
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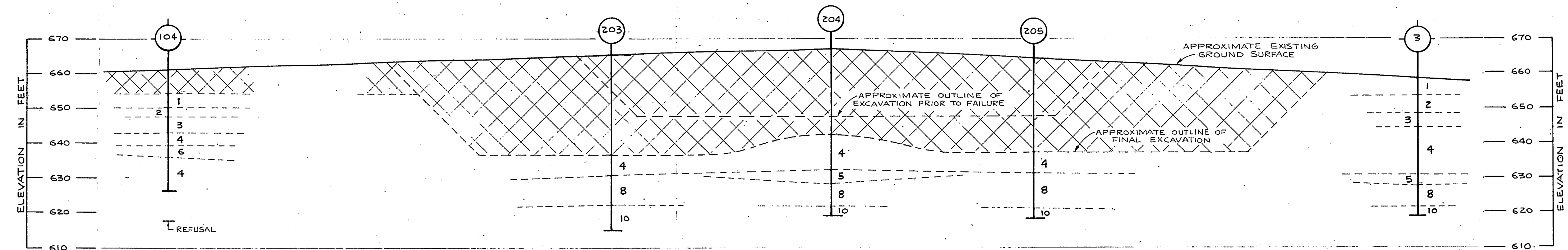
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SECTION A - A



SECTION B - B

**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 at each borehole location refer to the record of borehole sheets.

**SPECIAL NOTE**  
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**LEGEND**

- 106 BOREHOLE IN ELEVATION PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION BY M.T.C. REPORTED IN GOLDER ASSOCIATES REPORT No. 761175, DATED OCTOBER 1976.
- 201 BOREHOLE IN ELEVATION PRESENT INVESTIGATION BY GOLDER ASSOCIATES.
- GROUND SURFACE AT BOREHOLE
- SOIL TYPE (REFER TO STRATIGRAPHY LEGEND)

**STRATIGRAPHY**

- FILL
- 1 VERY SOFT BLACK AMORPHOUS TO FIBROUS PEAT
- 2 VERY SOFT SENSITIVE GREY BROWN ORGANIC SILT
- 3 VERY LOOSE TO LOOSE SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND, TRACE CLAY
- 4 VERY SOFT TO FIRM GREY SENSITIVE SILTY CLAY, WITH SILT AND SAND LAYERS OR LENSES.
- 5 FIRM GREY STRATIFIED CLAYEY SILT, TRACE SAND AND GRAVEL, OCCASIONAL SAND LAYERS.
- 6 VERY LOOSE SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND, TRACE TO SOME CLAY
- 7 SOFT TO FIRM GREY SILTY CLAY TRACE GRAVEL TO INTERLAYERED CLAY AND SILT.
- 8 SOFT TO FIRM GREY CLAYEY SILT, SOME SAND TRACE GRAVEL TO SILTY SAND, TRACE TO SOME CLAY AND GRAVEL (SOFTENED TILL)
- 10 VERY DENSE SANDY SILT, TRACE CLAY, TRACE TO SOME GRAVEL TO HARD GREY CLAYEY SILT, SOME SAND AND GRAVEL (BASAL TILL)

FOR LOCATION OF STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS A-A AND B-B REFER TO FIGURE 2.

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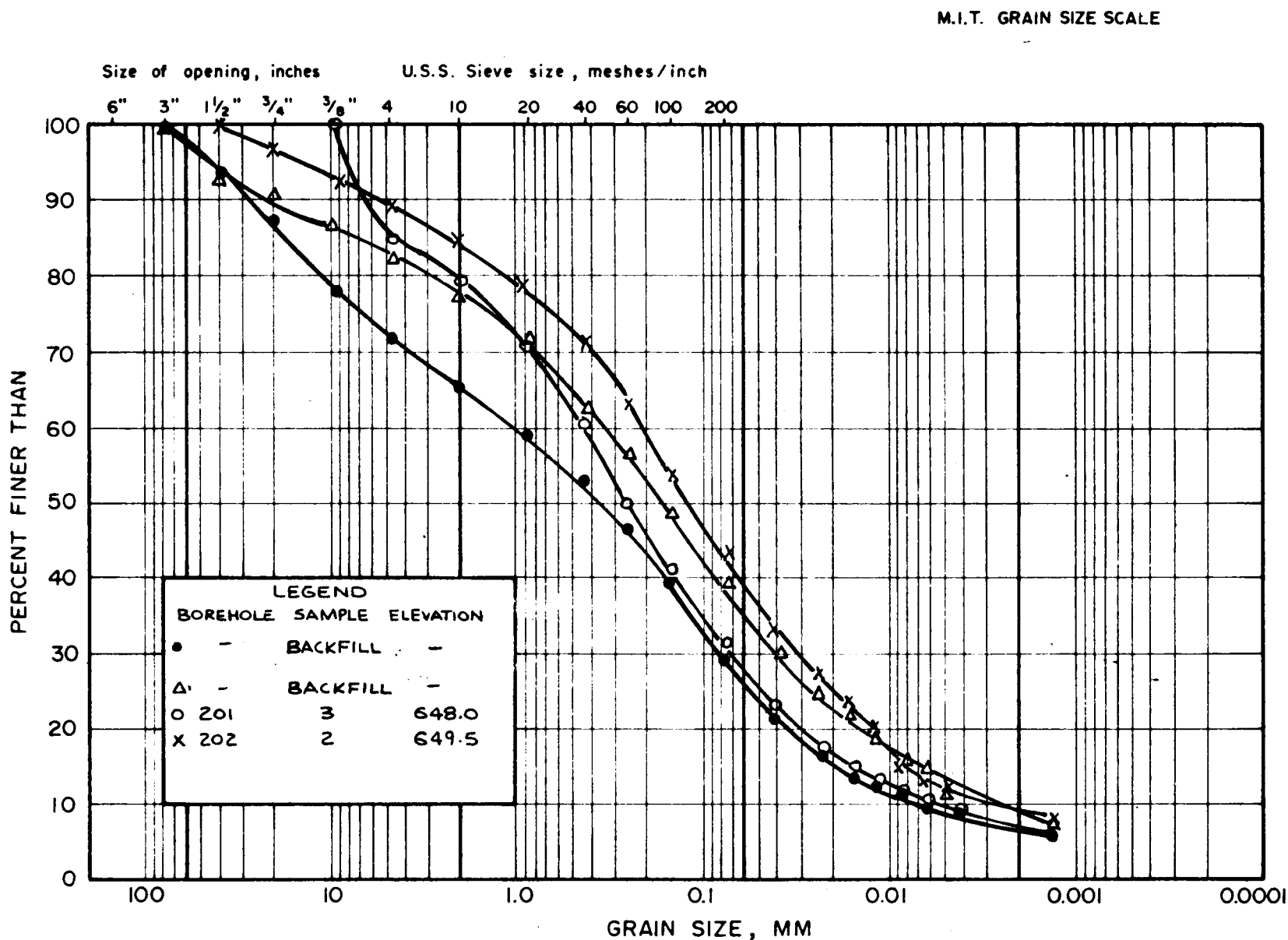
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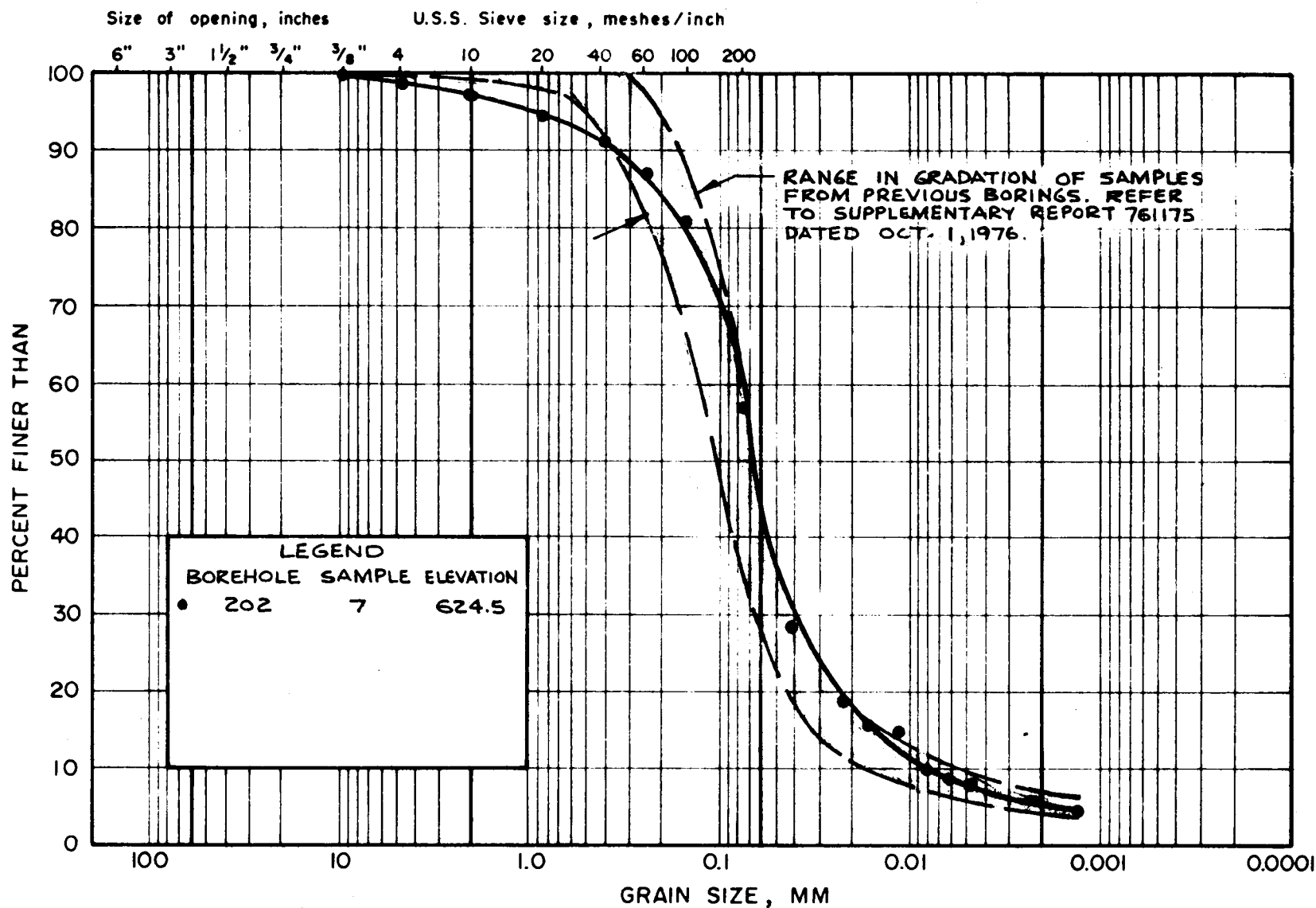
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
FILL

FIGURE 4

M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE



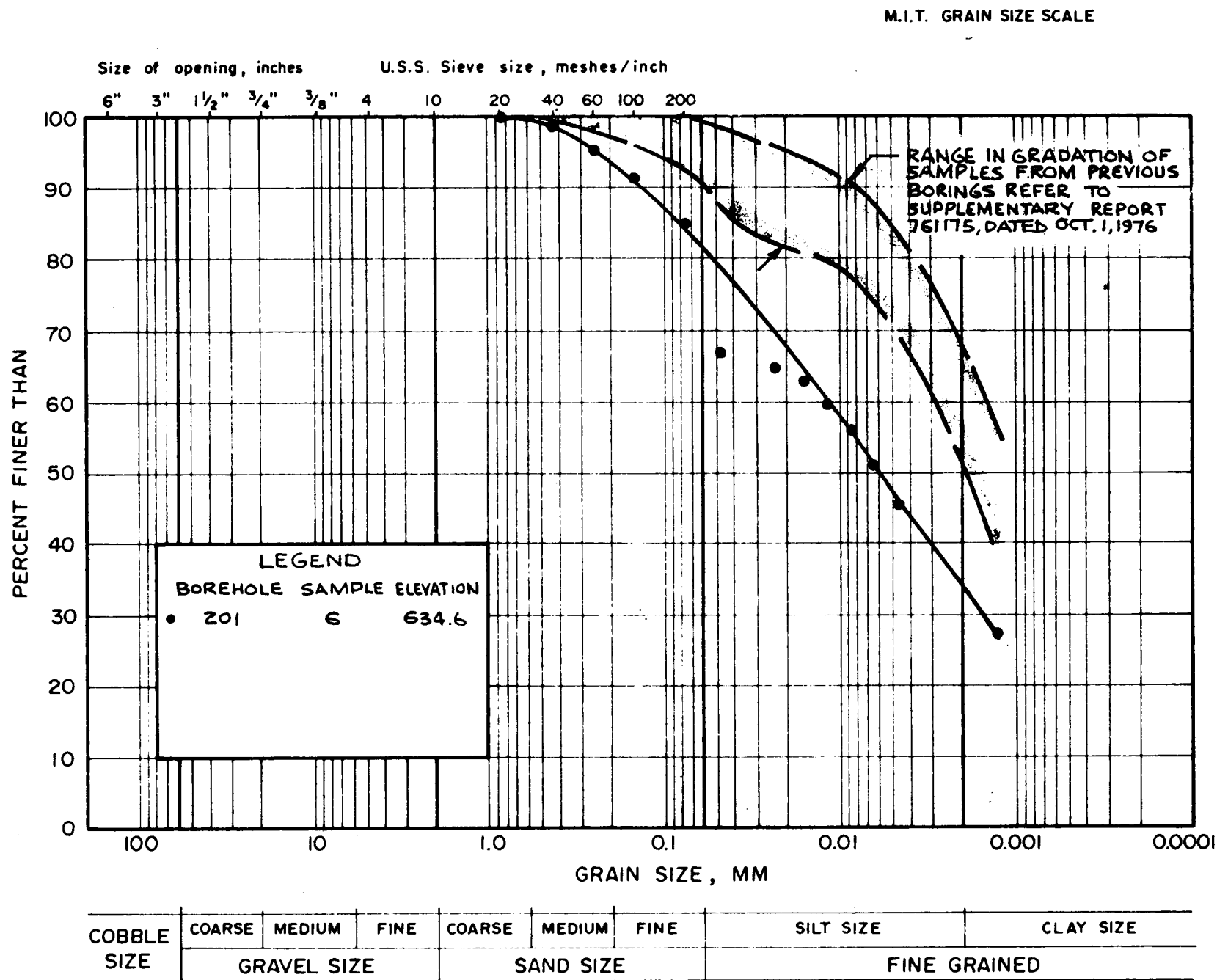
COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT SIZE		CLAY SIZE
	GRAVEL SIZE			SAND SIZE			FINE GRAINED		

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SANDY SILT TO SILTY SAND - TYPE 3

FIGURE 5

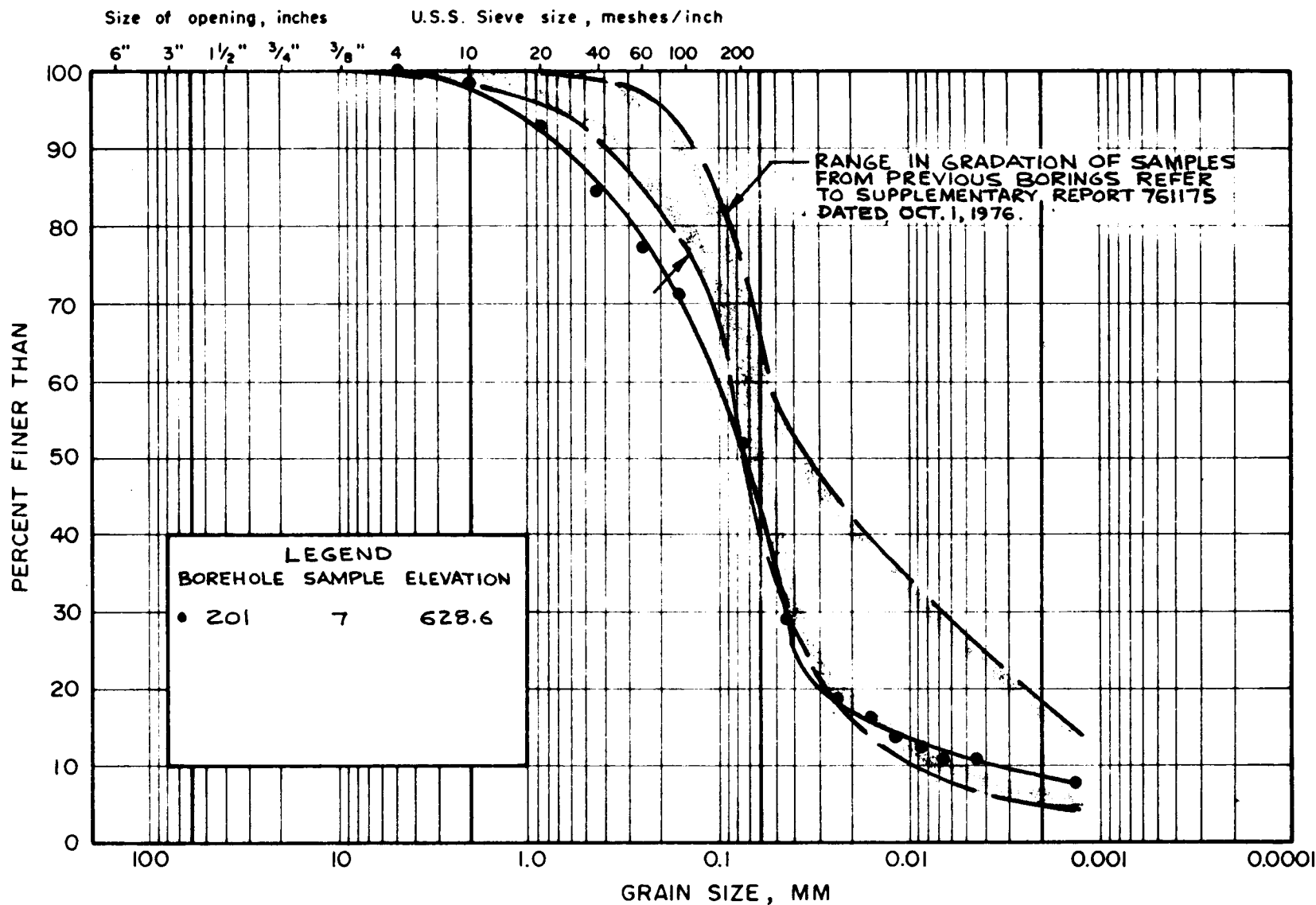
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FIGURE 6

M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE



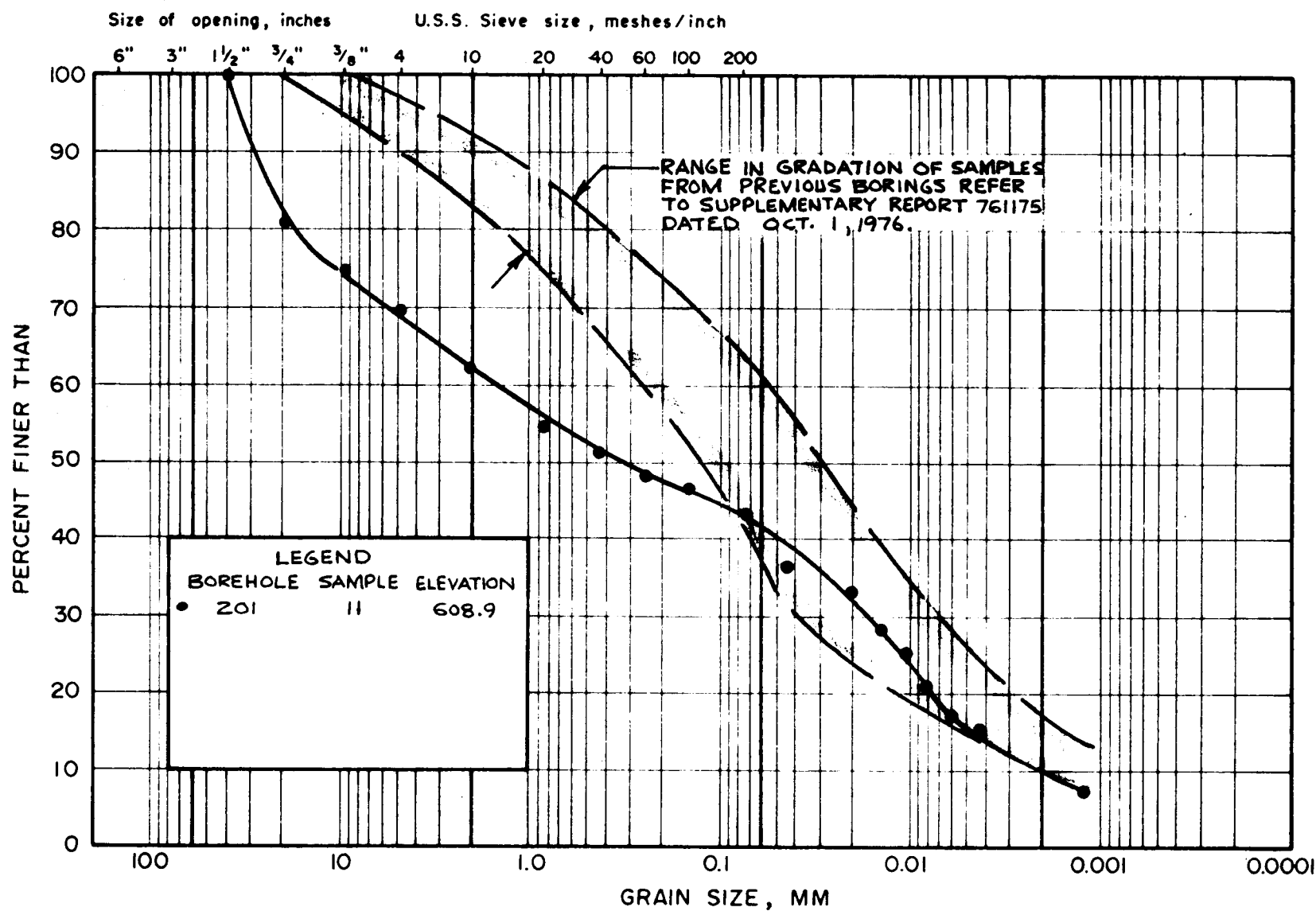
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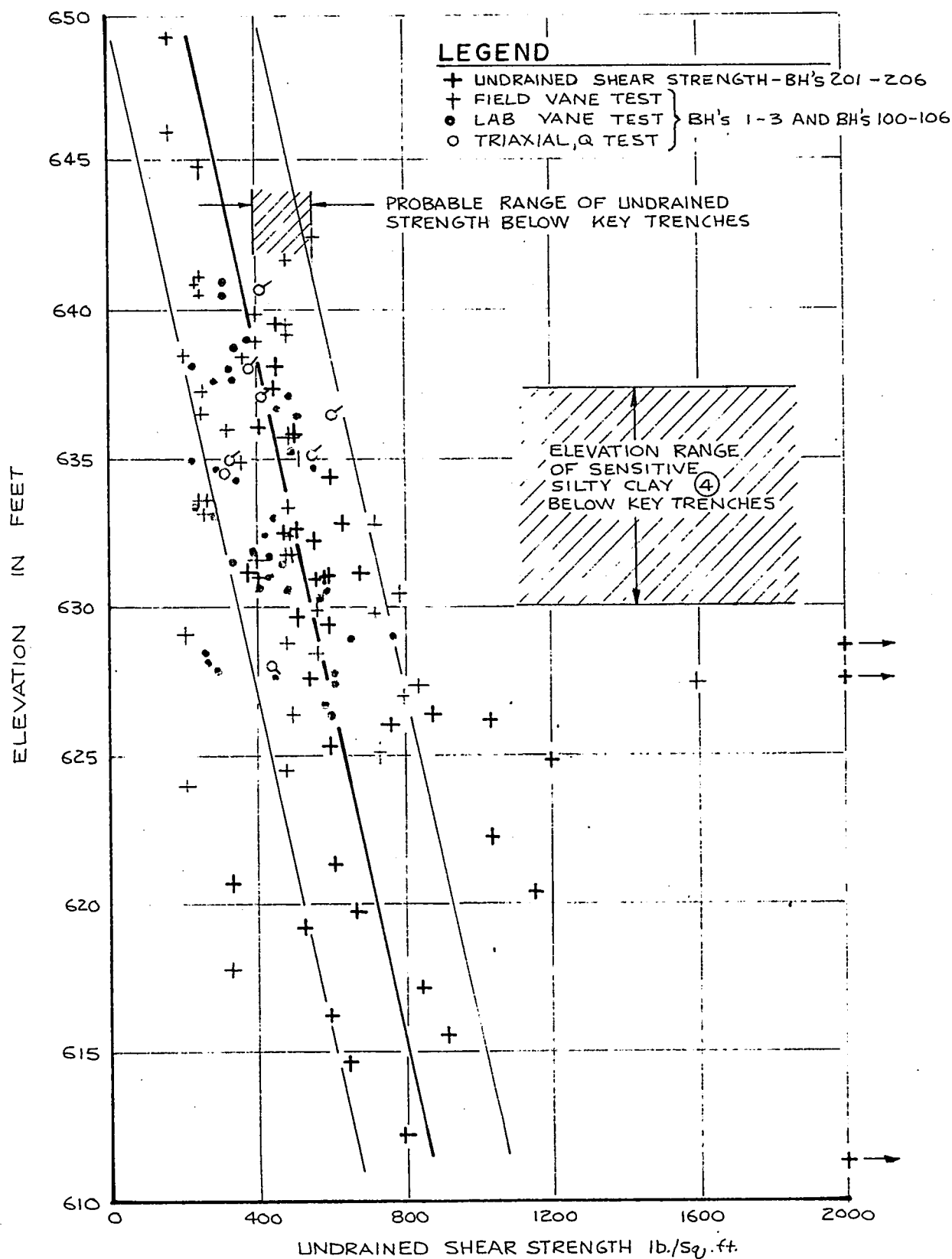
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## M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE



# SUMMARY OF UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH

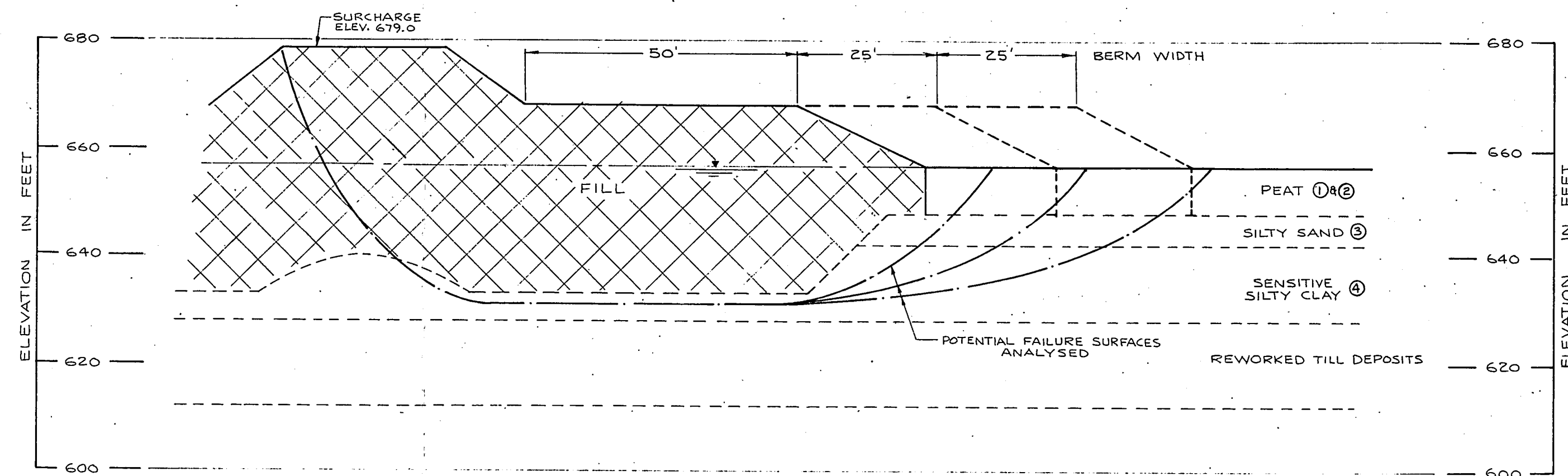
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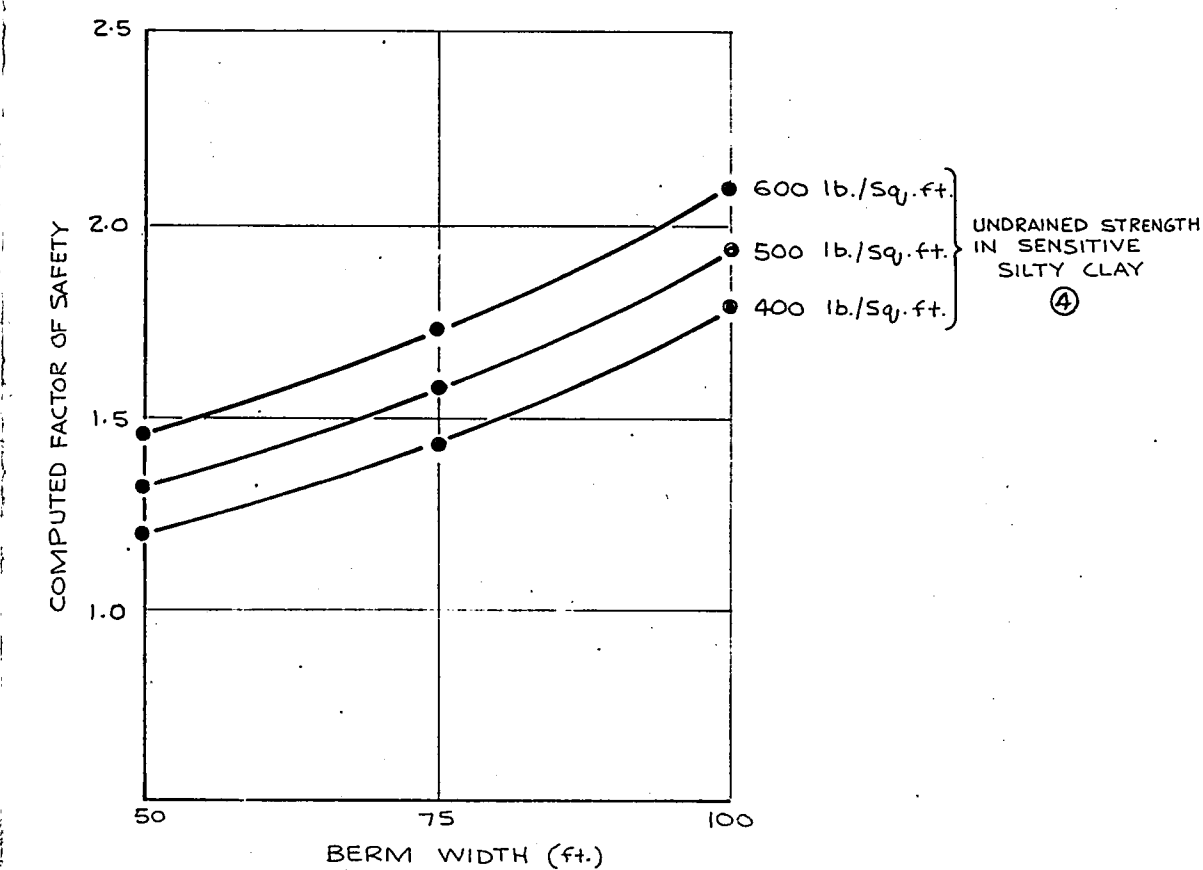
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SECTION AND STRATIGRAPHY USED IN ANALYSES

SCALE: 1" TO 20'

SPECIAL NOTE  
THIS DRAWING IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH ACCOMPANYING REPORT.



SUMMARY OF RESULTS

FILL AND SILTY SAND	$\gamma' = 135 \text{ lb./cu. ft. ABOVE G.W.L.}$
	$\gamma' = 63 \text{ lb./cu. ft. BELOW G.W.L.}$
	$C' = 0$ $\phi' = 30^\circ$
PEAT	$\gamma' = 30 \text{ lb./cu. ft.}$
	$C_u = 150 \text{ lb./sq. ft.}$
	$\phi_u = 0^\circ$
SENSITIVE CLAY	$\gamma' = 40 \text{ lb./cu. ft.}$
	$C_u = \text{VARIABLE}$
	$\phi_u = 0^\circ$

SOIL PROPERTIES USED IN ANALYSES

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ATTENTION: Mr. K. G. Selby, P.Eng.

RE: EMBANKMENT MONITORING PROGRAM  
HIGHWAY 12  
VICTORIA HARBOUR, ONTARIO

Dear Sirs:

This letter reports the results to date of a monitoring program being carried out at the site of the recently re-constructed embankment on Highway 12, Victoria Harbour (refer to previous Golder Associates reports numbered 761175, dated August and October, 1976 and January, 1977). The purpose of the monitoring program is to determine the behaviour of the fill and foundation subsoils during the current surcharge period and to provide a basis for engineering recommendations for completion of the embankment following the spring breakup in 1977.

This report includes details of monitoring installations, factual results to date and interim comments on these results.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

The monitoring instrumentation was installed in the period between December 20 and 23, 1976 and consists of 6 settlement plates, 2 settlement augers, 2 piezometers and 2 surface control lines. The locations of the monitoring installations are shown on the attached Figure 1.

Settlement Plates (See Figure 2)

Six steel plates were installed in pits at depths of about 5 to 6 ft. below existing grade. The pits were excavated in the embankment fill using a backhoe supplied and operated by the general contractor at the site. The plates were placed on a

levelled, nominally compacted, sand layer about 1 ft. thick. The purpose of the settlement plates is to define the overall settlement in both the fill and the foundation subsoils.

#### Settlement Augers (See Figure 3)

Two settlement augers were installed in two augered boreholes at the locations shown on Figure 1. The augers are located immediately below the fill in the upper portion of the sensitive silty clay deposit. Following installation, protective plastic pipes were placed over the steel tubing to which the augers were attached, to ensure that the augers would not be subject to downward forces caused by friction between the tubing and the fill. The purpose of the settlement augers is to determine the settlement which is occurring in the natural foundation subsoils. In conjunction with the settlement plate readings, these data provide an assessment of the amount of settlement which is occurring in the fill.

#### Piezometers (See Figure 4)

Two Geonor piezometers were installed in the foundation subsoils under the centre of the embankment. The piezometers were pushed manually from the bottom of boreholes augered through the fill. The first piezometer was pushed to about the centre of the sensitive silty clay stratum while the second piezometer tip was pushed to refusal in the underlying reworked till deposits. Following installation, the tubing attached to each piezometer were filled with antifreeze.

#### Lateral Control Lines

Two lateral control lines were established at about the centre of each primary berm. Each control line consists of two fixed points on natural ground at each side of the valley and a series of stakes on the berms aligned with the fixed points. The purpose of these control lines is to determine how much, if any, lateral movement of the embankment occurs.

The installation program was supervised throughout by one of our senior field technicians. The drilling equipment was supplied and operated by Site Investigation Services Limited of Peterborough, Ontario. Surveying was carried out by on-site M.T.C. staff. Locations are referred to Highway 12 chainage with offsets and elevations are referred to Geodetic datum.

#### RESULTS

Monitoring of the installations described above has been carried out by on-site M.T.C. personnel. The results obtained up to the end of January, 1977 are shown on Figures 5 to 8 and

are summarized below:

- (i) The settlement plates along the central portion of the fill indicate that total settlements (i.e. fill and foundation subsoils) of between 1.5 and 4.5 in. have occurred.
- (ii) Total settlement of the berms is relatively uniform at about 2 in.
- (iii) Settlements within the compressible foundation subsoils under the central portion of the embankment and under the northern berm are approximately equal ( $\sim$  1.5 in.).
- (iv) Water levels in the two piezometers are between 681 and 682 (i.e. artesian relative to the top of the central portion of the embankment fill).

The following are interim comments on the results obtained to date:

- (i) Settlements are generally smaller than anticipated. However, some unrecorded settlement will have occurred during construction and in the 2 to 3 weeks period between end of construction and start of monitoring.
- (ii) The piezometric water pressures in the foundation subsoils are high. However, there is evidence of slight dissipation of piezometric pressure in the silty clay. The trend for increasing piezometric pressures in the lower reworked till probably reflects the equalization of porewater pressures within the foundation subsoils and appears to be levelling off.

We trust that the information contained in this letter is sufficient for your immediate requirements. We will continue to assimilate the monitoring results and will forward the results to you on a monthly basis. If you have any questions regarding the information and data contained in this letter, please call us.

Yours truly,

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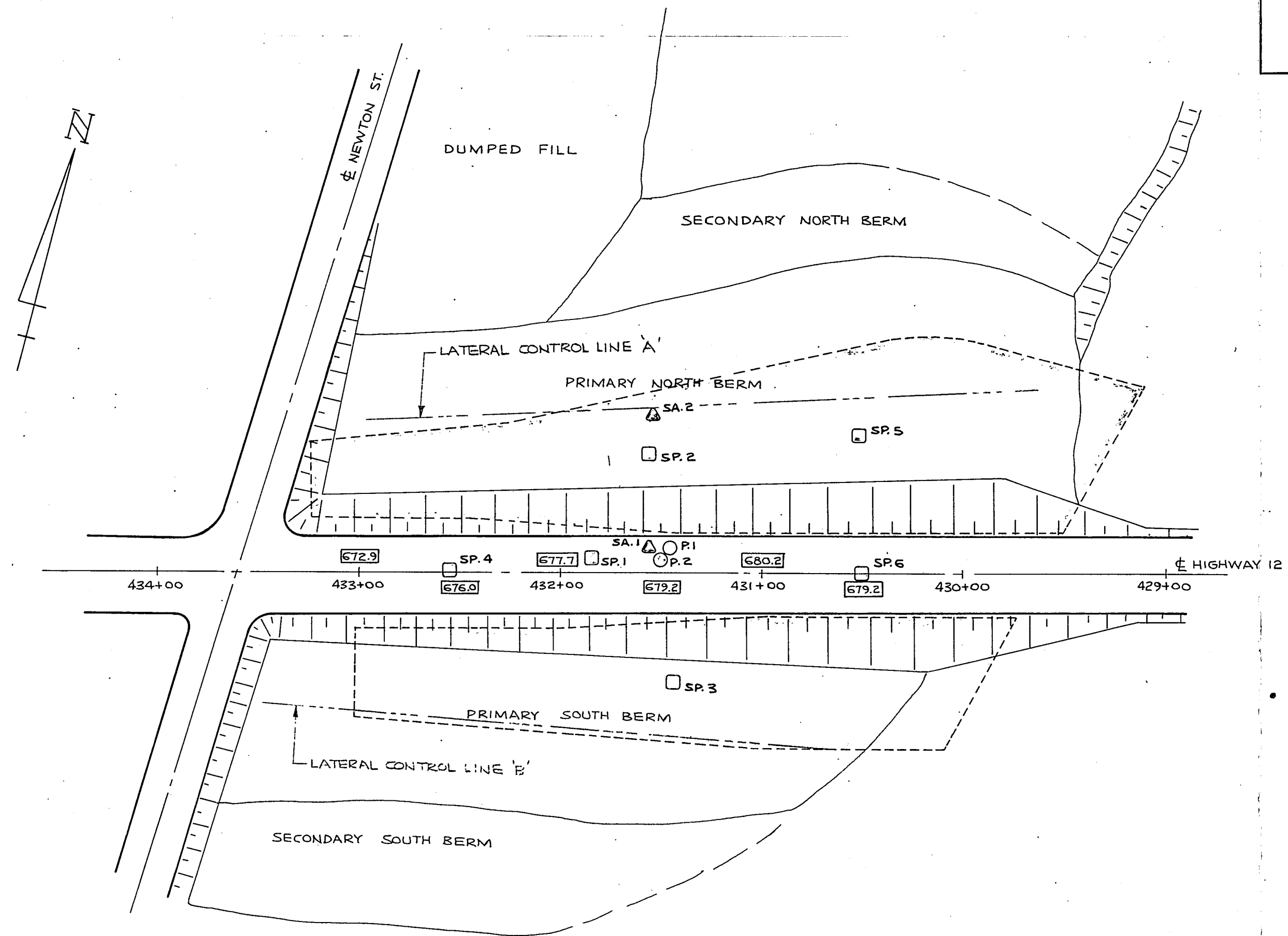
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Encl: Figures 1 to 8



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- APPROXIMATE OUTLINE OF SUBEXCAVATED AND BACKFILLED KEY TRENCHES
- SETTLEMENT PLATE (SP.1 TO SP.6 INCL.)
- SETTLEMENT AUGER (SA.1 AND SA.2)
- PIEZOMETER (P.1 AND P.2)
- ELEVATION OF TOP OF FILL (DEC. '76)

NOTE: LOCATION OF LATERAL CONTROL LINES  
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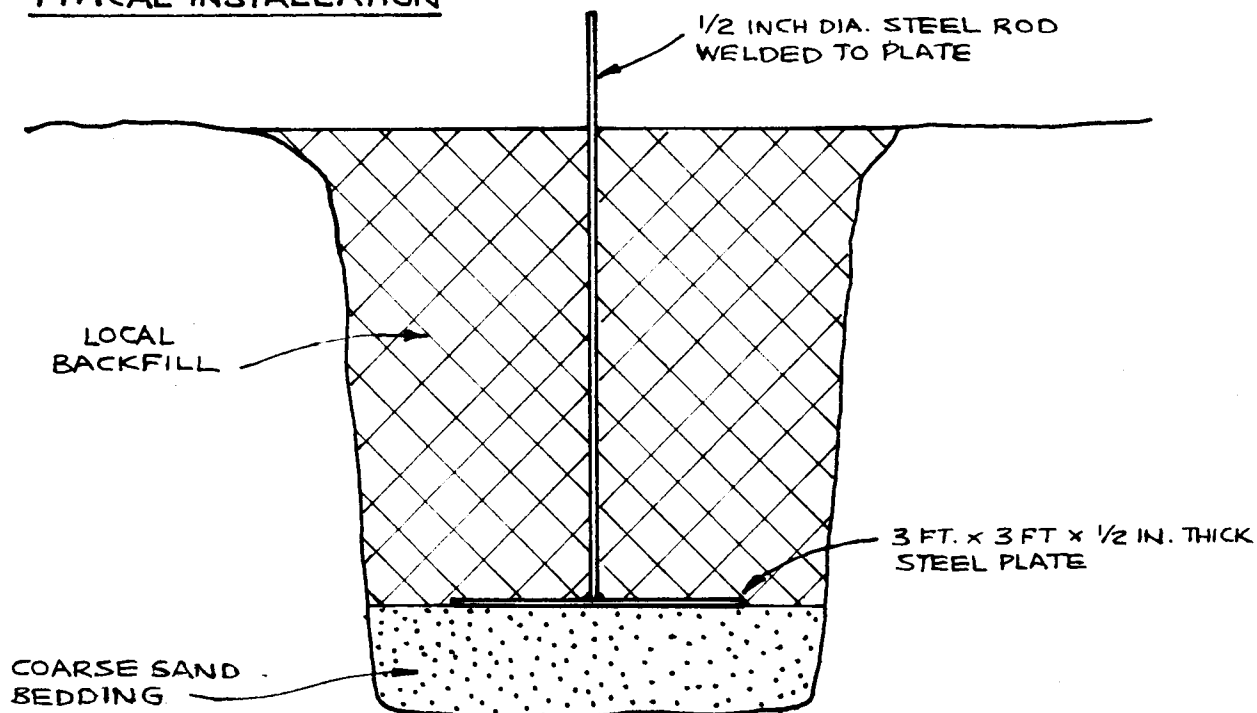
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# SETTLEMENT PLATE INSTALLATIONS

FIGURE 2

## TYPICAL INSTALLATION



SCALE 1" TO 2' (APPROX.)

SP. #	LOCATION		INITIAL ELEVATION OF TOP OF ROD (DEC. 22, 1976)
	CHAINAGE	OFFSET	
1	431+85	8' RT. $\phi$	677.96
2	431+55	60' RT. $\phi$	666.88
3	431+44	55' LT. $\phi$	670.41
4	432+55	1' RT. $\phi$	676.25
5	430+50	69' RT. $\phi$	667.37
6	430+50	$\phi$	680.71

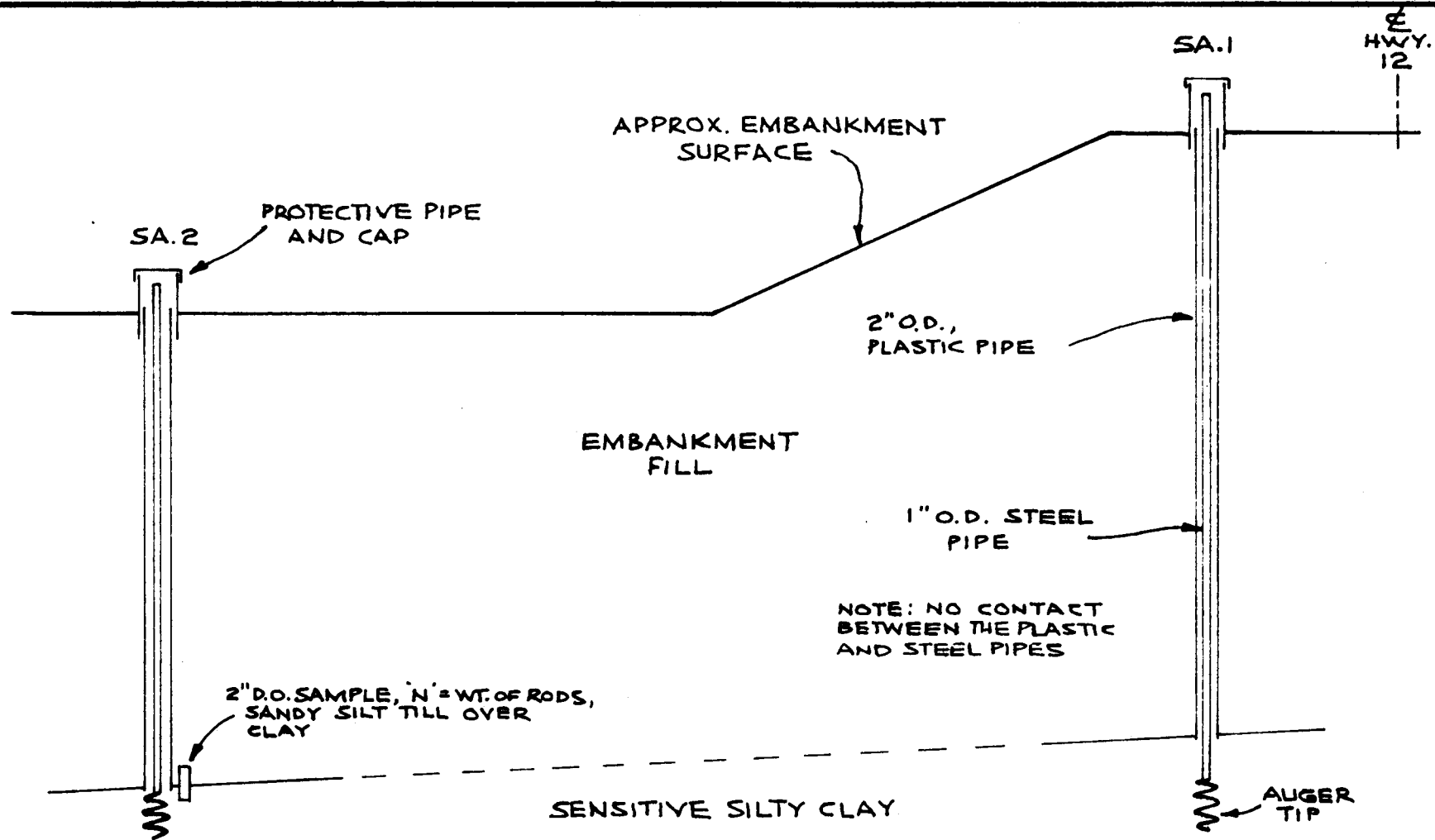
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SA. #	LOCATION		INITIAL ELEVATION OF TOP OF ROD (DEC. 23, 1976)
	CHAINAGE	OFFSET	
1	431+55	12' RT. $\phi$	681.45
2	431+53	78' RT. $\phi$	669.30

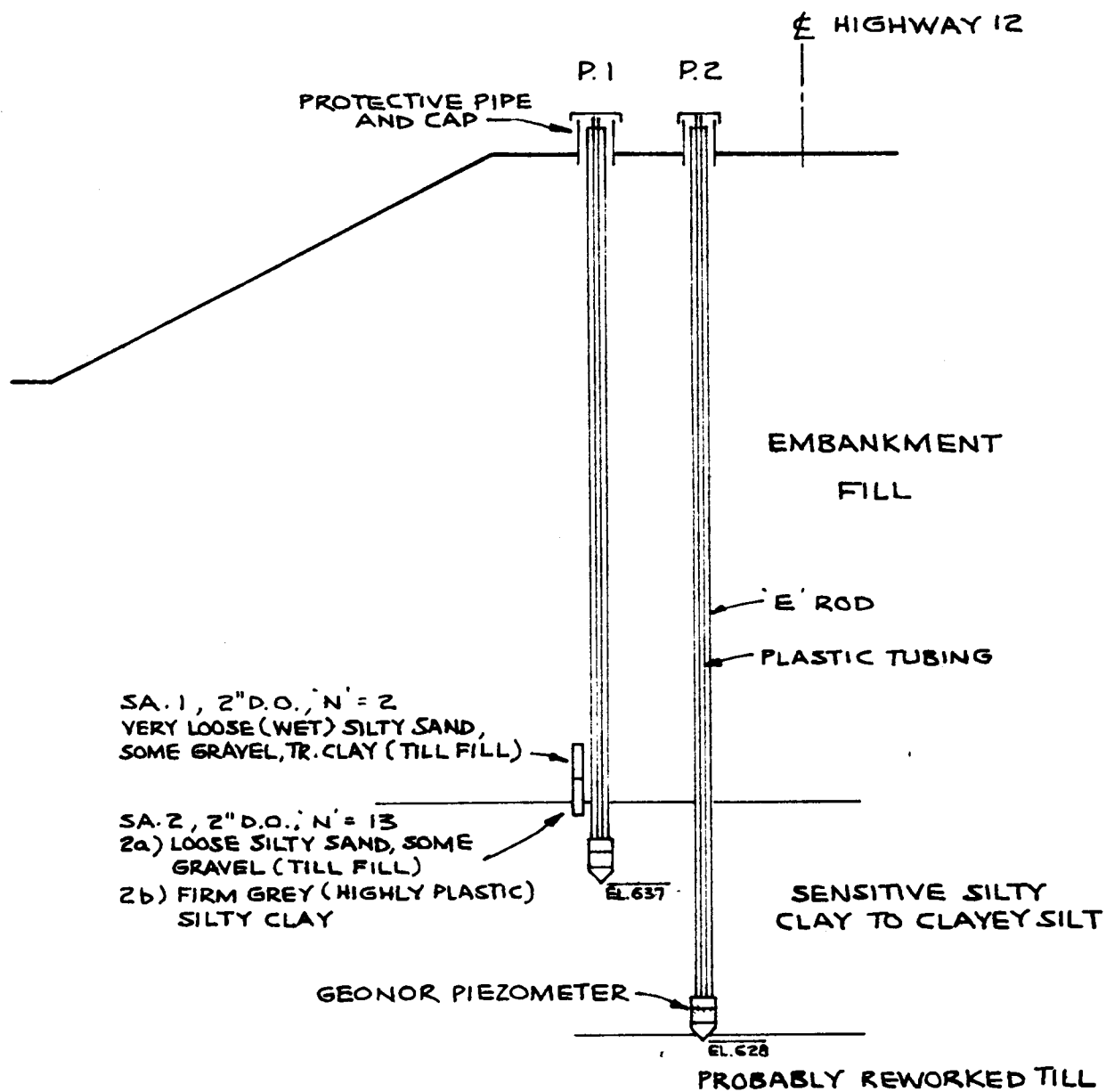
SETTLEMENT AUGER INSTALLATIONS

FIGURE 3

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# PIEZOMETER INSTALLATIONS

FIGURE 4



NOTE: PIEZOMETER TUBING FILLED WITH ANTIFREEZE.

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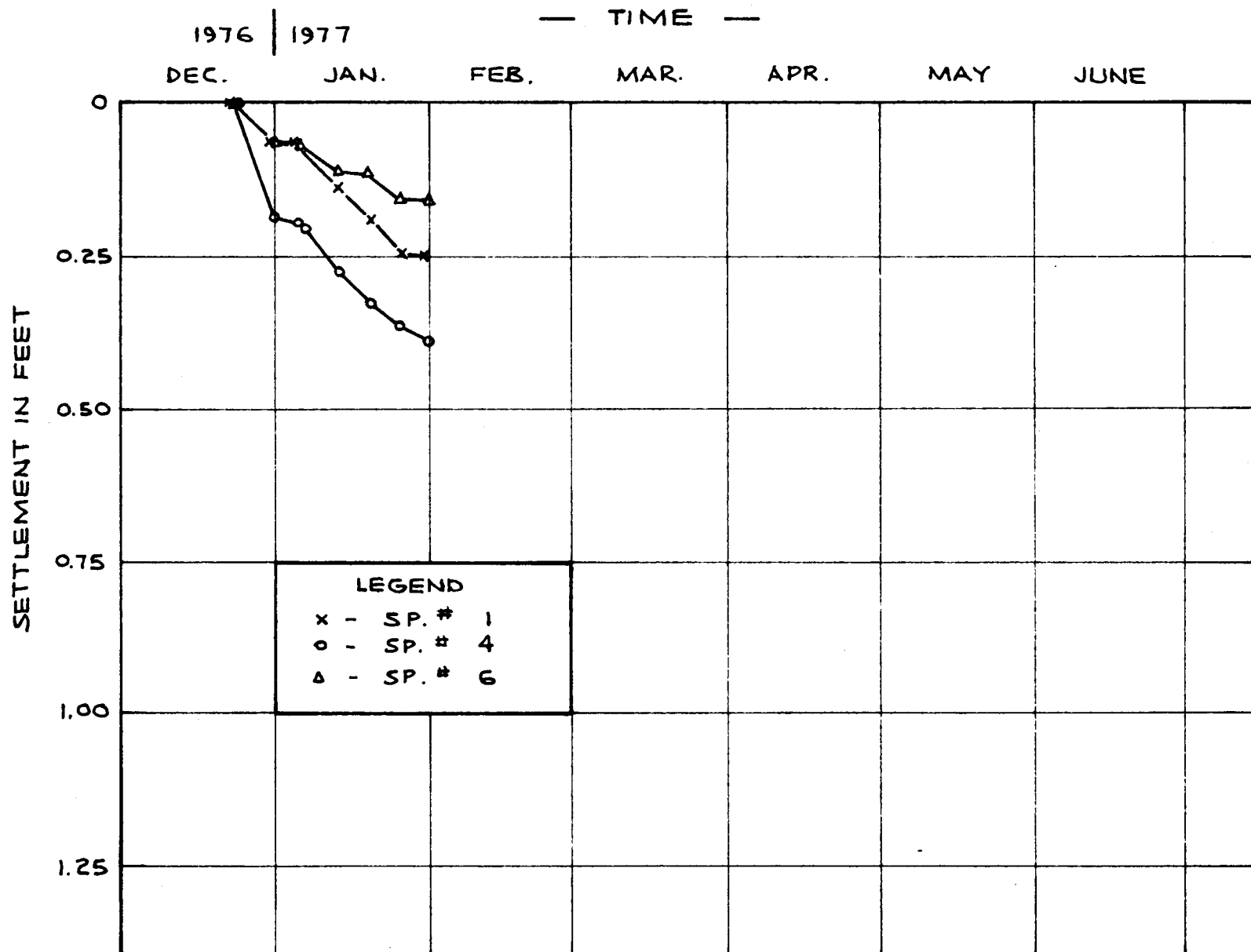
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SETTLEMENT PLATES 1, 4 & 6

FIGURE 5



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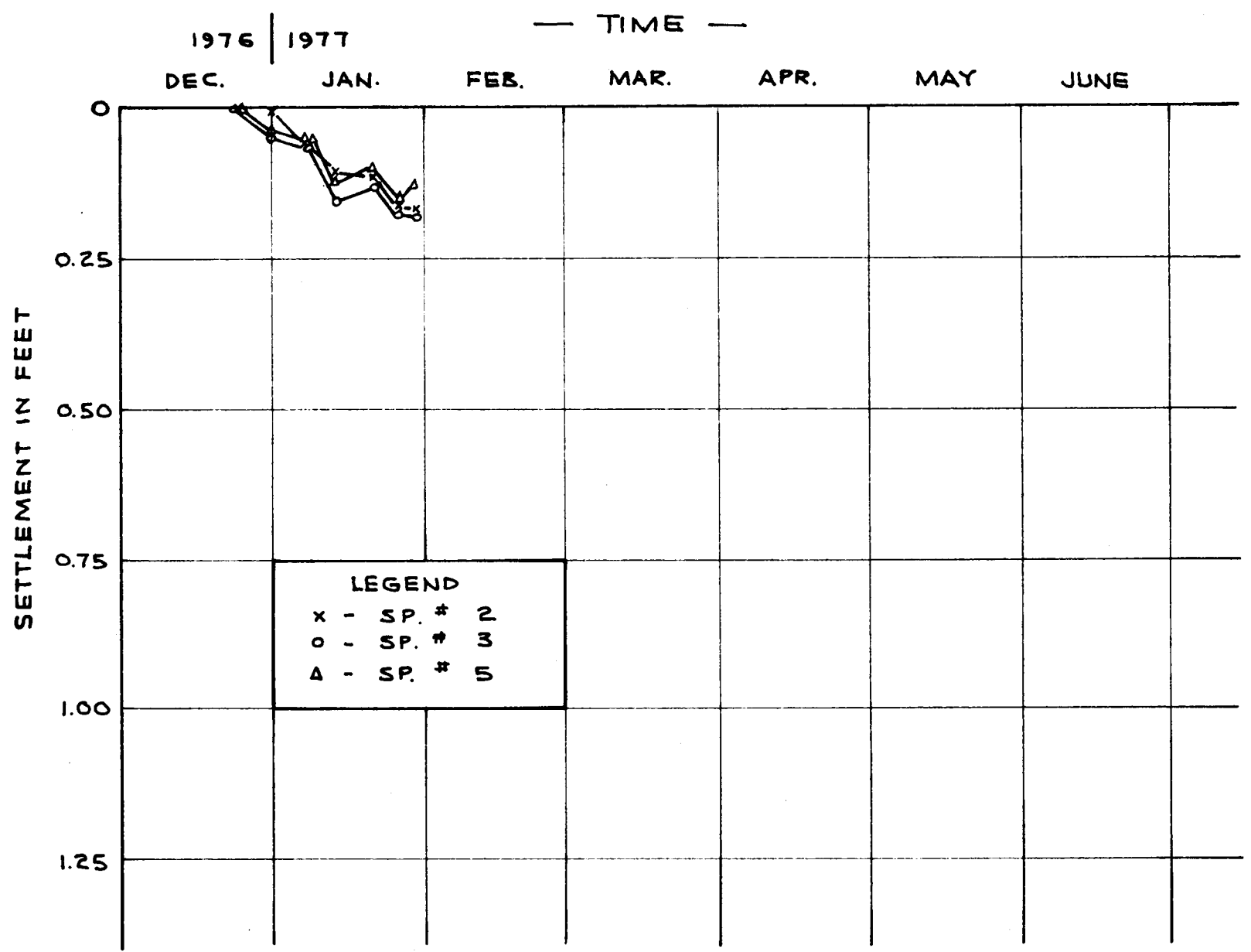
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SETTLEMENT PLATES 2, 3 & 5

FIGURE 6



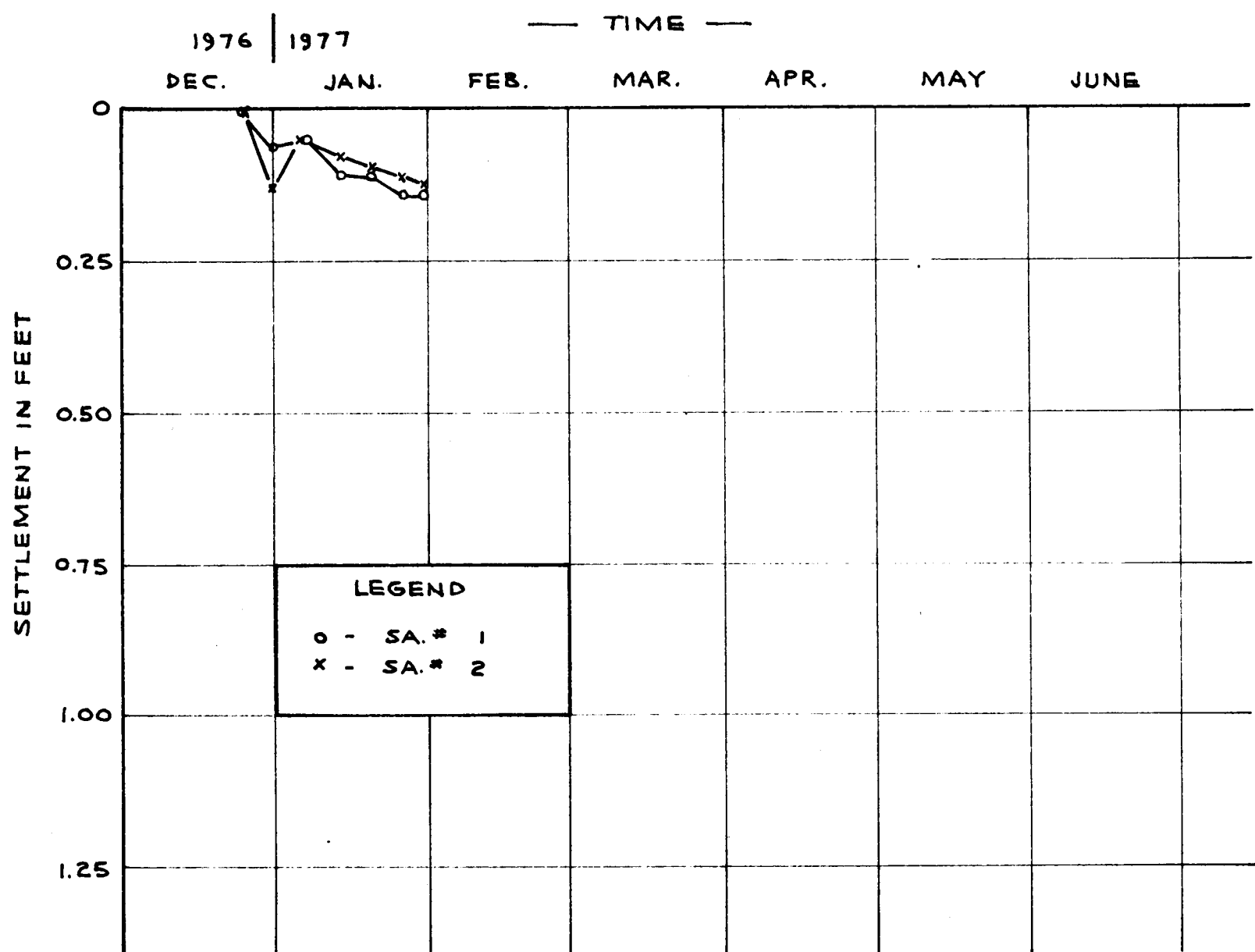
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SETTLEMENT AUGERS 1 & 2

FIGURE 7



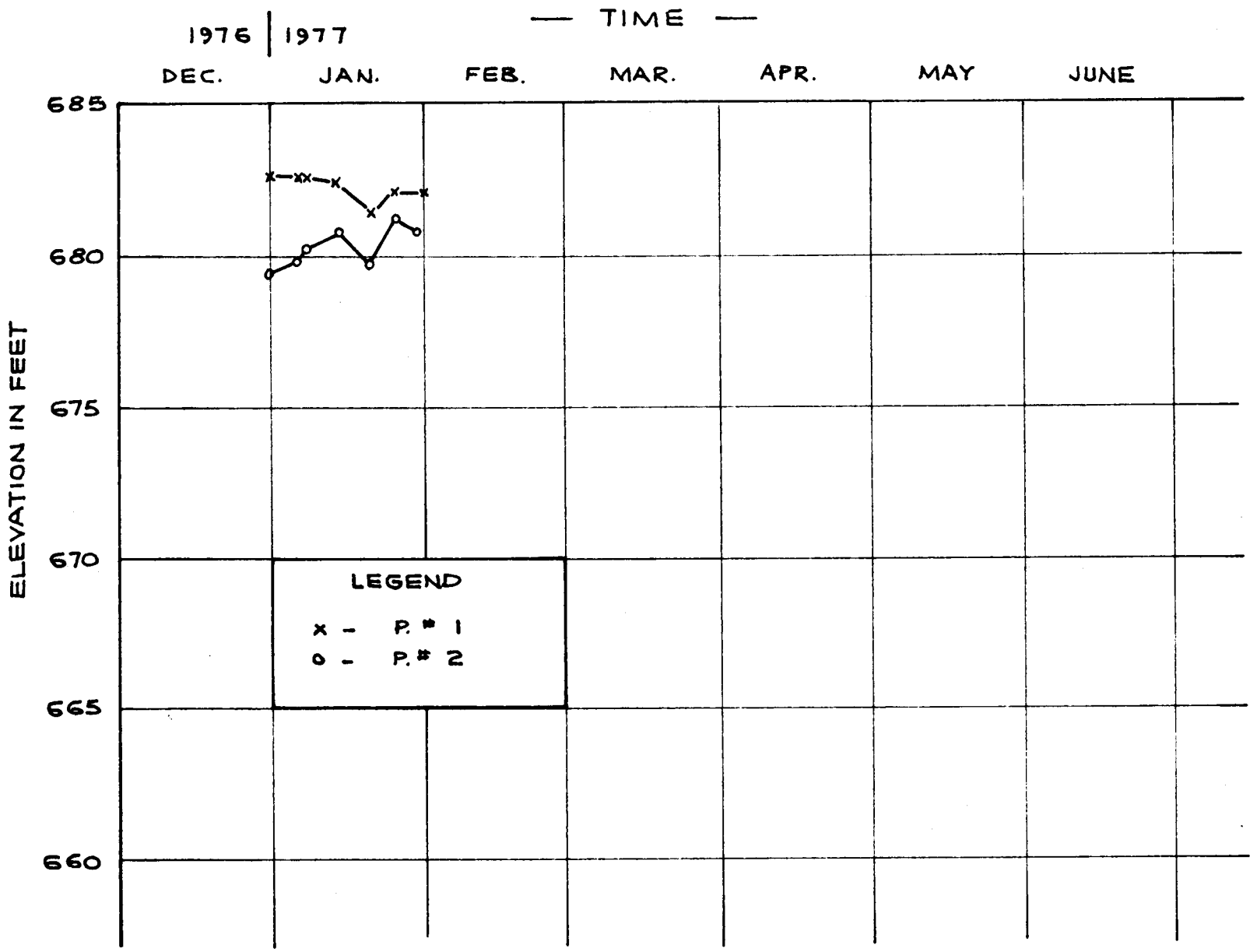
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PIEZOMETERS 1 & 2

FIGURE 8



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