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REPORT
TO
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ON
SITE INVESTIGATION
PROPOSED PLOVER MILLS BRIDGE
THAMES RIVER CROSSING COUNTY ROAD 26
NEAR BRYANSTON ONTARIO

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London, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. N. M. Warner, P. Eng.

RE: SITE INVESTIGATION
PROPOSED PLOVER MILLS BRIDGE
NEAR BRYAMSTON, ONTARIO

Dear Sirs:

This letter reports the results of an investigation carried out at the above proposed bridge crossing over the Thames River on County Road 26 in Concession 2 between Lots 25 and 26 in the Township of West Nissouri, County of Middlesex, Ontario. The purpose of the investigation was to determine the subsoil conditions at the site and to provide information for the design of foundations and approach embankments for the proposed bridge.

PROCEDURE

The field work for this investigation was carried out during the periods March 9 to March 13, 1964 and May 11 to May 15, 1964. A total of 5 boreholes with adjacent dynamic penetration tests and 5 additional dynamic penetration tests were put down at

the proposed pier and abutment locations using a skid-mounted machine drillrig. The borings were put down in NX and BX casing size to an average depth of about 25 feet and bedrock was proven in 2 borings by core drilling for up to 9 feet in AXT size. Piezometers were installed in the borings at the abutment locations.

A detailed log for each borehole is given on the Records of Boreholes. The locations of the borings are shown on Figure 1 and a section of the inferred soil stratigraphy across the site is given on Figure 2.

The samples obtained during the investigation were brought to our laboratory for examination and testing. The results of the laboratory tests carried out are given on the Records of Boreholes and on Figures 3 to 6 inclusive.

All elevations are referred to Geodetic datum and were provided by R. C. Dunn & Associates Limited.

SUMMARIZED SOIL CONDITIONS

The borings put down in this investigation show that the river bed, which is covered by random cobbles and boulders, is underlain by a stratum of brown sand and gravel with cobbles, boulders and a trace of organic matter. This stratum is a recent fluvial deposit and is up to about 11 feet in thickness. Based on

the penetration test results obtained and the resistance offered to drilling, the recent fluvial deposit is essentially in a loose to compact state of packing. Typical grading curves for samples from this deposit, obtained using 1½" I.D. sampling equipment, are shown on Figure 3.

Underlying the recent river deposit at the pier locations and at ground surface at the abutment locations is a stratum of glacial till. The glacial till at the pier locations is up to about 20 feet in thickness and was proved for a maximum depth of some 26 feet at the abutment locations. The upper 6 to 10 feet of the till stratum at the abutment locations has been weathered and is brown in colour. Below this depth the till is grey. At the pier locations the brown weathered zone was not encountered.

As shown by the grading curves on Figure 4 the till stratum is comprised of a well graded composite of silt, sand and gravel sizes with a trace to some clay binder. The above fine grained matrix contains pockets of cobbles and boulders throughout.

The glacial till has an average liquid limit of about 14, a plasticity index of about 4 and a natural in situ water content between about 8 and 10 percent.

Based on the penetration test results given on the Records of Boreholes the weathered portion of the till is generally

loose; the non-weathered zone is dense to very dense. The dynamic penetration tests generally met practical refusal within a 10 foot penetration into the non-weathered till.

Sound grey fossiliferous limestone bedrock was encountered beneath the till at a depth of some 20 feet below the existing river bed at boreholes 8 and 10. This is the general Ordovician bedrock formation in this area.

Water level observations made in the boreholes at the abutment locations during the course of the field work indicate that the groundwater is at or slightly above river level. The river level during the time of the investigation was at about elevation 896. Local information indicates that the river high water level could be up to elevation 908.

DISCUSSION

It is understood that the proposed bridge is to replace an existing 2 lane structure presently downstream of the new location. The new bridge is to be a 4 span continuous structure. The approach embankments to the new structure are to be at about elevation 930, which is some 28 feet above existing ground surface at the abutment locations.

The non-weathered dense to very dense portion of the glacial till is a competent foundation stratum. We recommend that the bridge piers be founded on spread footings resting directly on this stratum using an allowable bearing pressure of 4 tons/sq.ft. Provided that the glacial till at and below foundation level is not softened or disturbed during construction, settlement resulting from the application of the above bearing pressure should not exceed 1/2 inches.

In order to found the pier footings on the till it is recommended that closed interlocking steel sheet piling be driven around the perimeter of the footings. The steel sheeting should penetrate at least 3 feet into the till below foundation level. Because of the presence of the cobbles and boulders in the river bed deposit it is recommended that a deep web pile section such as a ZP32 be used. It may be necessary to partially excavate boulders from below the pile tips during the pile driving operation. A Delmag 12 or equivalent hammer size should be used to drive these piles.

On completion of the driving operations the river bed deposit from within the sheet pile enclosure should be excavated and the sheeting adequately strutted and braced. The enclosure should

then be dewatered, the bottom inspected for any local softened or loosened till and a working slab poured in the dry. The concrete for the main portion of the pier should also be poured in the dry.

It is recommended that the sheet piling be left in place to serve as scour protection to the pier footings.

The soil conditions at the abutment locations are such that the proposed approach fills may be placed directly on the weathered till stratum after removal of the topsoil or any surface organic deposits. Foundation preparation for the approach fill should include stripping under the complete base width of the embankment.

The glacial till, if taken from the proposed cut to the east of the crossing as proposed and compacted according to DHO specifications, will be adequate for 2 horizontal to 1 vertical side slope construction. A compaction test on a representative sample of the glacial till is shown on Figure 5. It should be noted that the optimum compaction water content is about 15 percent, whereas the in situ water content of the till is slightly below this value. This would indicate that the cut material can be taken directly, spread and compacted to form the embankments. The 2 horizontal to 1 vertical side slopes should be protected with rip-rap which should extend at least 5 feet above the river high water level.

It is recommended that the abutments be supported on "H" piles driven through the fill to penetrate a minimum distance of 10 feet into the dense to very dense non-weathered till stratum. Considering a 12 BP 53 section driven as discussed above, a load of 35 tons/pile may be used. A typical penetration value for the last foot of pile driving, consistent with the above capacity, is considered to be about 50 blows/foot using a driving energy of 15 foot kips.

The details of this report are in accordance with the interim discussions we have had with you. If we can be of any further assistance, please call us.

Yours faithfully,

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J. L. Seychuk, P. Eng.,



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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

<i>AS</i>	auger sample
<i>CS</i>	chunk sample
<i>DO</i>	drive open
<i>DS</i>	Denison type sample
<i>FS</i>	foit sample
<i>RC</i>	rock core
<i>ST</i>	slotted tube
<i>TO</i>	thin-walled, open
<i>TP</i>	thin-walled, piston
<i>WS</i>	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.

<i>WH</i>	sampler advanced by static weight—weight, hammer
<i>PH</i>	sampler advanced by pressure—pressure, hydraulic
<i>PM</i>	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_u, 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

<i>C</i>	consolidation test
<i>H</i>	hydrometer analysis
<i>M</i>	sieve analysis
<i>MH</i>	combined analysis, sieve and hydrometer ¹
<i>Q</i>	undrained triaxial ²
<i>R</i>	consolidated undrained triaxial ²
<i>S</i>	drained triaxial
<i>U</i>	unconfined compression
<i>V</i>	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 *Q* or *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 (δ is also used)
 τ shear stress
 ϵ linear strain
 ϵ_{ss} 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_v coefficient of volume change
 $= -\Delta e / (1+e) \Delta \sigma'$
 C_c compression index $= -\Delta e / \Delta \log_{10} \sigma'$
 C_u coefficient of consolidation
 T_v time factor $= c_v / d^2$ (d , drainage path)
 U degree of consolidation

(e) Shear strength

τ_f shear strength
 c' effective cohesion
 ϕ' 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_r sensitivity

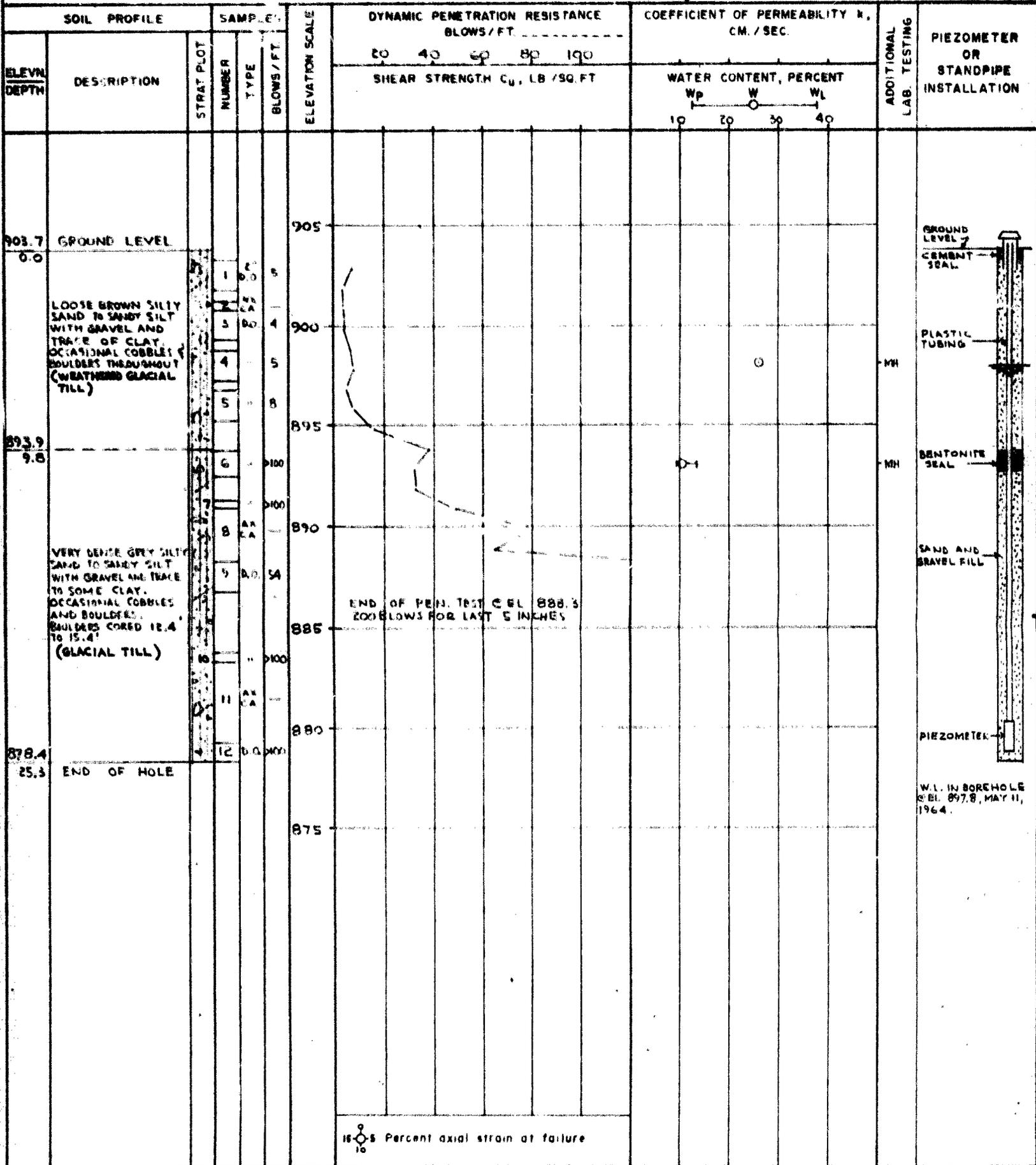
} in terms of effective stress
 $\tau_f = c' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$

} 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 1

LOCATION **See Figure 1** BORING DATE **MARCH 9 - 11, 1964** DATUM **GEODETIK**
 BOREHOLE TYPE **WASH BORING** BOREHOLE DIAMETER **NX & BX CASING**
 SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT **140 LB** DROP **30 INCHES** PEN TEST HAMMER WEIGHT **140LB** DROP **30 INCHES**



VERTICAL SCALE
1 INCH TO 5'-0"

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DRAWN *J.A.*
CHECKED *RL*

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 9

LOCATION **See Figure 1** BORING DATE **MAY 11 1961** DATUM **GEODETIC**
 BOREHOLE TYPE **PENETRATION TEST** BOREHOLE DIAMETER **-**
 SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT - **LB.** DROP - **INCHES** - PEN. TEST HAMMER WEIGHT **140 LB.** DROP **30 INCHES**

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS/FT. -----					COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY k_v , CM./SEC.			ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING	PIEZOMETER OR STANDPIPE INSTALLATION	
ELEVATION DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		BLOWS/FT.	20	40	60	80	100	SHEAR STRENGTH C_u , LB./SQ. FT.				WATER CONTENT, PERCENT W_p W W_L
					900											
896.0	RIVER LEVEL				896.0											
0.2					895.8											
895.8	BND OF PEN TEST				895.8											
					895.6											

Percent axial strain at failure

RECORD OF BOREHOLE 10

LOCATION See Figure 1 **BORING DATE** MAY 15, 1964 **DATUM** GEODETIC
BOREHOLE TYPE WASH BORING **BOREHOLE DIAMETER** 6X CASING
SAMPLER HAMMER WEIGHT 140 LB. **DROP** 30 INCHES **PEN. TEST HAMMER WEIGHT - LB. DROP - INCHES**

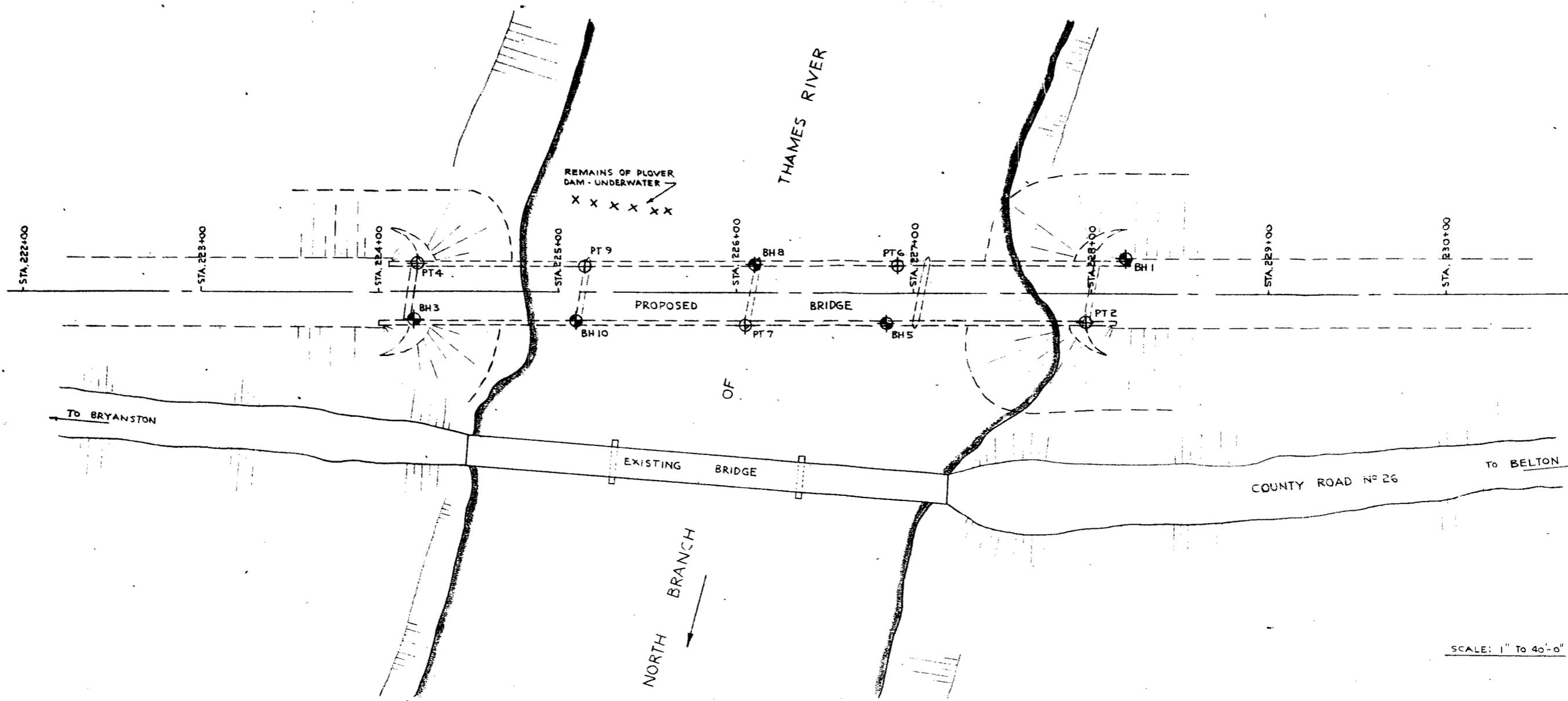
SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE BLOWS/FT. -----					COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY k, CM./SEC.				ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING	PIEZOMETER OR STANDPIPE INSTALLATION	
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE		BLOWS/FT.	SHEAR STRENGTH C_u , LB./SQ. FT.					WATER CONTENT, PERCENT					
											$\begin{matrix} W_p & W & W_L \\ & & \\ 10 & 20 & 30 & 40 \end{matrix}$						
					300												
896.0	RIVER LEVEL				AMER BOTTOM												
0.1	LOOSE BROWN SILTY SAND AND GRAVEL WITH COBBLES AND BOULDERS		1	AR	0.0	895.9											
2.7			2	0.0	895.2												
			3		894.5												
			4		893.8												
			5		893.1												
			6		892.4												
			7		891.7												
874.7	DENSE TO VERY DENSE GREY SILTY SAND TO SANDY SILT WITH GRAVEL TRACE OF CLAY OCCASIONAL COBBLES AND BOULDERS (GLACIAL TILL)		8	AT	0.0	874.7											
21.3			9		874.0												
869.5	SOUND GREY FOSSILIFEROUS LIMESTONE BEDROCK (100% CORE RECOVERY)					869.5											
26.4	END OF HOLE					869.5											

Percent axial strain at failure

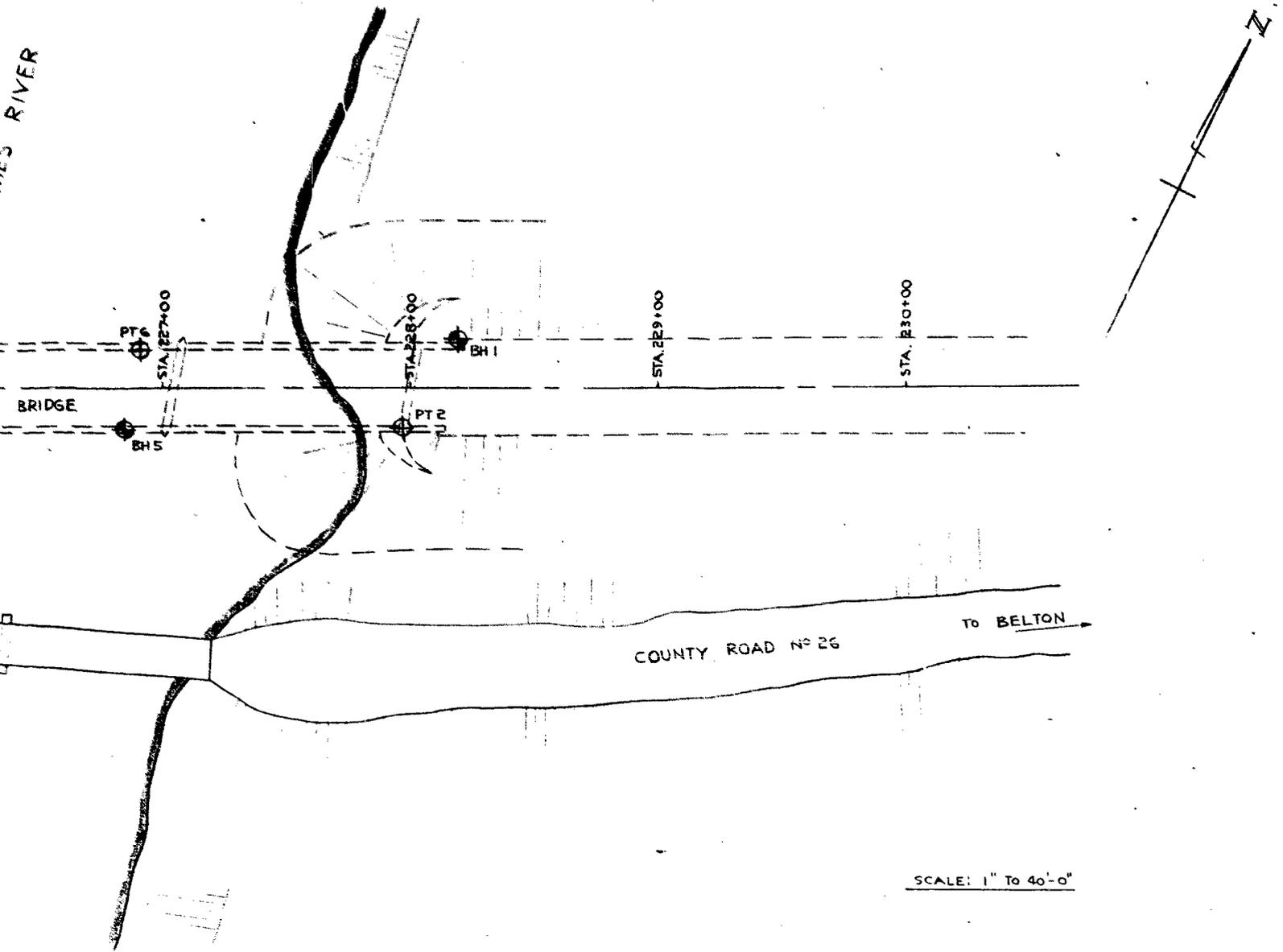
VERTICAL SCALE
1 INCH TO 5'-0"

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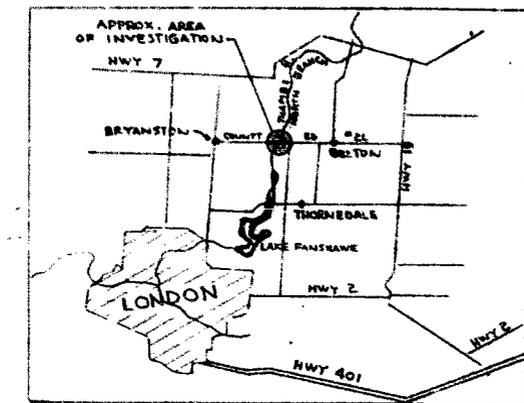
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SCALE: 1" To 40'-0"



SCALE: 1" To 40'-0"



KEY PLAN
SCALE: 1" TO 8 MILES (APPROX.)

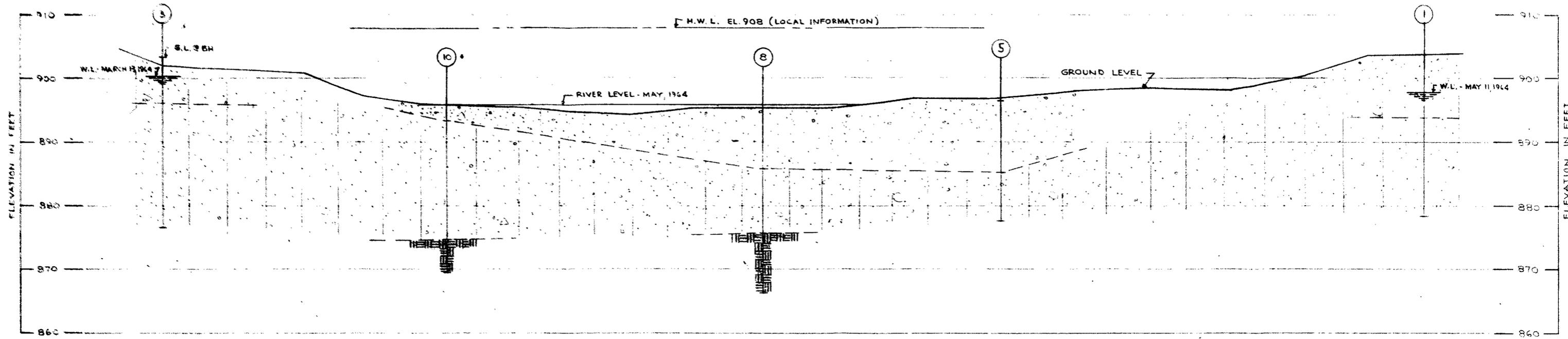
REFERENCE

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LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD #26 BETWEEN LOTS 25 & 26 IN CONC. II
TWP. OF WEST MISSOURI - SITE PLAN SHOWING THAMES RIVER CHANNEL
DATED FEB. 20, 1964.

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-  BOREHOLE IN PLAN
-  PENETRATION TEST IN PLAN

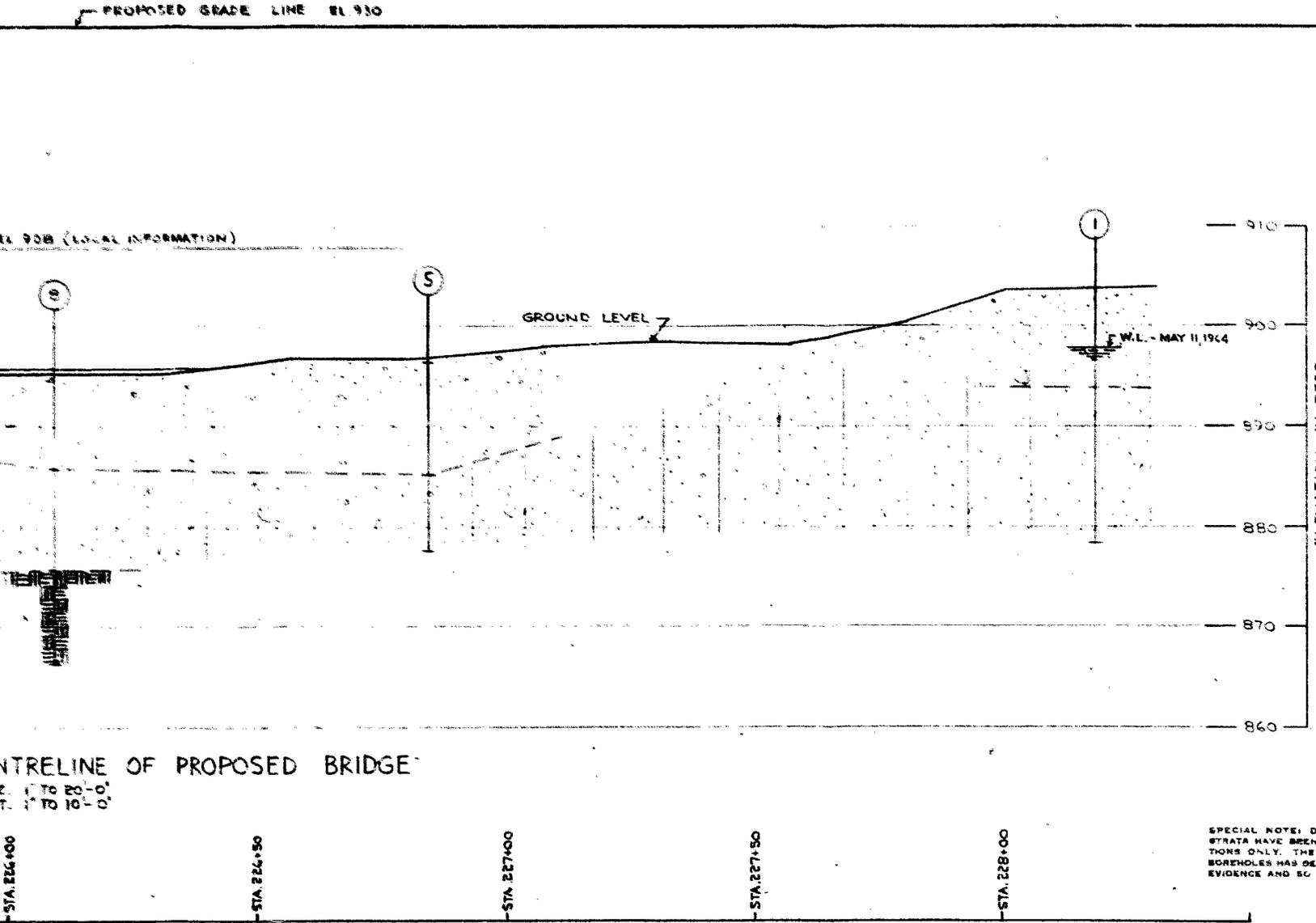
PROPOSED GRADE LINE EL. 930



SCHEMATIC SECTION ALONG CENTRELINE OF PROPOSED BRIDGE

SCALE: HORIZ. 1" TO 20'-0"
VERT. 1" TO 10'-0"

SPECIAL NOTE: DATA STRATA HAVE BEEN OBTAINED ONLY. THE VISITORS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT BORING HAS BEEN MADE AND SO MAY BE OBTAINED.



STRATIGRAPHY

- LOOSE BROWN SILTY SAND TO SANDY SILT WITH GRAVEL AND TRACE OF CLAY, OCCASIONAL COBBLES AND BOULDERS (WEATHERED GLACIAL TILL)
- DENSE TO VERY DENSE GREY SILTY SAND TO SANDY SILT WITH GRAVEL AND TRACE OF CLAY, OCCASIONAL COBBLES AND BOULDERS (GLACIAL TILL)
- LOOSE TO COMPACT BROWN SAND AND GRAVEL, TRACE OF SILT, COBBLES AND BOULDERS, OCCASIONAL WOOD FRAGMENTS AND SHELLS
- SOUND GREY FOSSILIFEROUS LIMESTONE BEDROCK

LEGEND

- BOREHOLE IN ELEVATION
- WATER LEVEL IN BOREHOLE

REFERENCE

1. CONSTRUCTION PLAN AND PROFILE, COUNTY RD. NO. 26 SUPPLIED BY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX - JOB. NO. 30/63, FILE NO. 12/26/1/R, DATED MARCH 5, 1963, SCALE 1" TO 200'.
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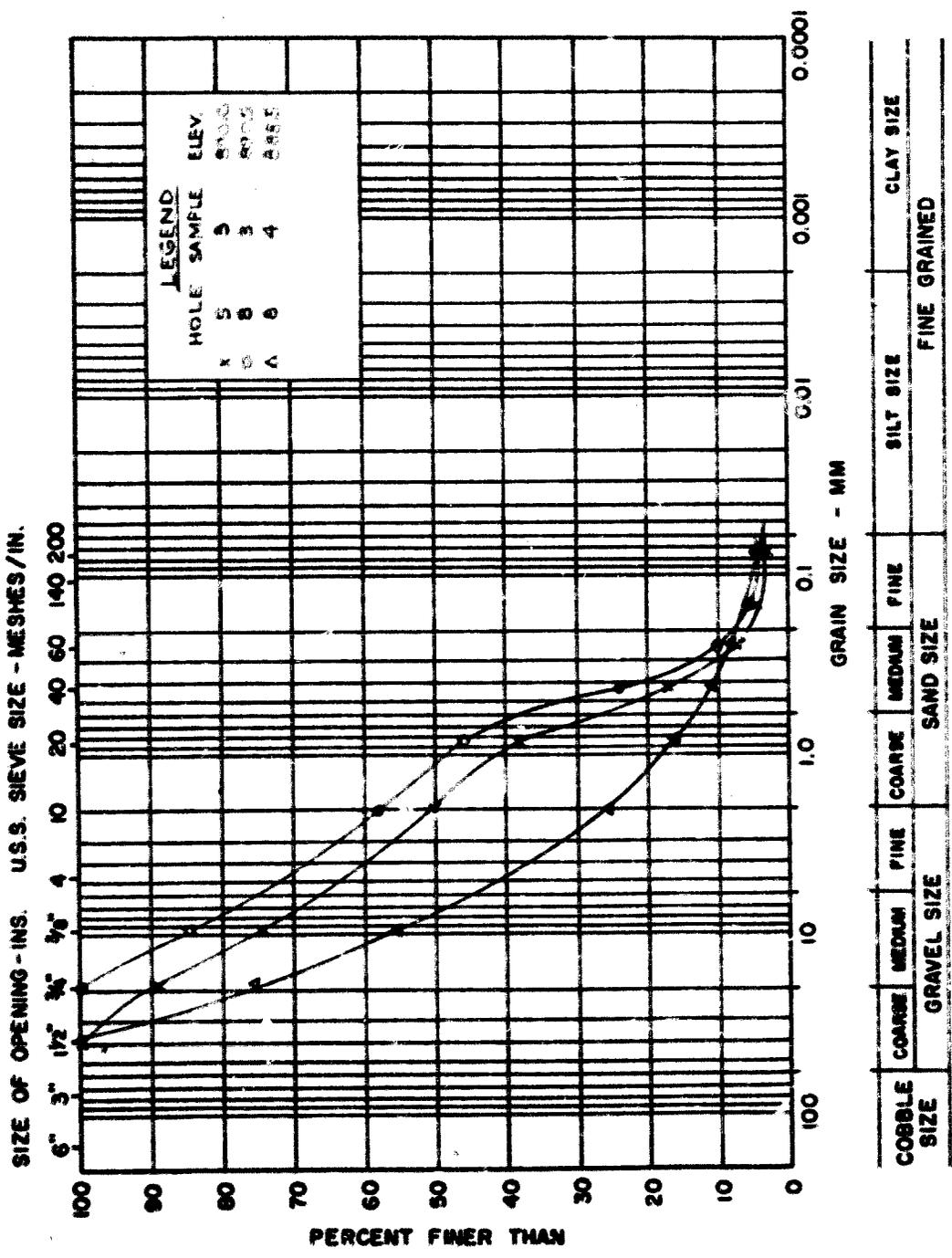
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

SAND & GRAVEL

FIGURE 3

M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE

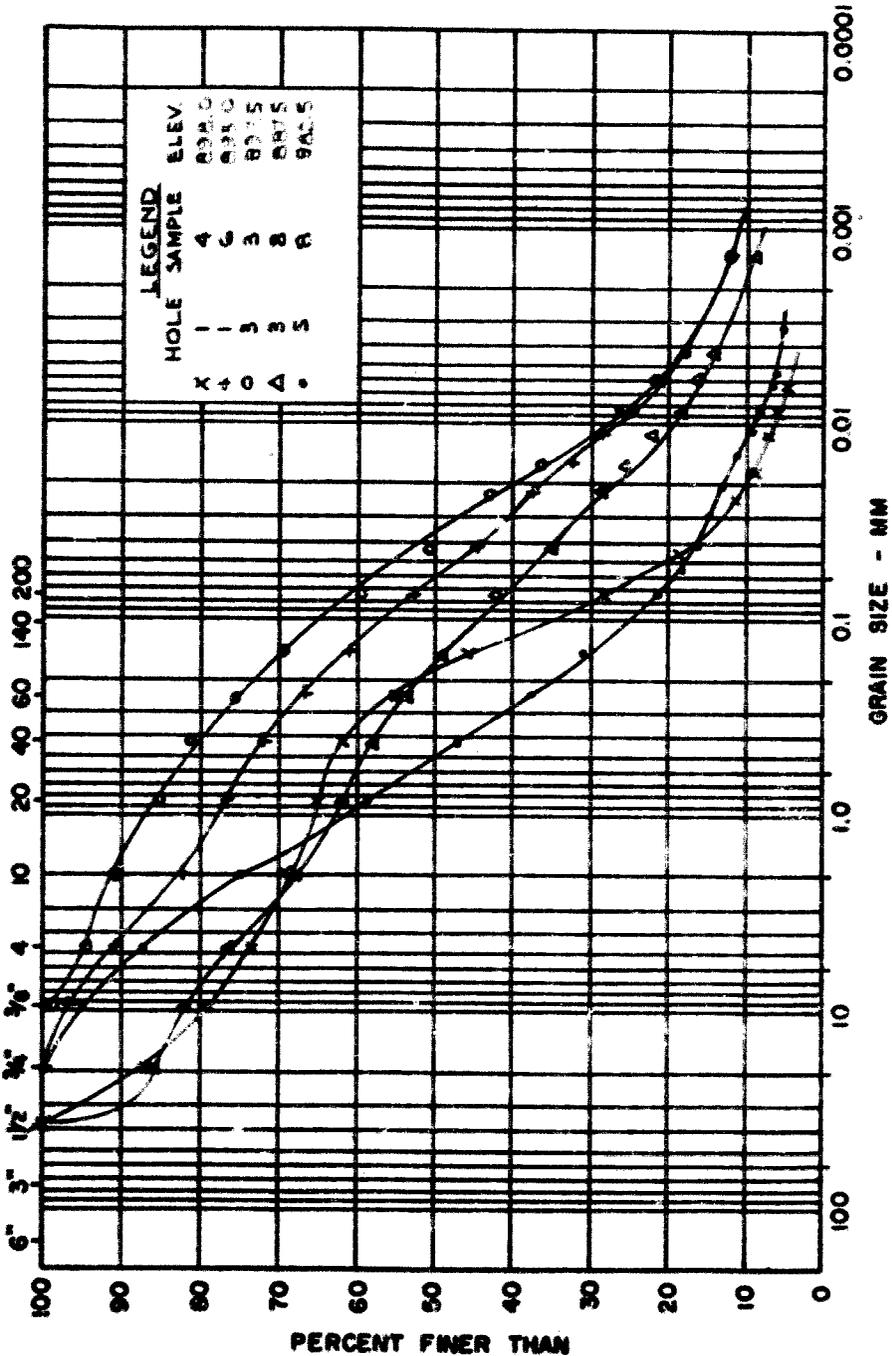


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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION GLACIAL TILL

M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE

SIZE OF OPENING - INS. U.S.S. SIEVE SIZE - MESHES/IN.

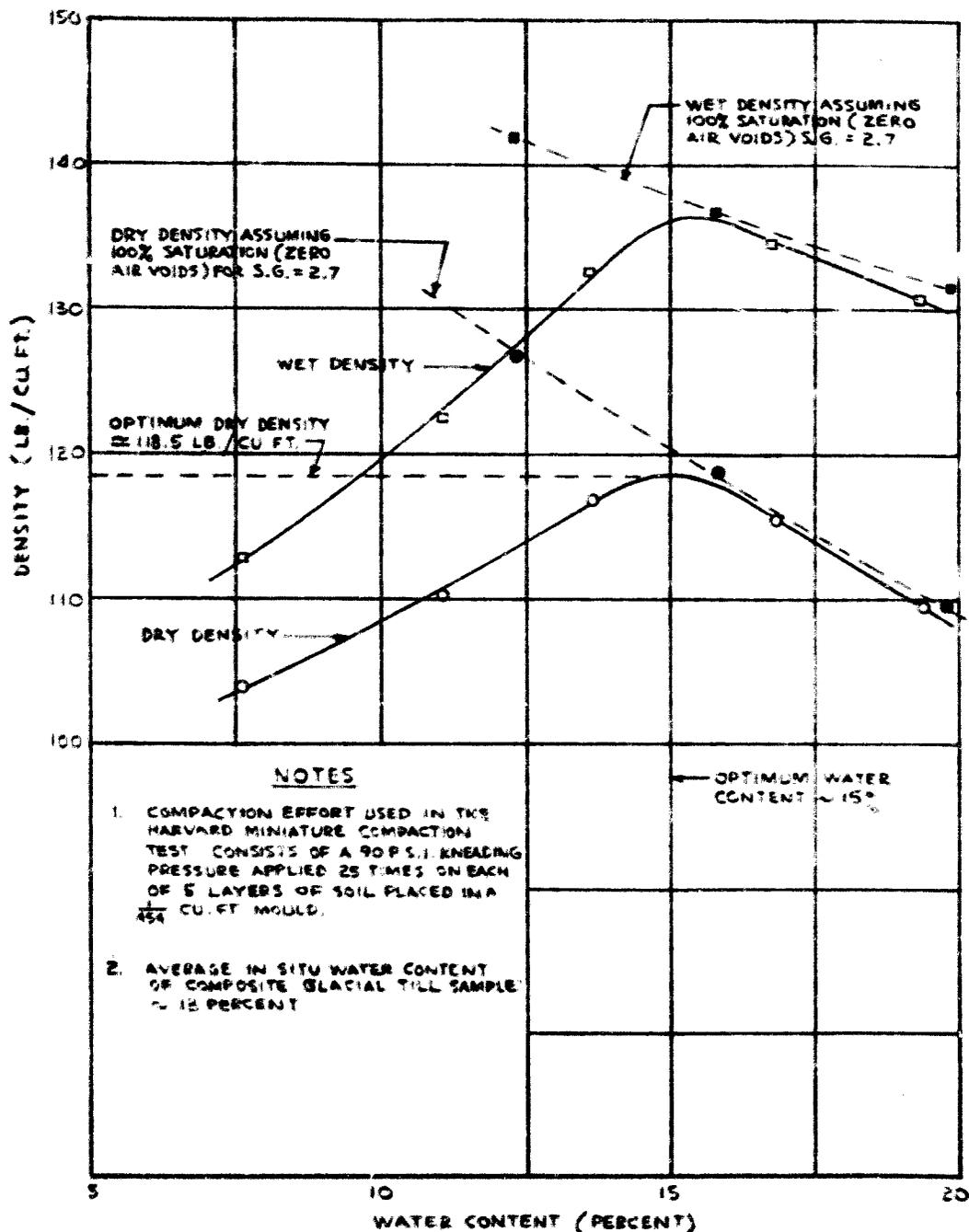


COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT SIZE	CLAY SIZE
	GRAVEL SIZE			SAND SIZE			FINE GRAINED	

HARVARD MINIATURE COMPACTION TEST RESULTS
 COMPOSITE GLACIAL TILL SAMPLE OBTAINED FROM OPEN
 CUT IN EXISTING ROADWAY BETWEEN STATIONS 214+00
 AND 216+65

FIGURE 5

FOR GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION SEE FIGURE 6

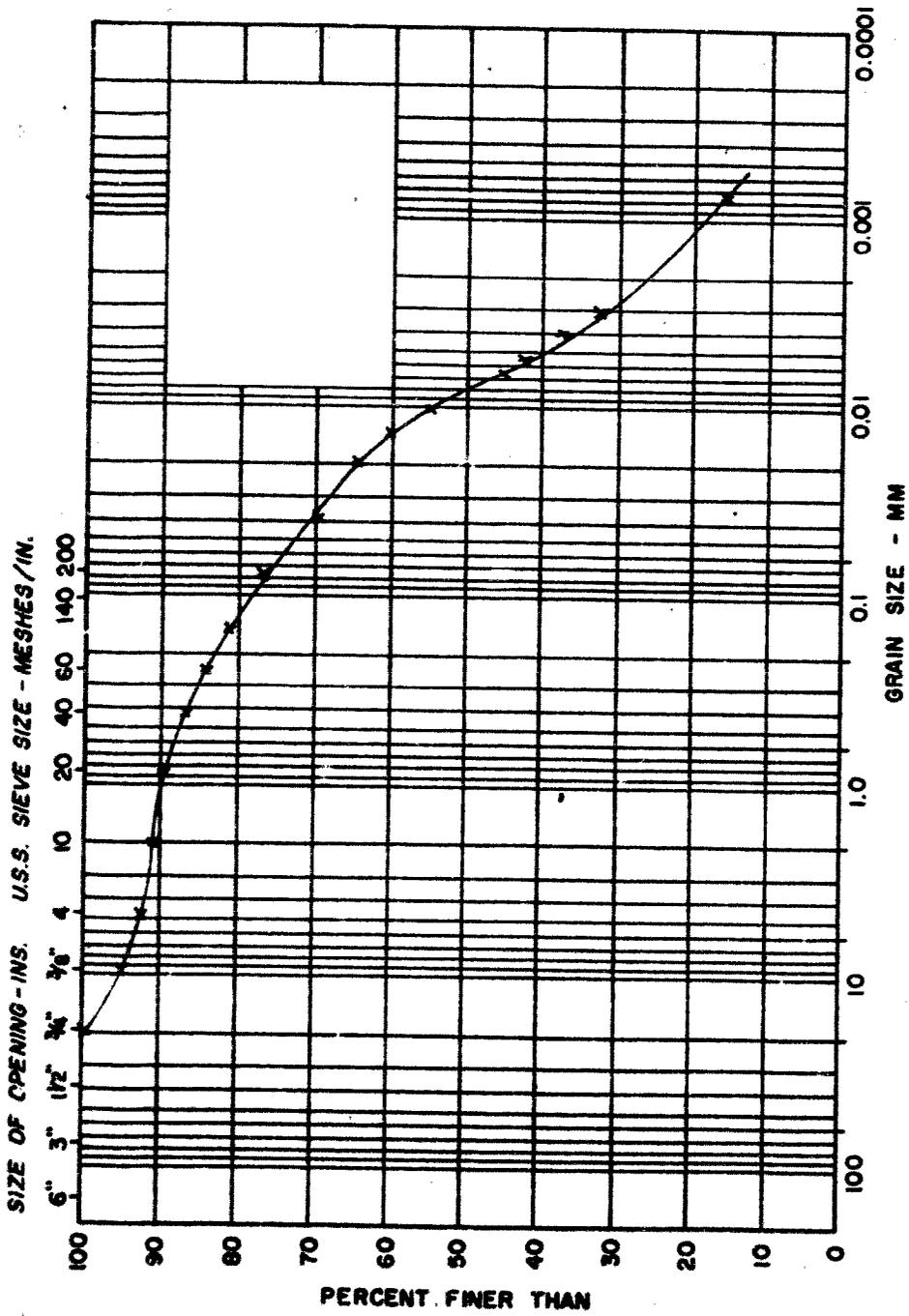


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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
 COMPOSITE GLACIAL TILL SAMPLE
 USED IN HARVARD MINIATURE COMPACTION TEST

FIGURE 6

M.I.T. GRAIN SIZE SCALE



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

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