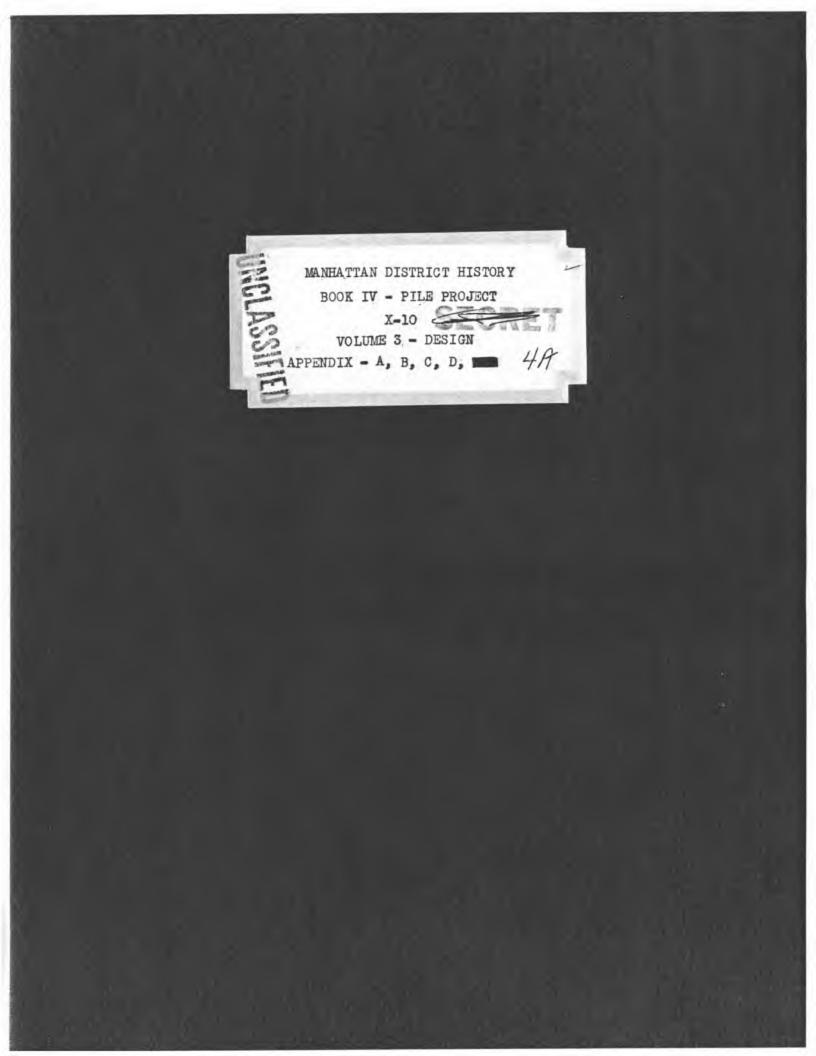
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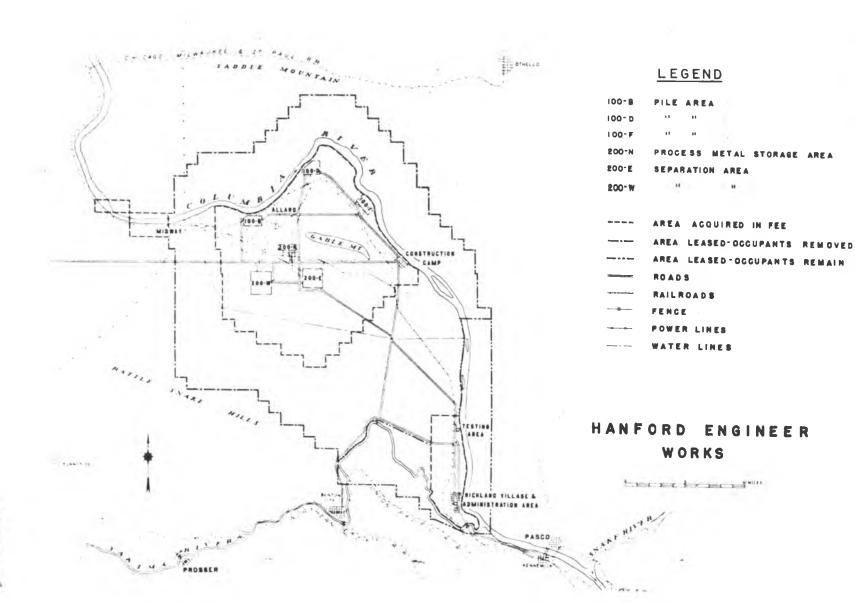
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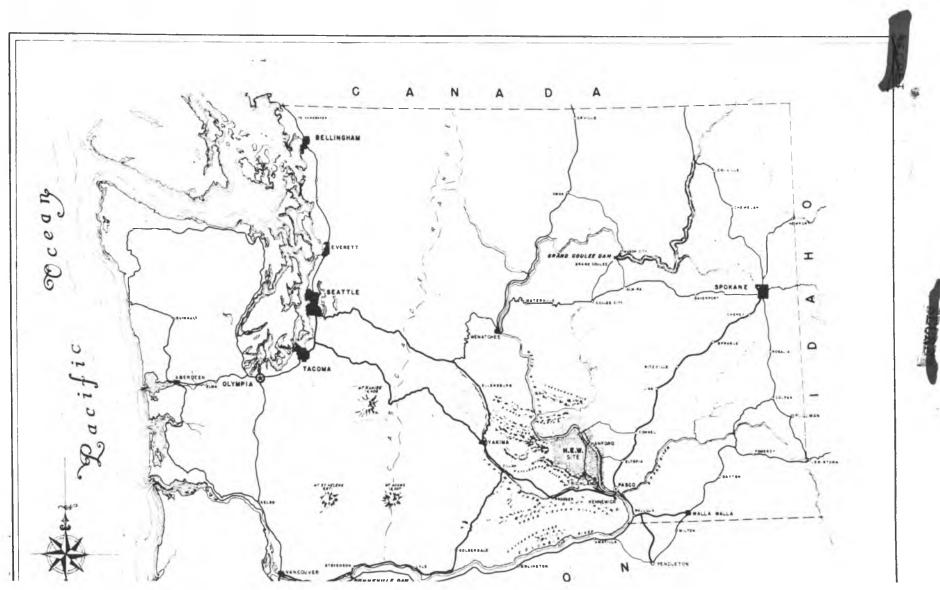
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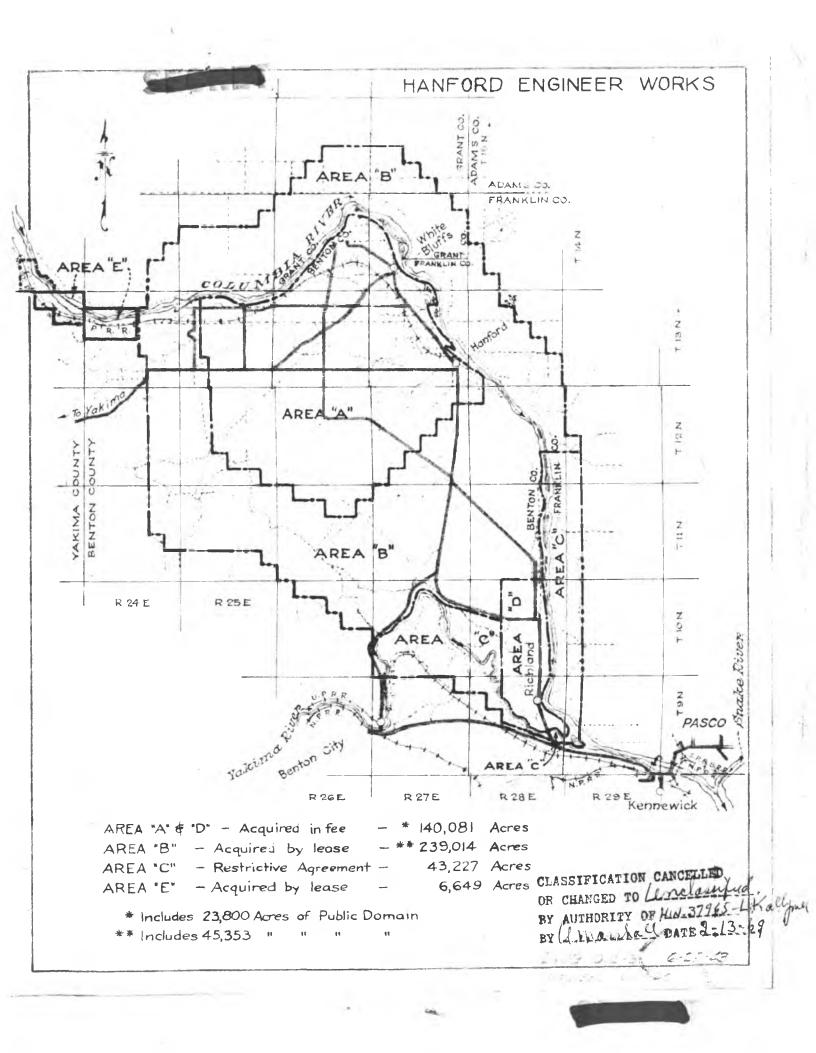
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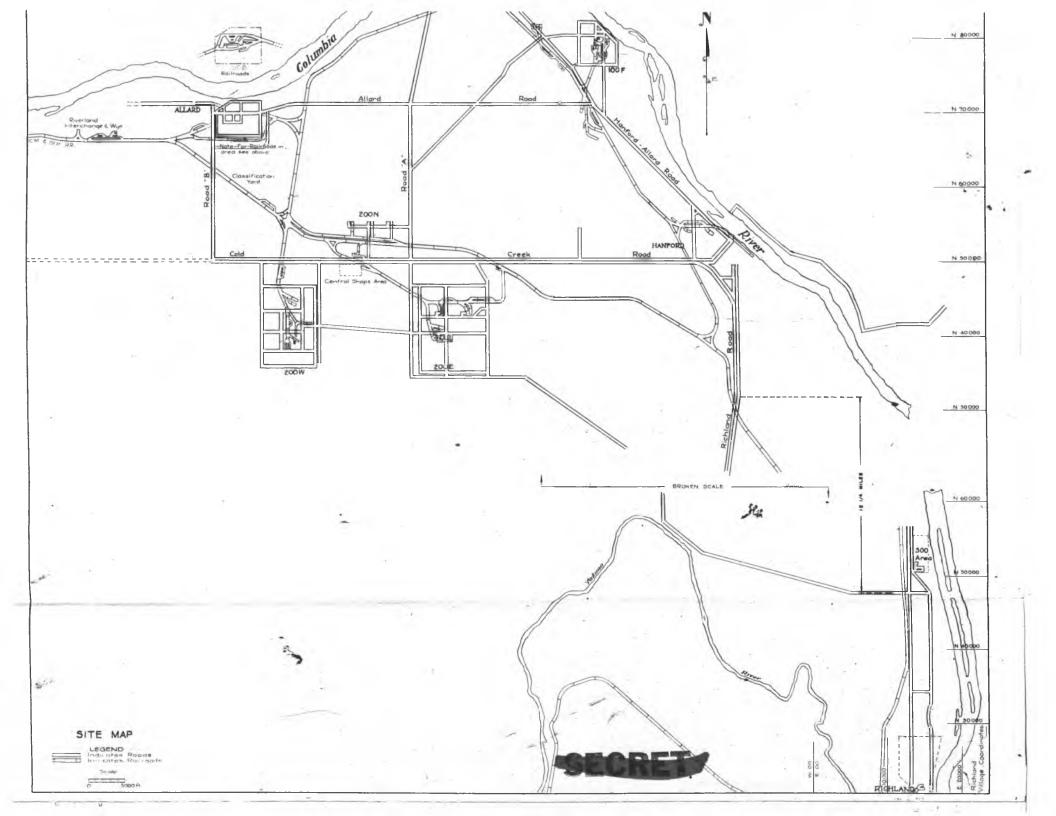
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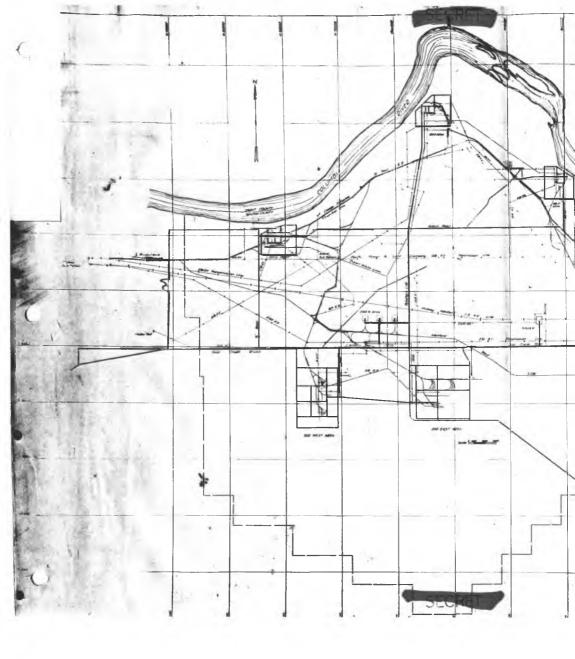
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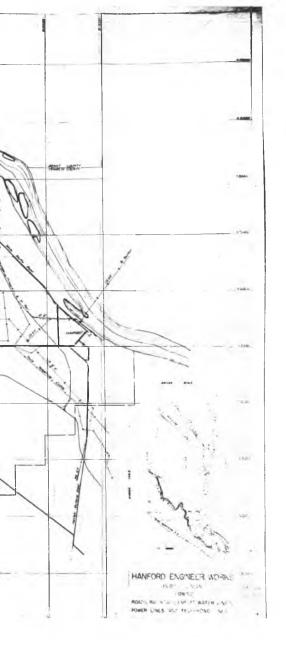


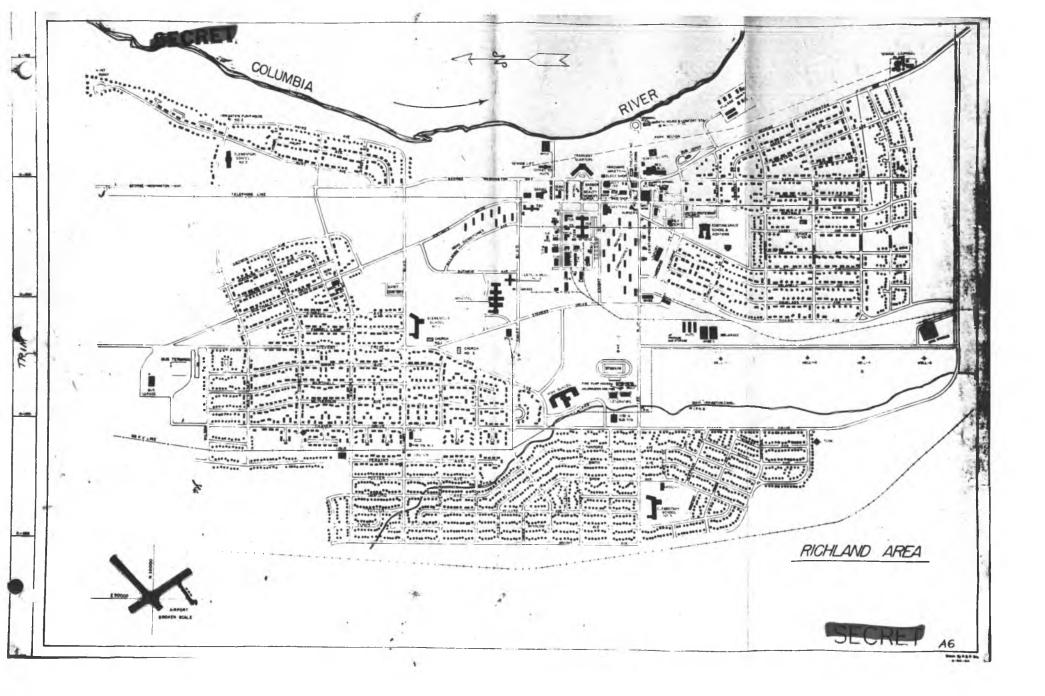


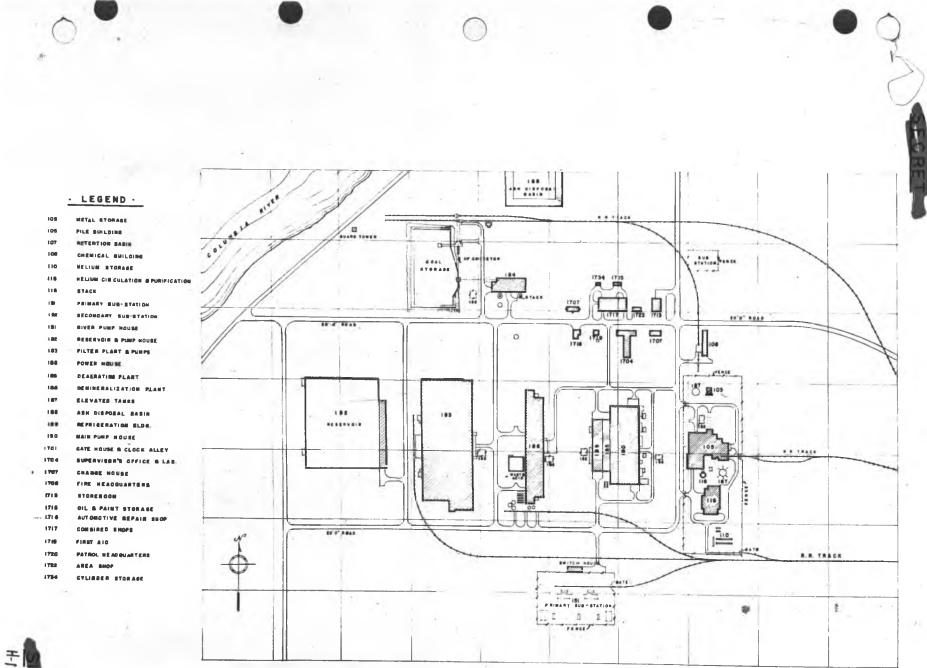


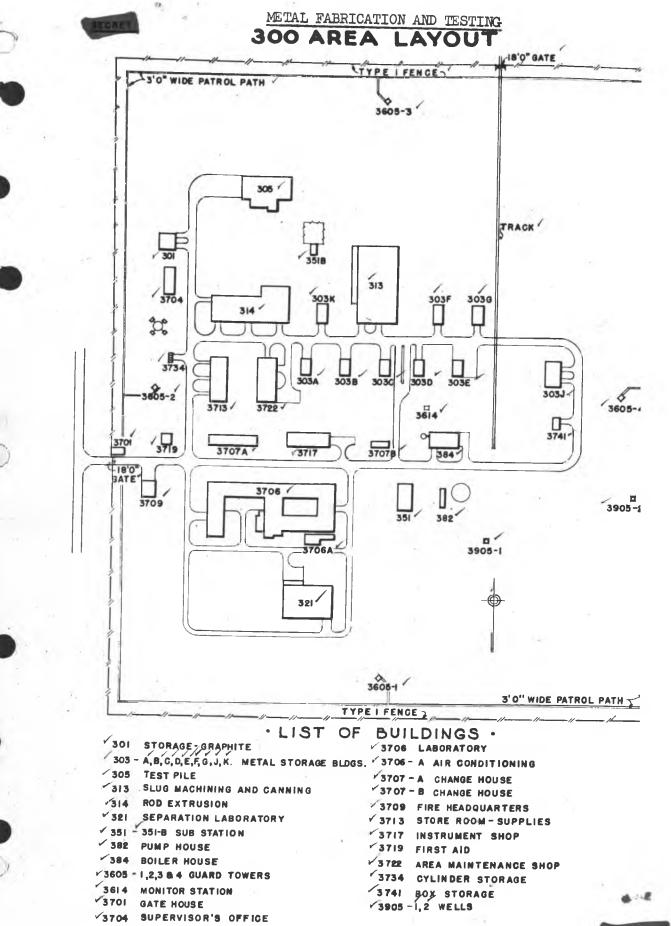














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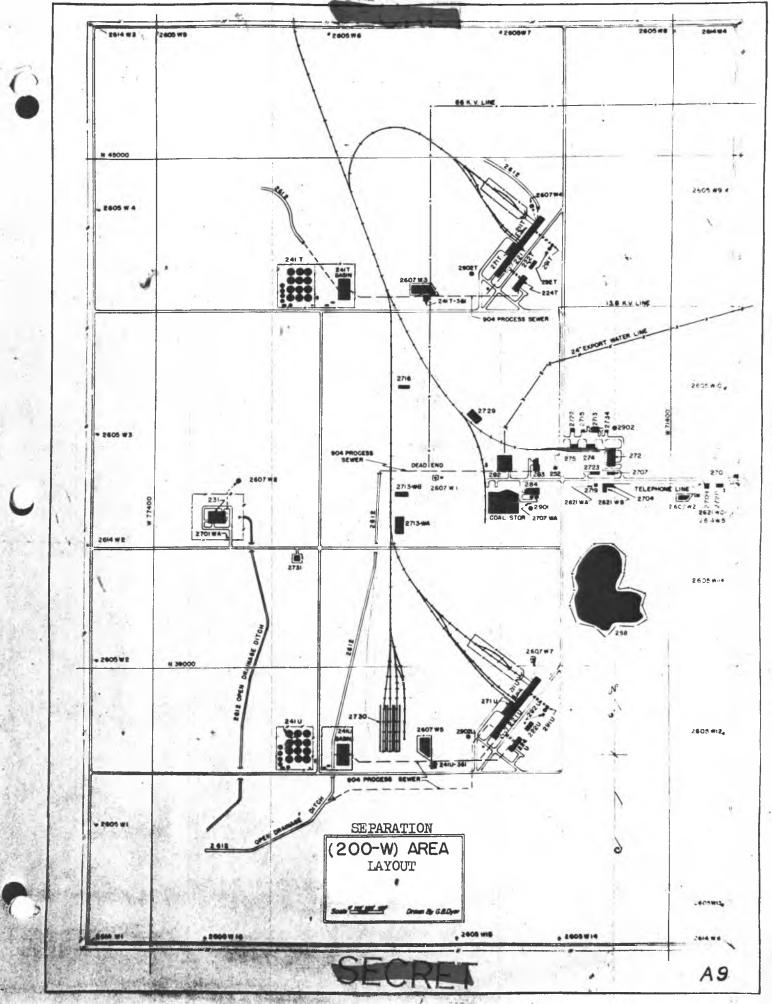
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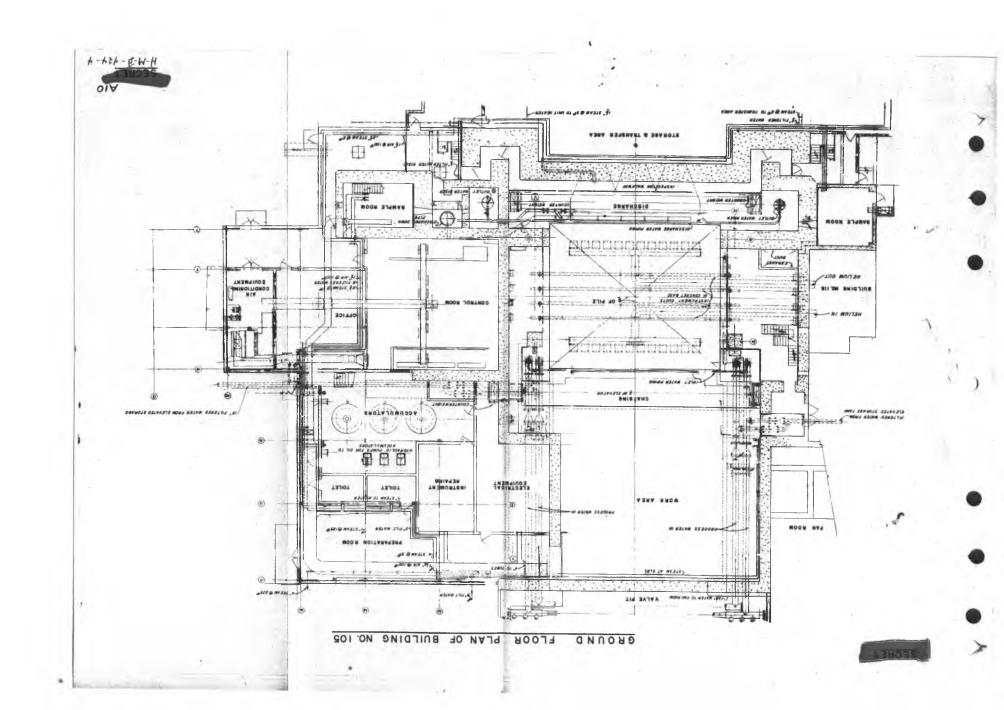
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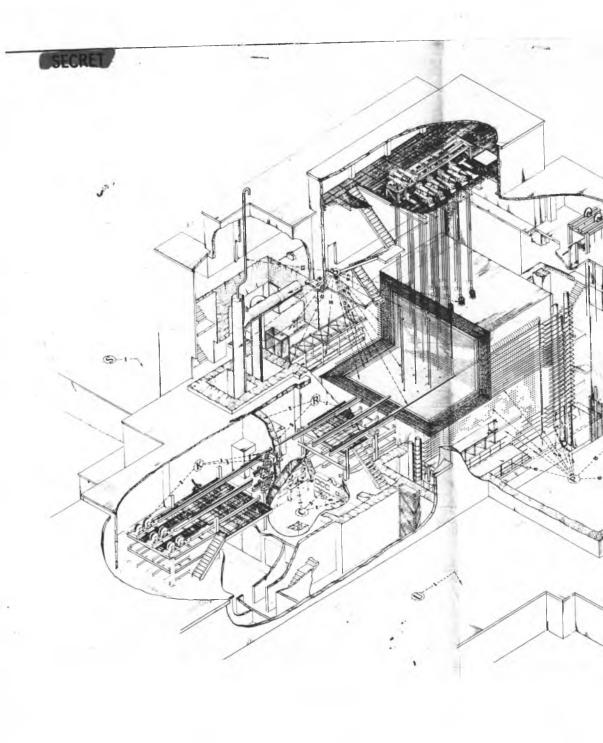
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-	Reservoirs and Pump House
	Filter Plant
-	Power House
	Ventilation Building
-	Water Storage
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34	Cylinder Storage

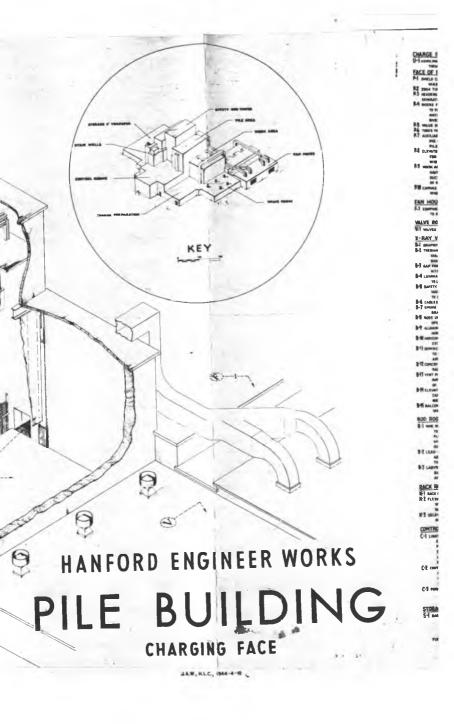




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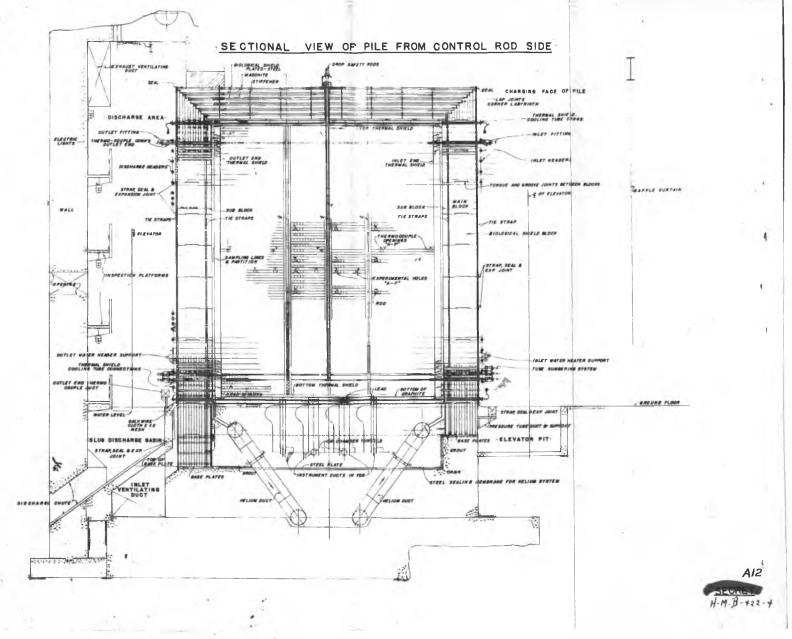




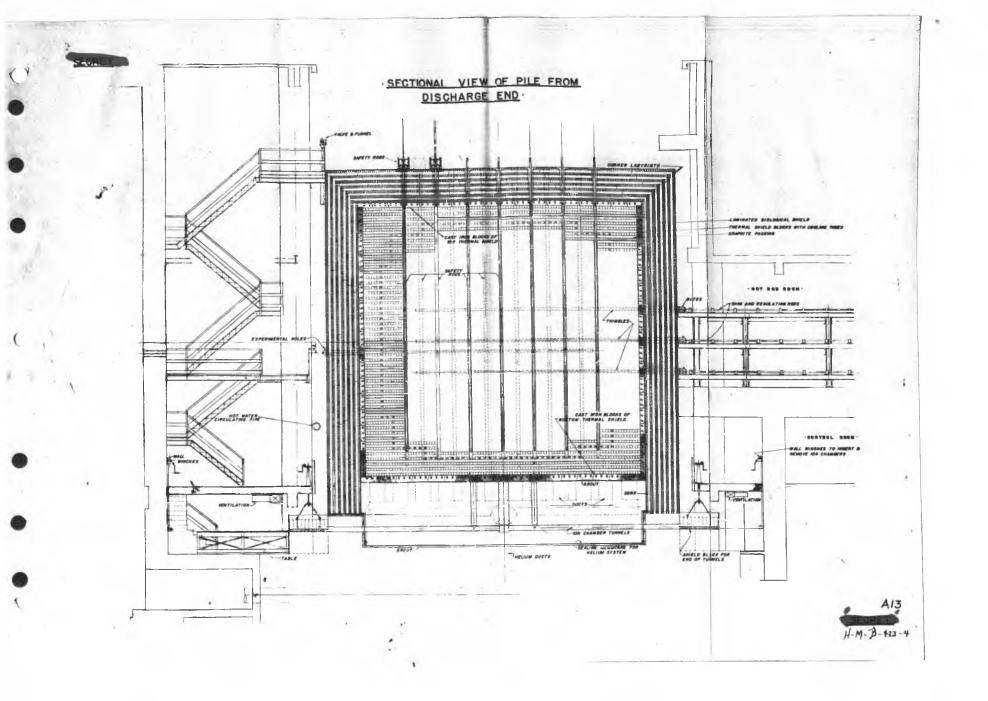


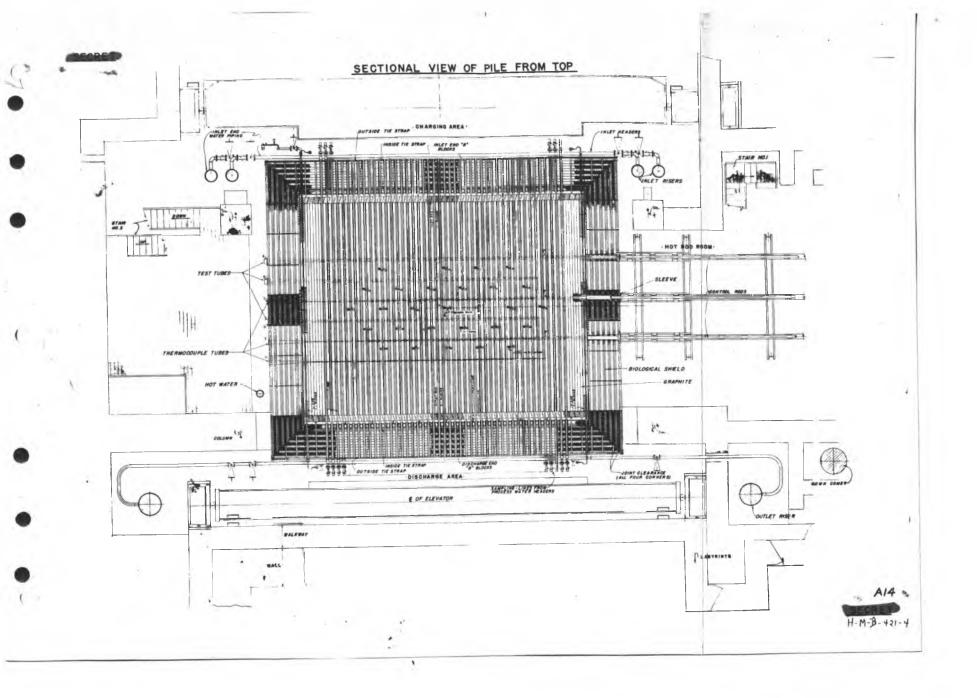
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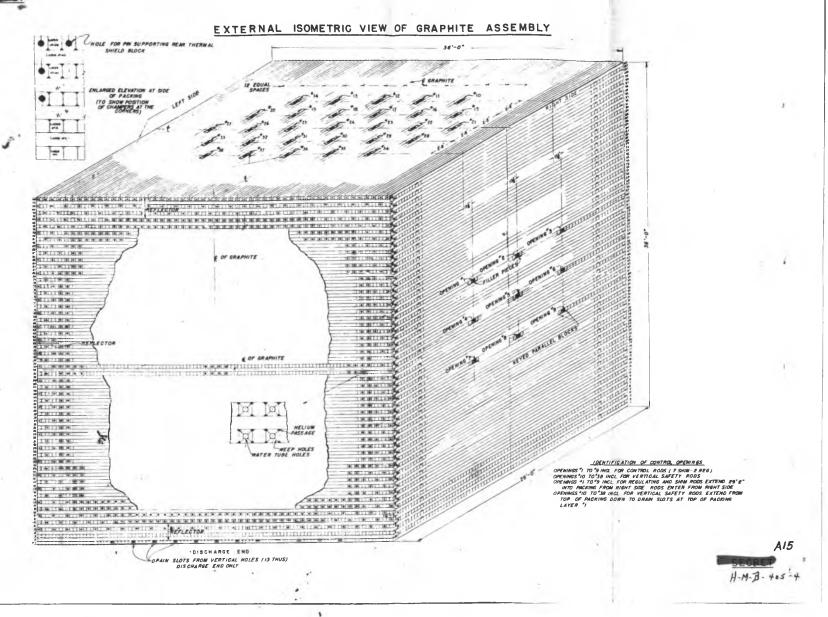
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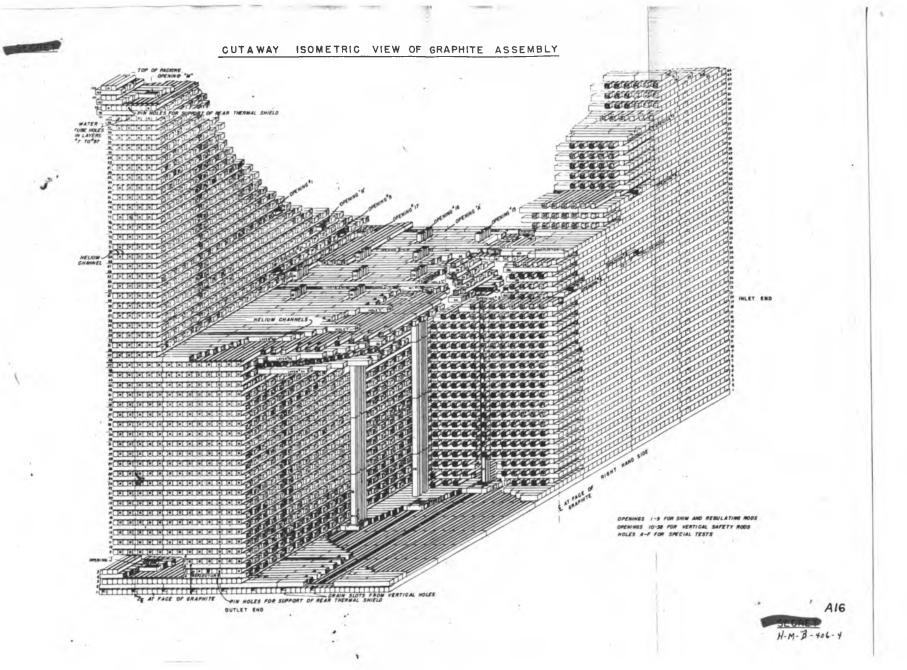


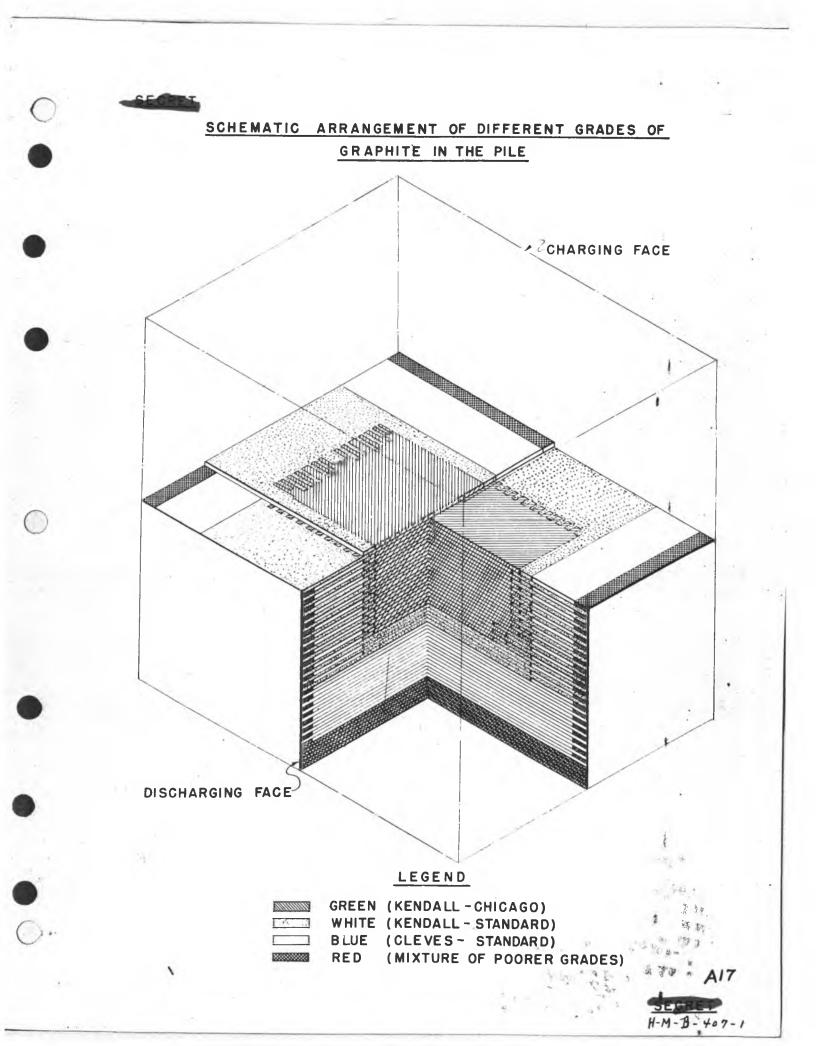
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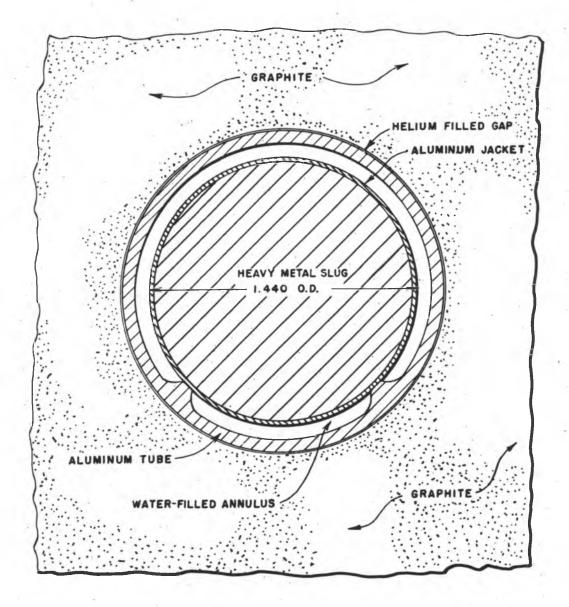




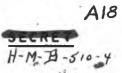


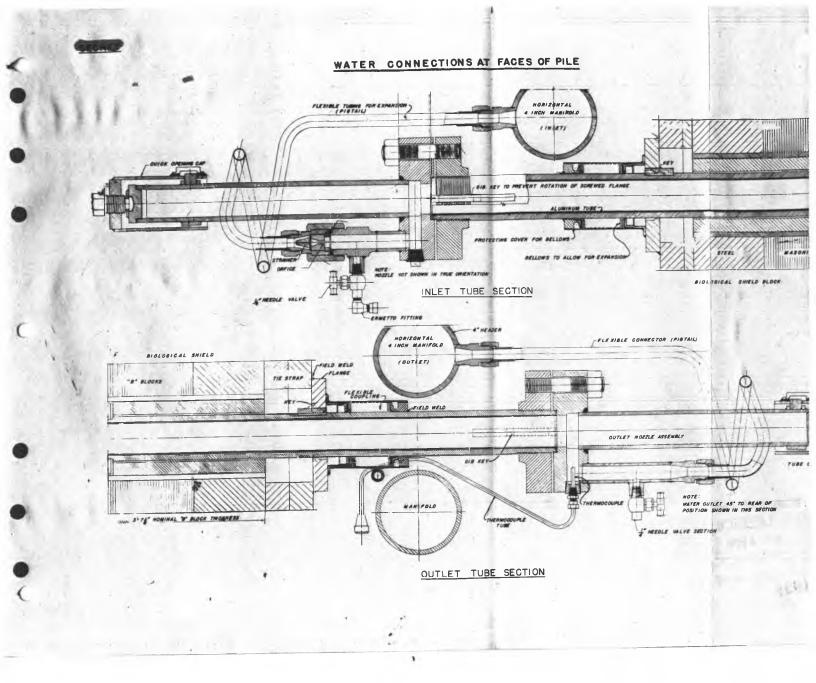


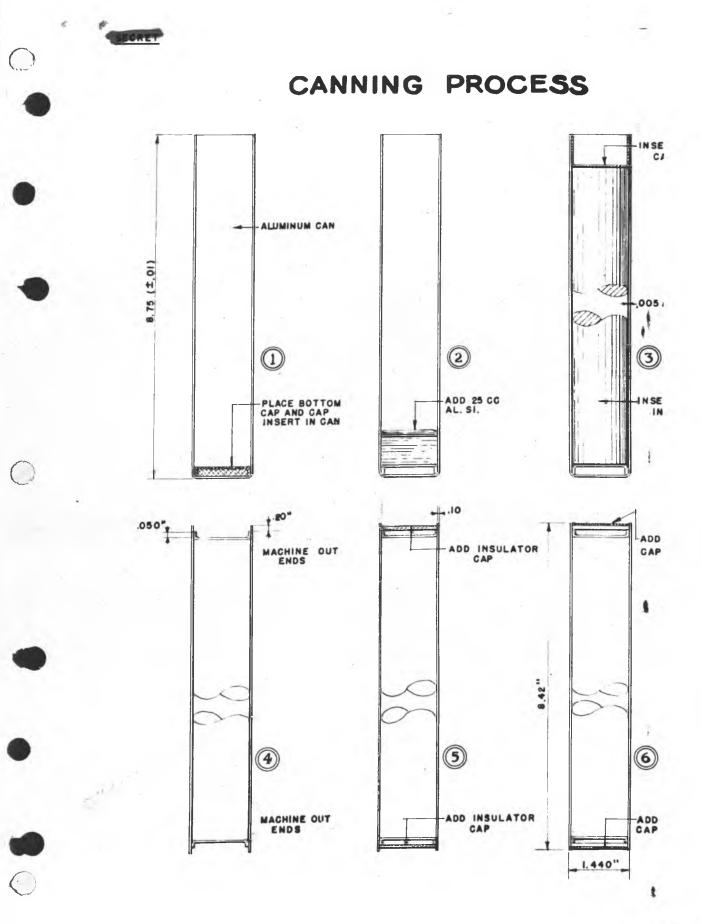
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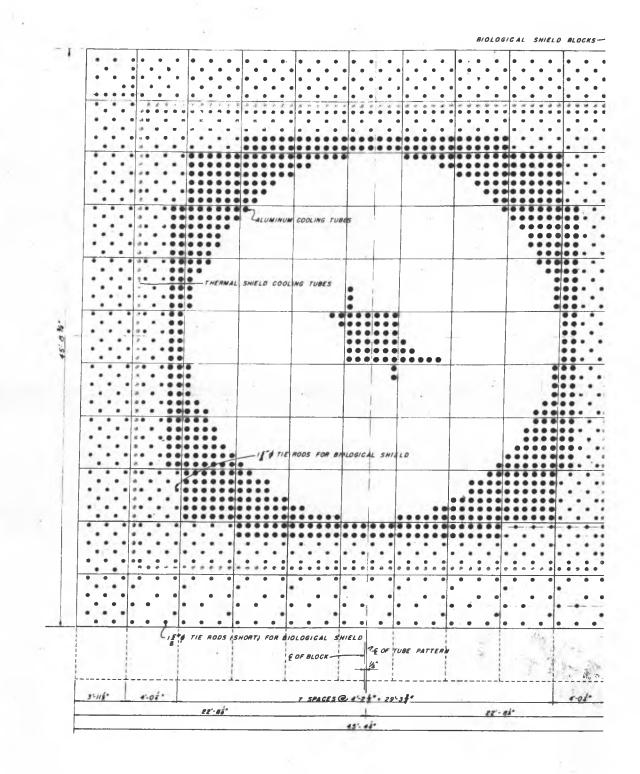




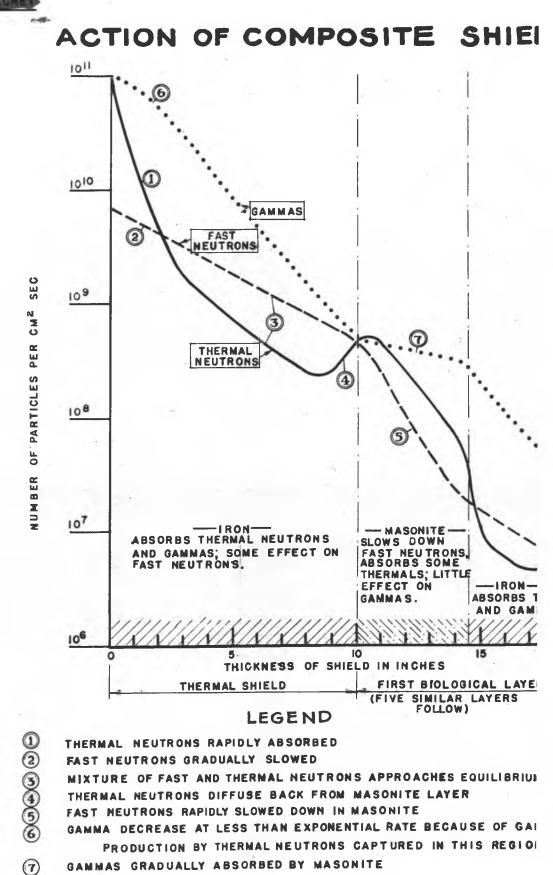


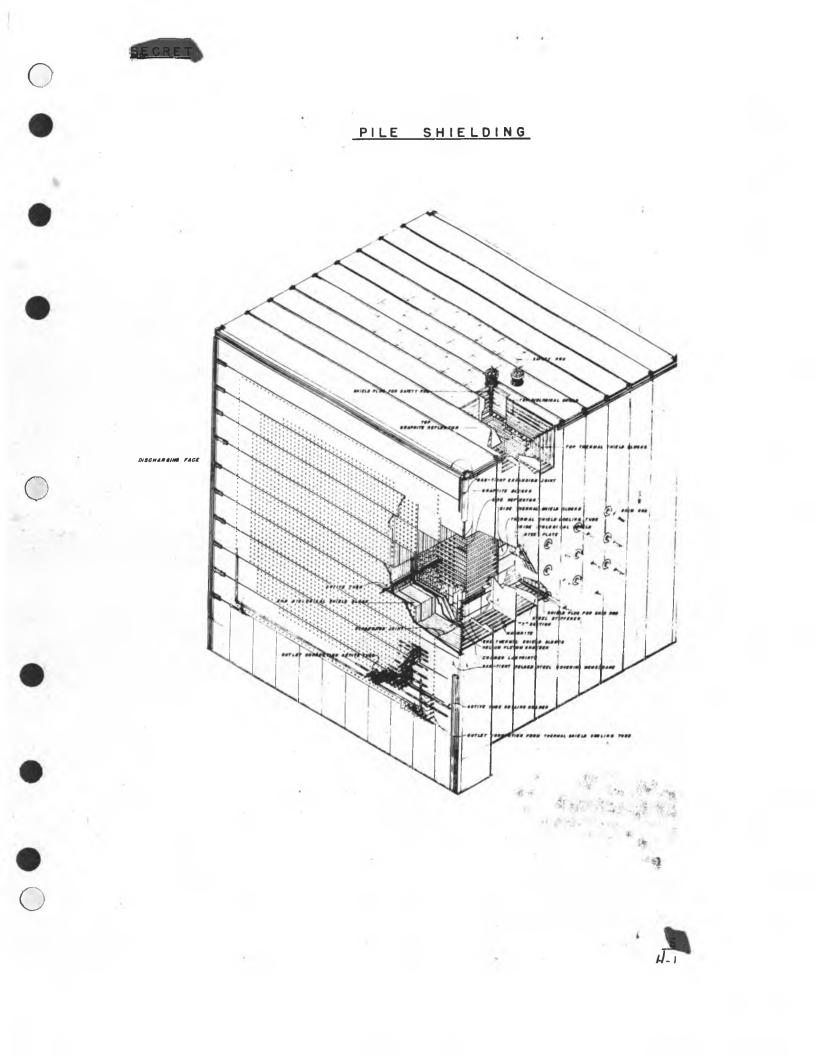


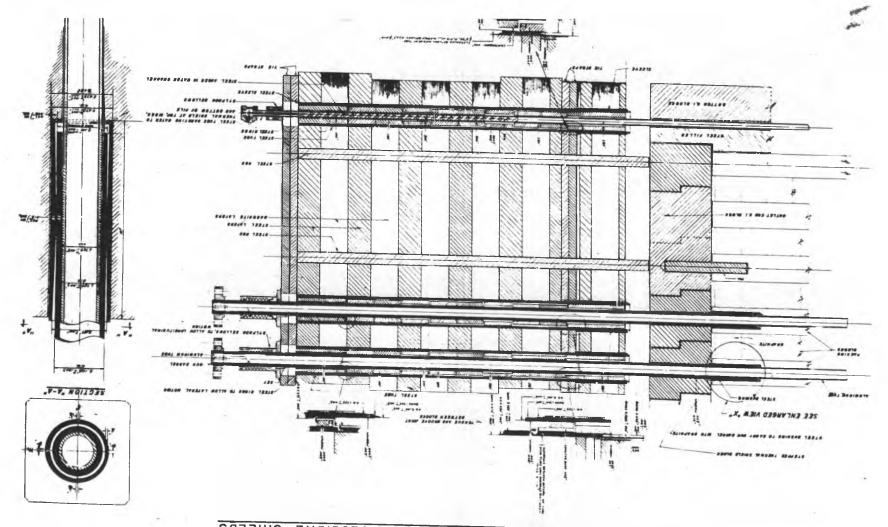
ARRANGEMENT OF TUBES & BIOLOGICAL SHIELD BLOCKS



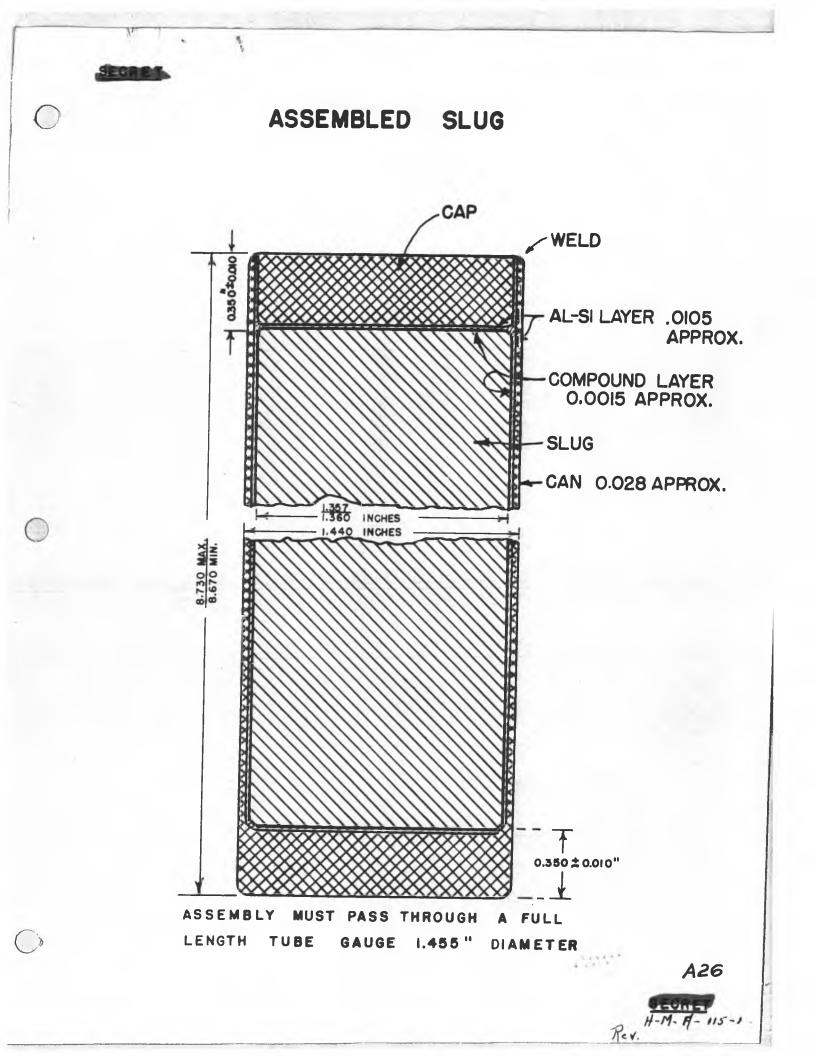
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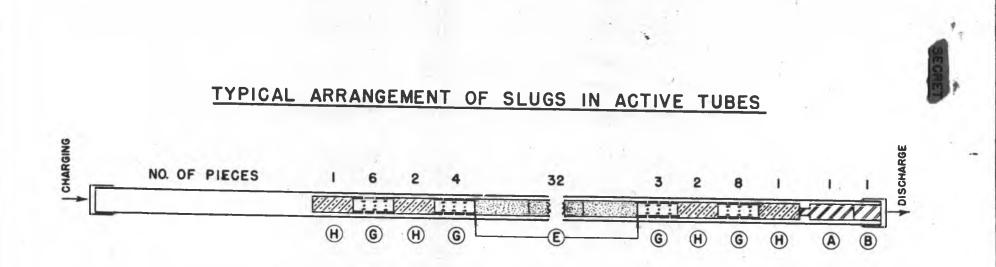


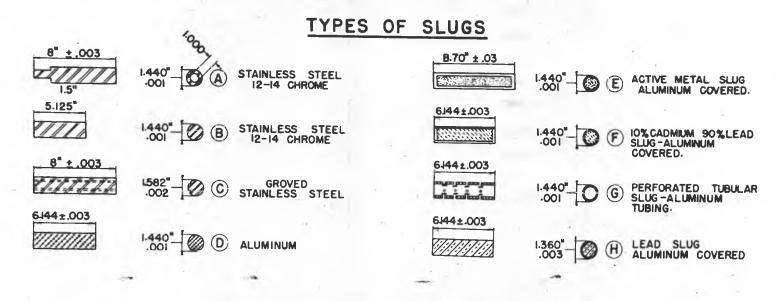




SECTIONAL VIEW OF THERMAL AND BIOLOGICAL SHIELDS



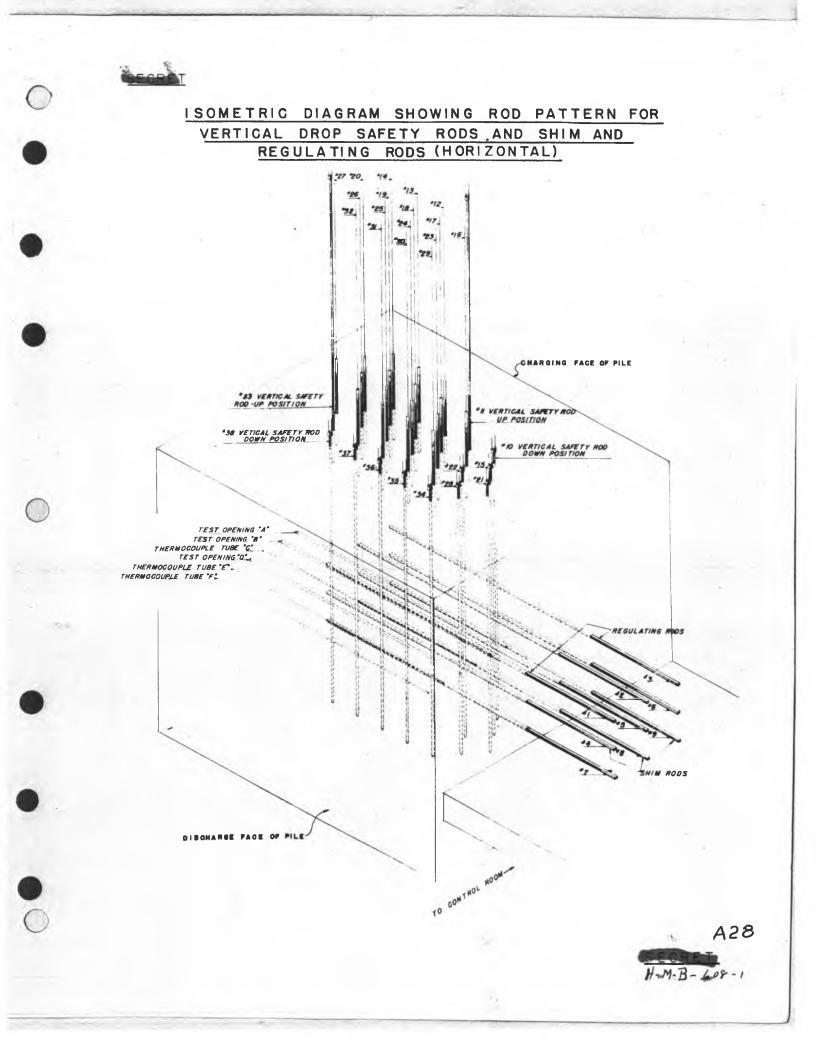


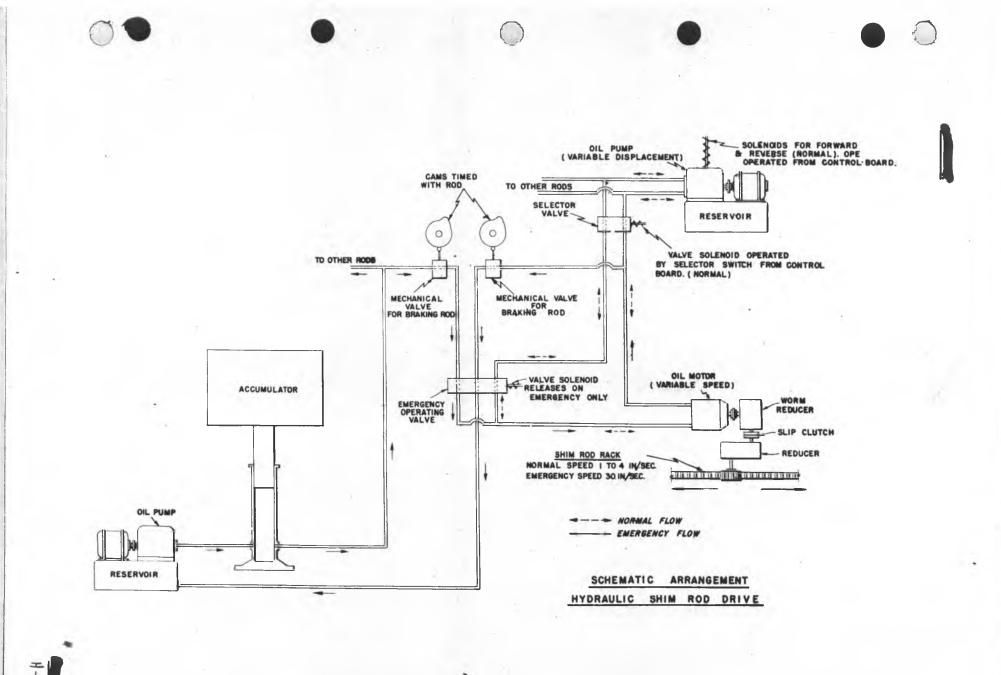


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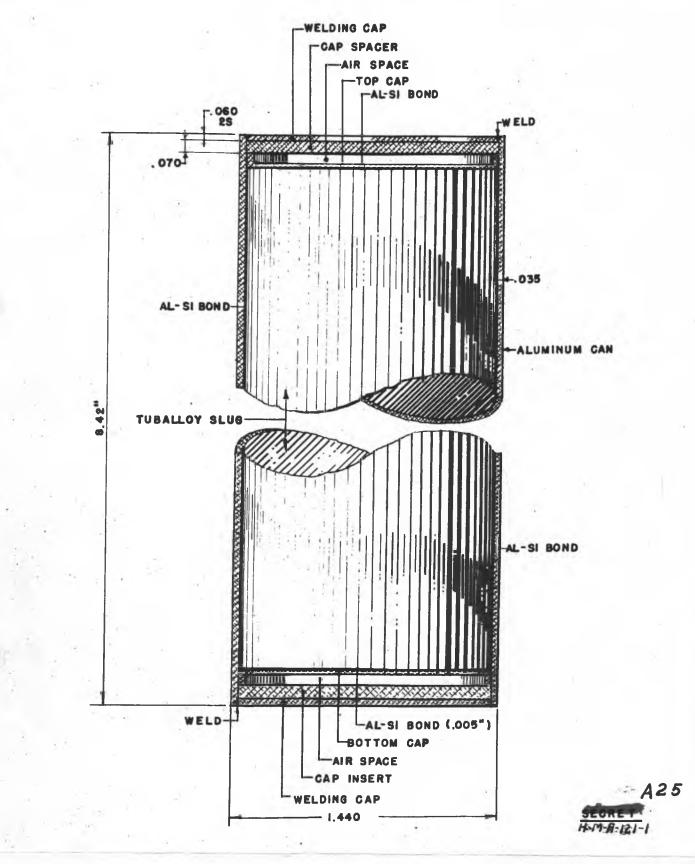
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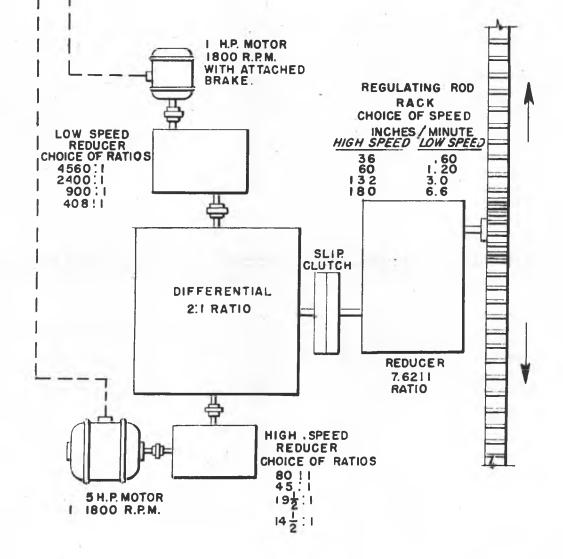
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TO CONTROL BOARD

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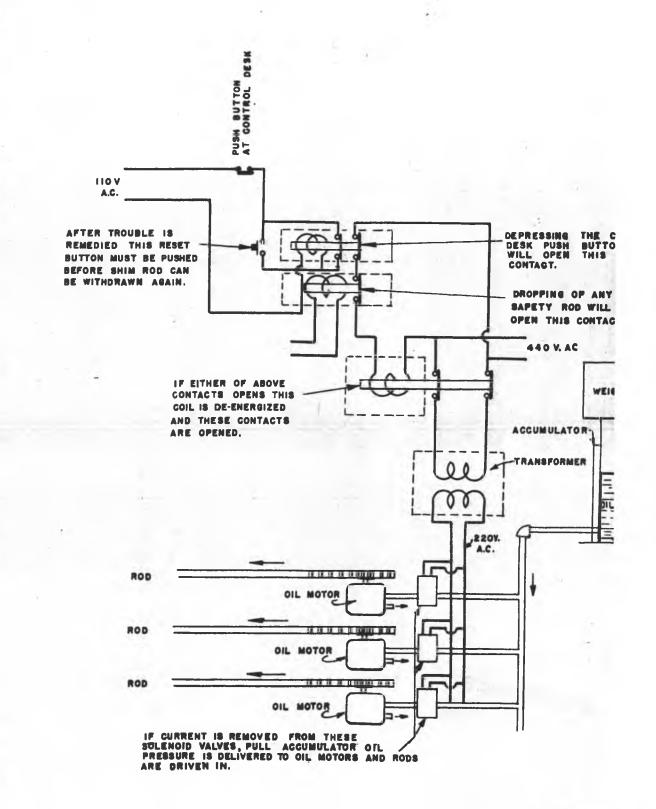
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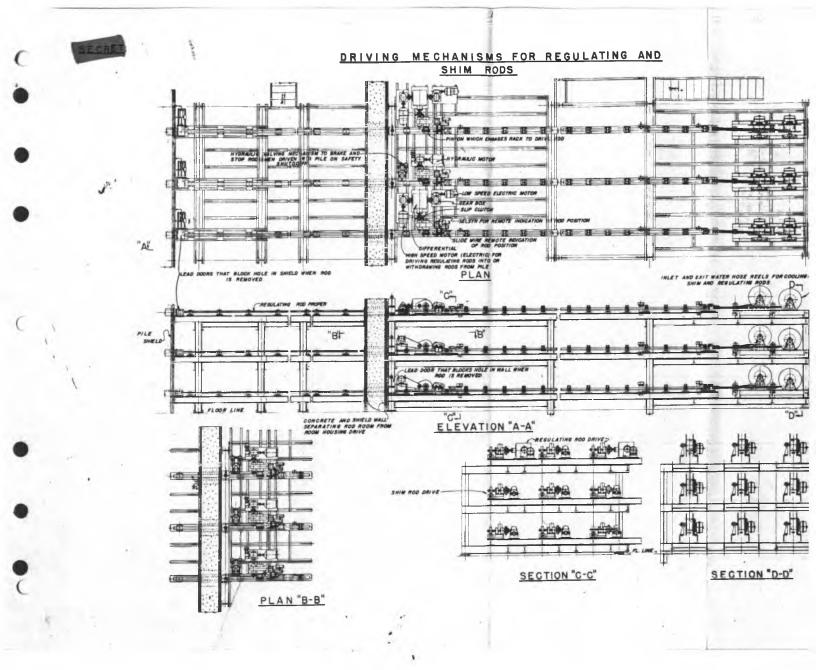
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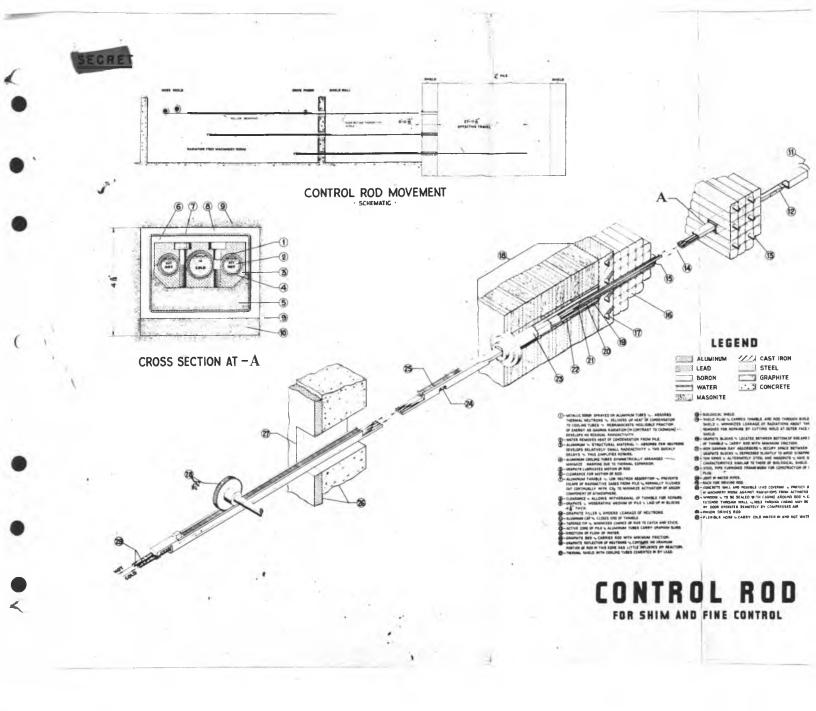
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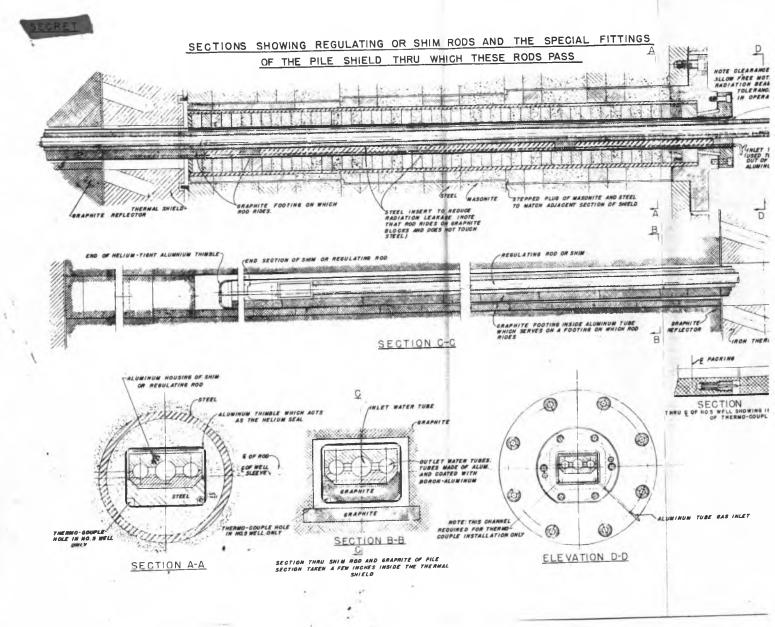




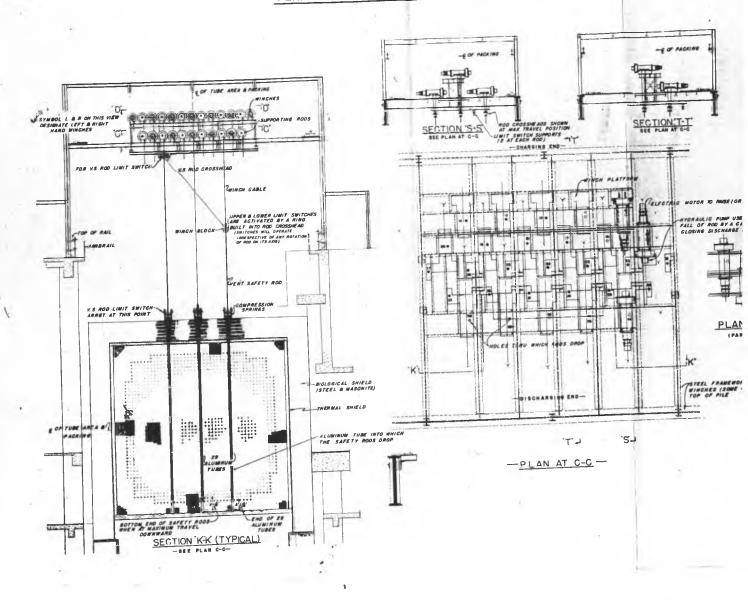


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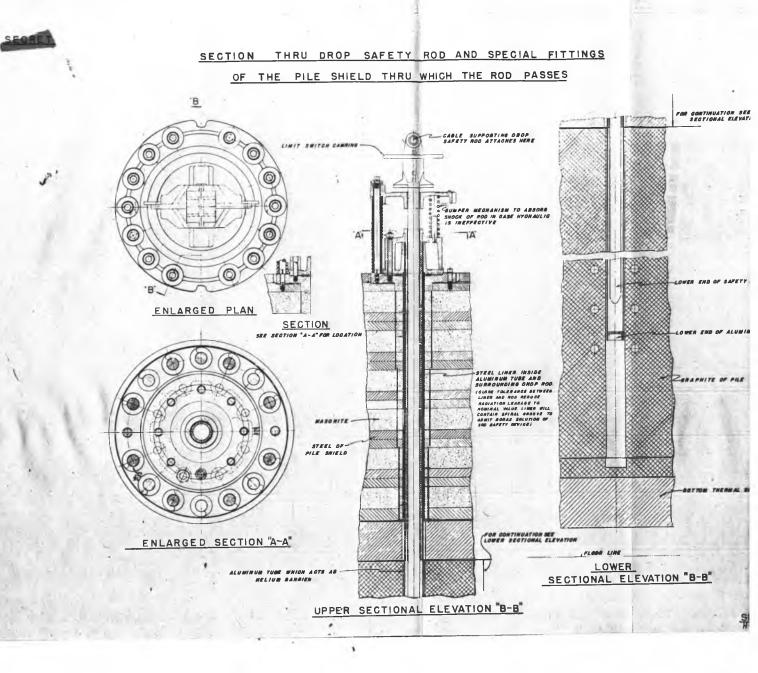


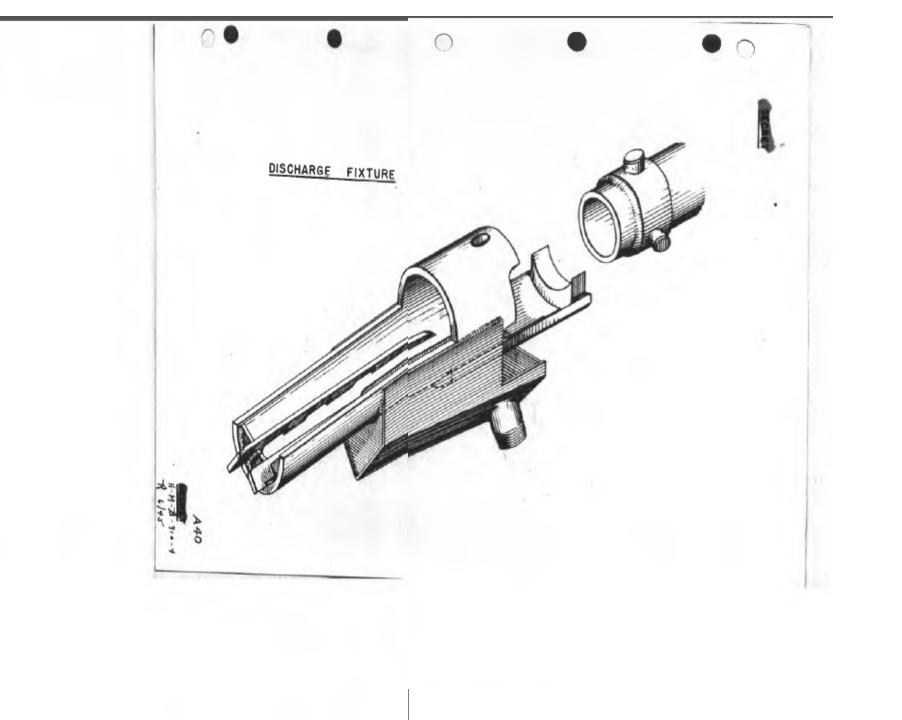


PLAN AND ELEVATION OF VERTICAL SAFETY RODS



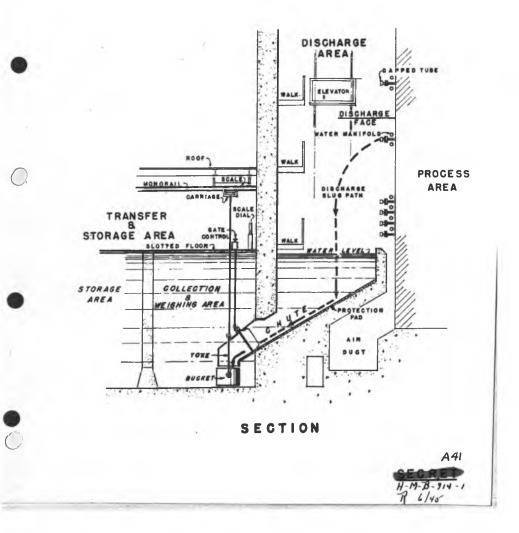
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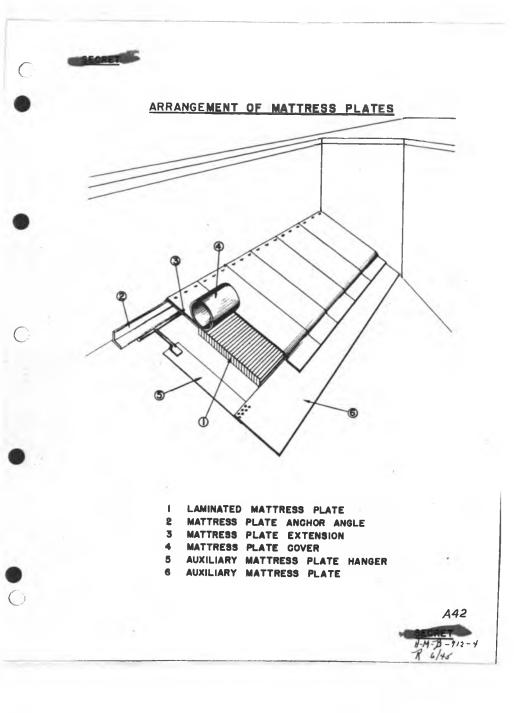


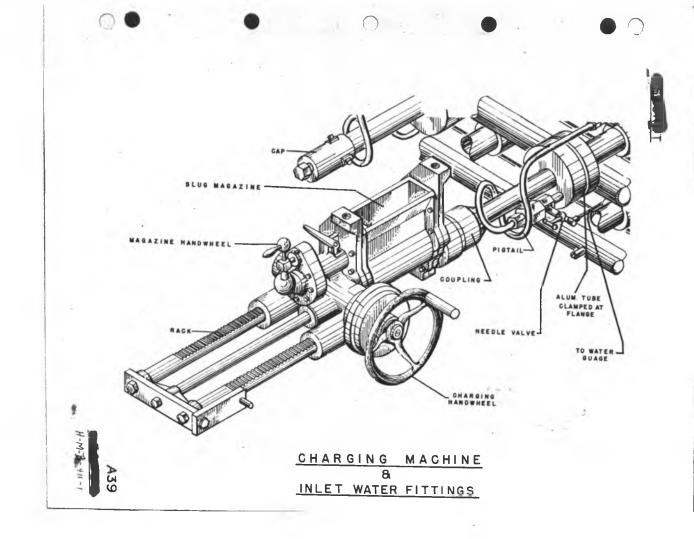


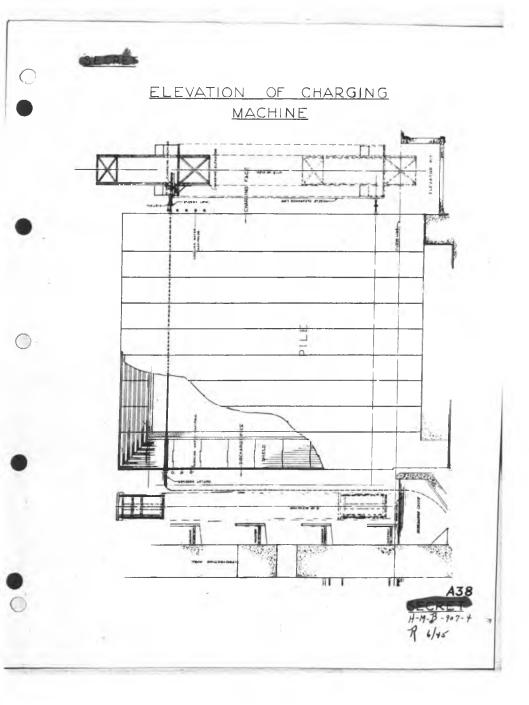


SLUG HANDLING AFTER PILE DISCHARGE

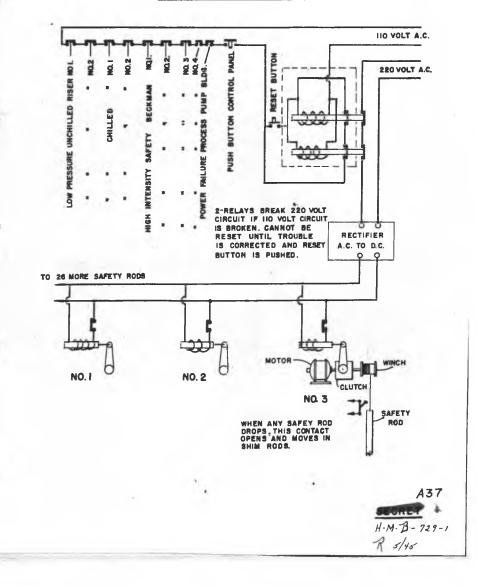








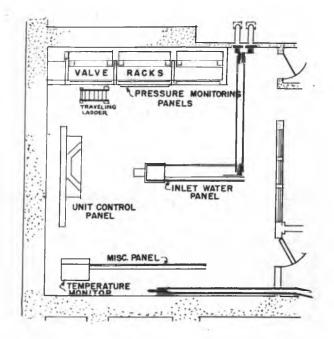
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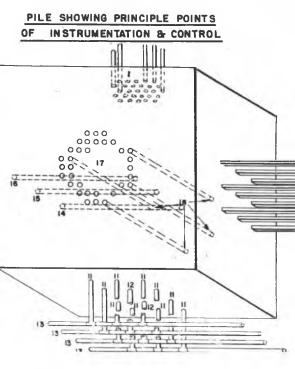
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MAIN CONTROL ROOM



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I- SAFETY RODS (29) DROPINTO PILE WHEN SAFETY CIRCUIT IS BROKEN.

2, & 4, REGULATING RODS ELEC. OPERATION.

3,5,6,7,8,9,8 IO - SHIM RODS HYDRAULIC OPERATION.

- 11- EIGHT INCH RISERS (10) THROUGH BOTTOM SHIELDING FOR ION CHAMBERS.
- 12. SIXTEEN INCH RISERS (2) THROUGH BOTTOM SHIELDING FOR ION CHAMBERS.
- 13. EIGHT INCH PIPES (4) CONTAINING ION CHAMBERS.

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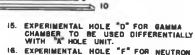
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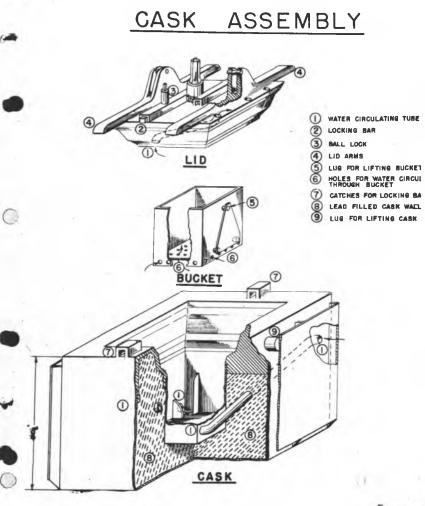
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- 16. EXPERIMENTAL HOLE "F" FOR NEUTRON THERMOPILE.
- 17. DISCHARGE END OF 2004 TUBES THERMOCOUPLE IN EACH TUBE.
- 18. CHARGING END OF 2004 TUBES-PRESSURE GAUGE CONNECTION FOR EACH TUBE.



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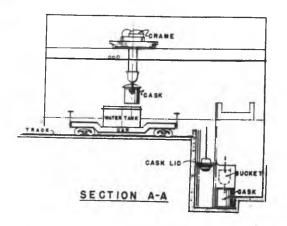
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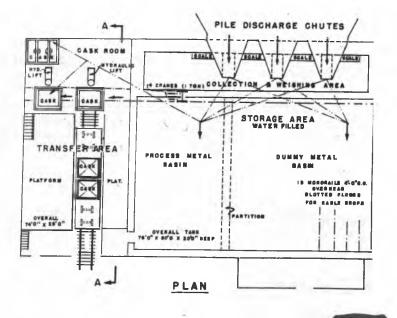
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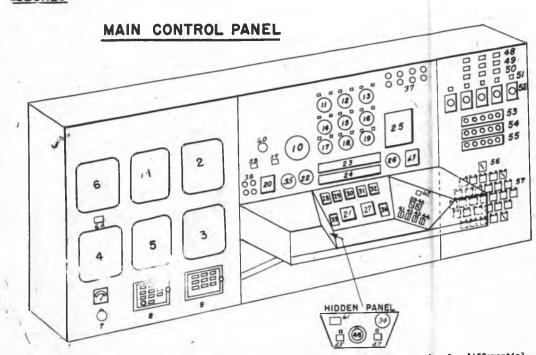
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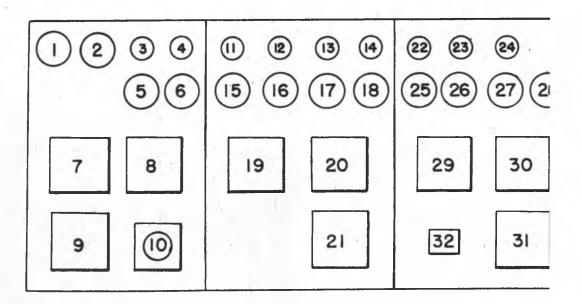
- 1) L&N recorder operated by Beckman micromicroammeter and neutron chamber under the pile, Beckman #2 2) LAN recorder operated by Beckman micro-
- microammeter and chamber monitoring water activity in the downcomer, Beckman #1
- 3) Multi-point L&N recorder operated by Betkman micro-microammeter and neutron chambers under the piles Beckmans 3 and 4
- 4-5) Blank panels Continuous single-point recorder recording 6)
- position of regulating rod in use Toggle switch for selecting regulating rod to be recorded at 6 6A)
- 7) Voltmeter and switch for measuring battery
- voltage in galvanometer system Switches to by-pass first "out" limit switches on shim rods
- 9) Nine switches for cutting the 9 Selsyns in and out of service

- 10) L&N circular chart recorder for differential power level indicator
- by the set of the set of the position of 7 shim and 2 reg. rods. Reg. rods are 11 and 1%. Green light over each Selsyn shows when rod is all in, red light shows when rod is all out 20) Range switch for differential power level
- indicator 21) Shunt for level galvanometer
- 22) Duplicate Selsyn for #1 regulating rod
- 23) Ground glass scale for level galvanometer 24) Ground glass scale for deviation galvanometer
- 25) Twenty-eight drop annunciator
 26) Duplicate Selsyn for #2 regulating rod
- 27) Shunt for deviation galvanometer
- 28) Indicating meter for Beckman #1 29) Indicating meter for Beckman #2
- Indicating meter for differential power 30)
- level indicator Indicating meter for Beckman #3 31)

- 32) Indicating meter for Beckman #4
- 33) Push button to drive in the 7 shim rod high speed. Can be locked down with b 34) Electric interval time
- 35) Electric clock with eveep second hand 36) Push button operating #1 safety circui
- be locked down with key 37) Alarm lights for discharge water monit
- 38) Indicating lights for doors into disclarea at 0', 10', 20', and 30' levels
 39) Switch to select regulating rod to be
- operated !
- 40) Duplicate of 59 for other control rod locked so only 1 rod at a time can be 41) Switch for high speed, low speed seleone regulating rod
- 42) Switch for direction selection of one 43) Switch for high speed, low speed sele
- other regulating rod 44) Switch for direction selection of oth
- regulating rod 45) Switch to move a shim rod in either d Green light above switch indicates if
- controlled by this switch is in opera
- 46) Ten-point selector switch for selection
 of the 7 shim rods is to be moved
 47) Duplicate of 45 for second hydraulic
- 48) Green lights show when accumulator le above normal operating height

- above normal operating height 49) Amber lights show when the accumulate are just below normal operating heigh 50) Red lights show when levels have drop point where the "low" annunciator fla 51) Five indicator lights show green when rod power, shim rod power, #1 reg. rc #2 reg. rod power, and instrument pow
- 52) Keys for locking power off, on the ab systems
- 53,54855) Fifteen key by-pass switches for passing various safety circuits as ne during repairs and maintenance
- 56) Control for withdrawing or lowering : rods individually or in groups, deper upon setting of individual rod contre 57) Controls for tripping 29 safety rods
- ually. Green light above each control indicates when rod is in, and red li
- when rod is out 58,59) Switches to turn on shim rod oil 1 60) Selector switch to put "A" hole neutr chamber on either #2 Beckman or the galvanometer
- 61) Switch to operate both shim rod pump taneously to drive rods at twice nor
- 62) Reset button for alarm lights (37)





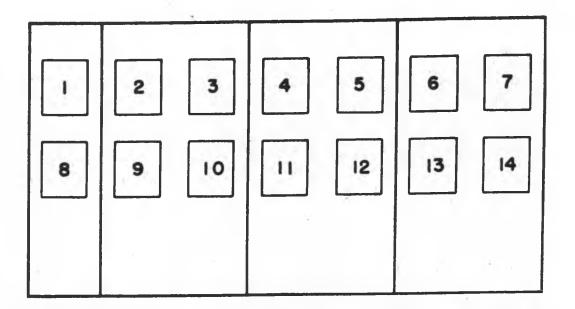
- 1) Helium exit pressure
- 2) Helium inlet pressure
- 3) #1 regulating rod exit water pressure
- 4) #2 regulating rod exit water pressure
- 5) #1 regulating rod exit water temp.
- 6) #2 regulating rod exit water temp.
- 7) Four-point recorder for:
 - a) % air in helium 0-100%
 - b) % air in helium 0-2%
 - c) % H₂O in helium at pile exit
 - d) % H2O in helium at sample
 - point 0-1%
- 8) Two-point recorder for:
 a) helium temperature into pile
 b) helium temperature out of pile
- 9) Two-point recorder,
- helium inlet and exit activity 10) Recording flowmeter,
- helium circulation rate into pile
- 11) #3 shim rod exit water pressure
- 12) #4 shim rod exit water pressure
- 13) #5 shim rod exit water pressure
- 14) #6 shim rod exit water pressure

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 17) #5 shim rod exit water t
- 18) #6 shim rod exit water t
- 19) Four-point recorder, exi
- temp. of rods #1, #2, an
- 20) Four-point recorder, exi temp. of rods #4, #5, and
- 21) Four-point recorder, miscellaneous exit water
- 22) #7 shim rod exit water p:
- 23) #8 shim rod exit water p
- 24) #9 shim rod exit water p
- 25) #7 shim rod exit water to
- 26) #8 shim rod exit water to
- 27) #9 shim rod exit water to
- 28) Pile exit water pressure
- 29) Four-point recorder, exit temp. of rods #7, #8, and
- 30) Indicating temp. potentic and 32 DPDT toggle switch
- 31) Four-point temperature re controlled from 30
- 32) Selector switch for "B" & thermocouples



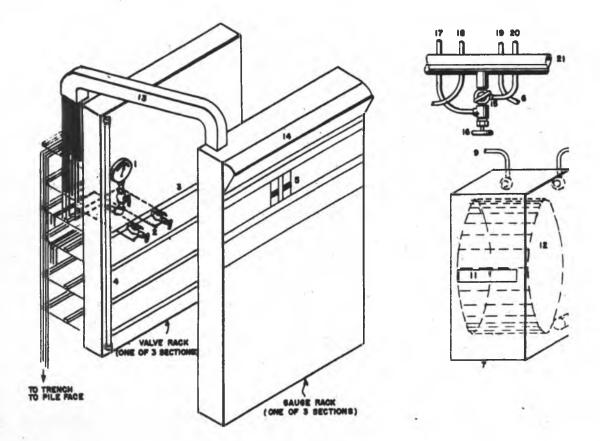


INSTRUMENT MONITORING ROOM PANEL



- 1) Recorder For pH Of Waste Water Entering River
- 2) Recorder For Intermediate Retention Basin Monitor
- Fecorder For Inlet Retention Basin Monitor
 Recorder Of Radiation Intensity 20' Far Side Discharge Area
- 5) Recorder For Stack Air Monitor
- 6) Recorder Integron Dosage Measurement
- 7) Recorder Integron Dosage Measurement
- 8) Recorder Of Radiation Intensity Top Of Pile And Transfer Area
- 9) Recorder Of Gamma Activity Of Retention Basin Exit Water
- 10) Recorder Of Beta Activity Of Retention Basin Exit Water
- 11) Recorder Of Rediation Intensity 0', 10', 20', 30' Near Side Discharge Area
- 12) Recorder For Exhaust Air Monitor
- 13) Recorder For Integron Dosage Measurement
- 14) Recorder For Integron Dosage Measurement

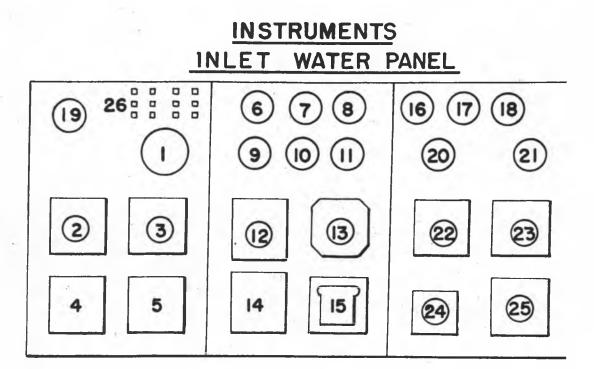
VALVE RACK AND GAUGE BOARD



- 1) Master gauge
- 2) Valve assembly, one for each tube and individual Panellit gauge
- 3) Horizontal gauge header
- 4) Master gauge riser connecting all horizontal gauge headers
- 5) Individual Panellit gauge, one for each tube
- 6) Detail of valve assembly
- 7) Detail of Panellit gauge
- 889) Series relay connections
- 10) Pressure connection
- 11) Transparent slot
- 12) Rotating pressure indicating element. Shows white at normal pressure, red on low pressure, and green on high pressure
- 13) Conduit for 3/16 outside diameter copper tubes to pressure gauge
- 14) Indicating lights
- 15) Two-way valve, connects Panellit gauge to either master gauge, or to tube pressure connection
- 16) Needle valve to shut off individual Panellit gauge as necessary
- 17) Line to Panellit gauge
- 18) Line from next valve on left to its corresponding tube
- 19) Line from next valve on right to its corresponding Panellit gaug
- 20) Line from tube at pile face
- 21) Header to master gauge



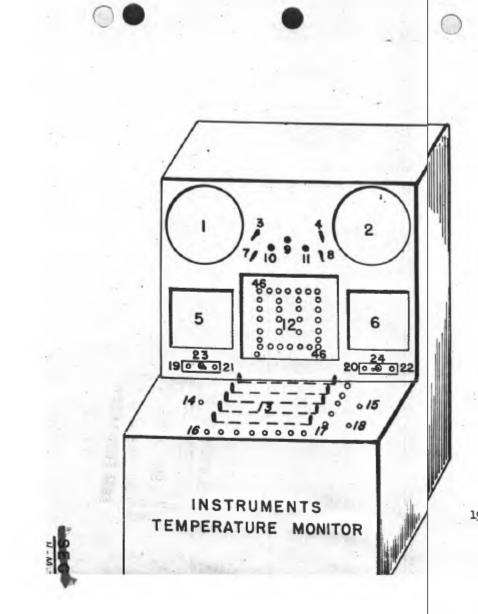




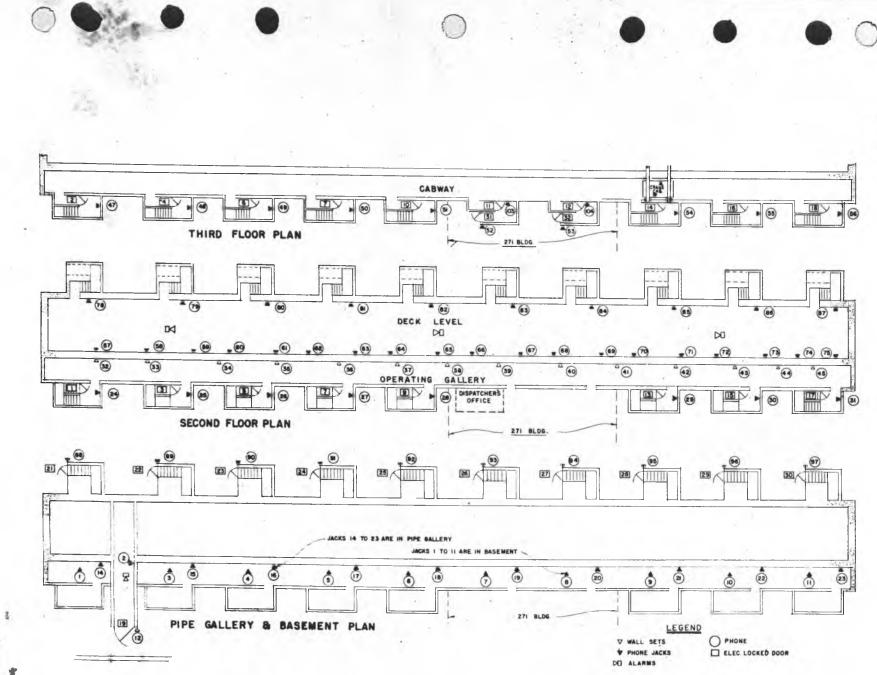
- 1) Water pressure, left-hand unchilled 20" riser
- 2) Total flow, rate of heat transfer (kw.), and temperature difference, recorder
- 3) Flow and temperature recorder, left-hand unchilled 20" riser
- 4) Kilowatt calculator (blank door)
- 5) Flow converter (blank door)
- 6) Main steam pressure
- 7) Stand-by filtered water pressure
- Stand-by raw water pressure, valve pit
- 9) Water pressure, left-hand chilled 20" riser
- 10) Water pressure, chilled header at valve pit
- 11) Water pressure, unchilled header at valve pit
- 12) Flow and temperature recorder, left-hand chilled 20" riser
- 13) Two-pen pressure recorder, chilled and unchilled headers at valve pit
- 14) Temperature differential converter (blank door)

- 15) Two-point temperature recor temperature each side of va in by-pass between chilled unchilled headers
- 16) Water pressure, left-hand h tank
- 17) Water pressure, right-hand tank
- 18) Inlet water pressure, therma shield
- 19) Instrument air pressure
- 20) Water pressure, right-hand chilled 20" riser
- 21) Water pressure, right-hand unchilled 20" riser
- 22) Flow and temperature records right-hand chilled 20" rises
- 23) Flow and temperature recorder right-hand unchilled 20" ris
- 24) Two-point recorder, high tar levels
- 25) Flow recorder, water to the shield
- 26) Storage tank leel indicating lights





- 1&2) L&N single-point recorders
- 3&4) Retractable plugs for L&N recorders, 1 and 2 respectively
- 5&6) Brown high speed recorders
- 7&8) Retractable plugs for Brown recorders, 5 and 6 respectively
 - 9) Jack for monitoring 2004 tubes
- 10) Jack for monitoring 1002 tubes
- 11) Jack for monitoring other 1002 tubes
- Jack board containing a jack for each individual tube
- 13) Five rows of 40 plugs each for plugging into 200 or less jacks on 12
- 4&15) Jacks for plugging recorder into 200 tube system
 - 16) Forty indicator lights
 - 17) Row skip switches
 - 18) 200-point repeat switch
- 19&20) Monitor starting switches
 - 21) Row selector switch -- rows 01-23
 - 22) Row selector switch -- rows 24-46



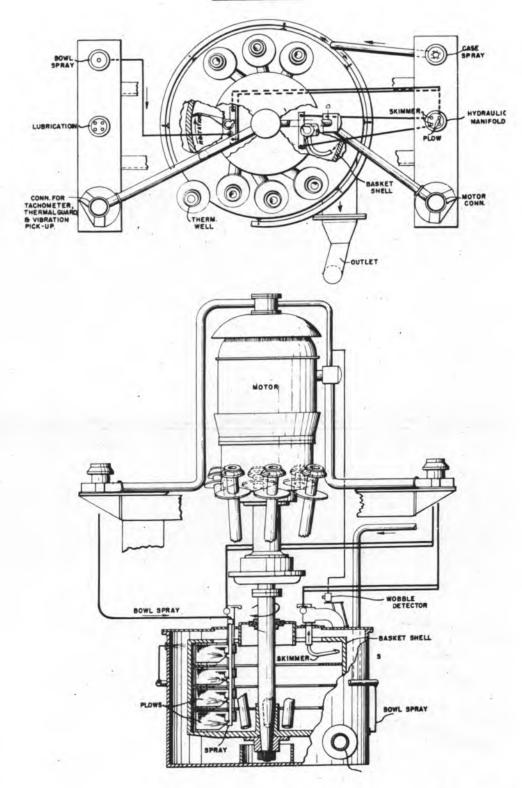
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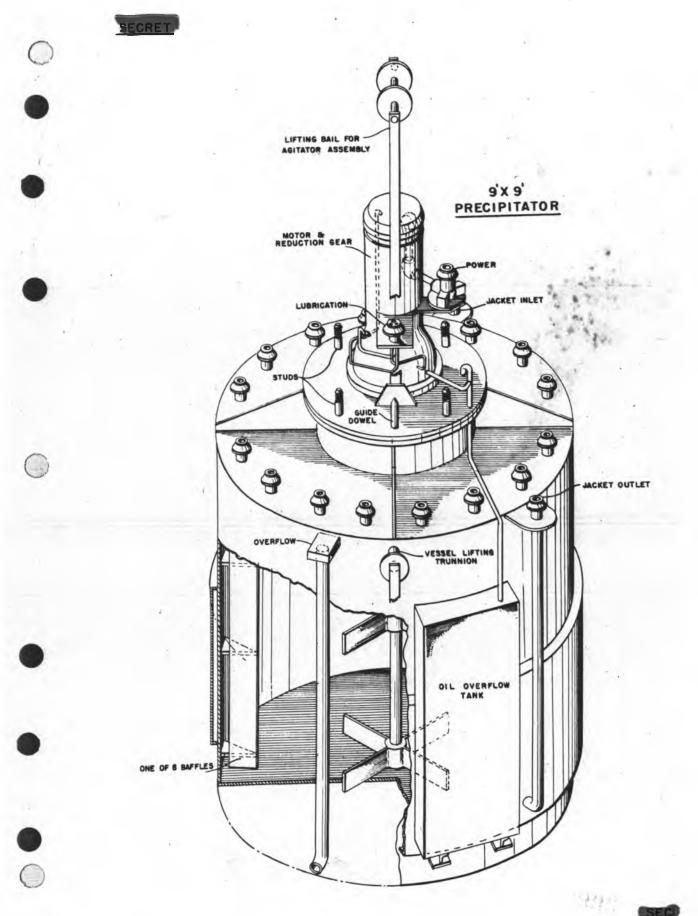
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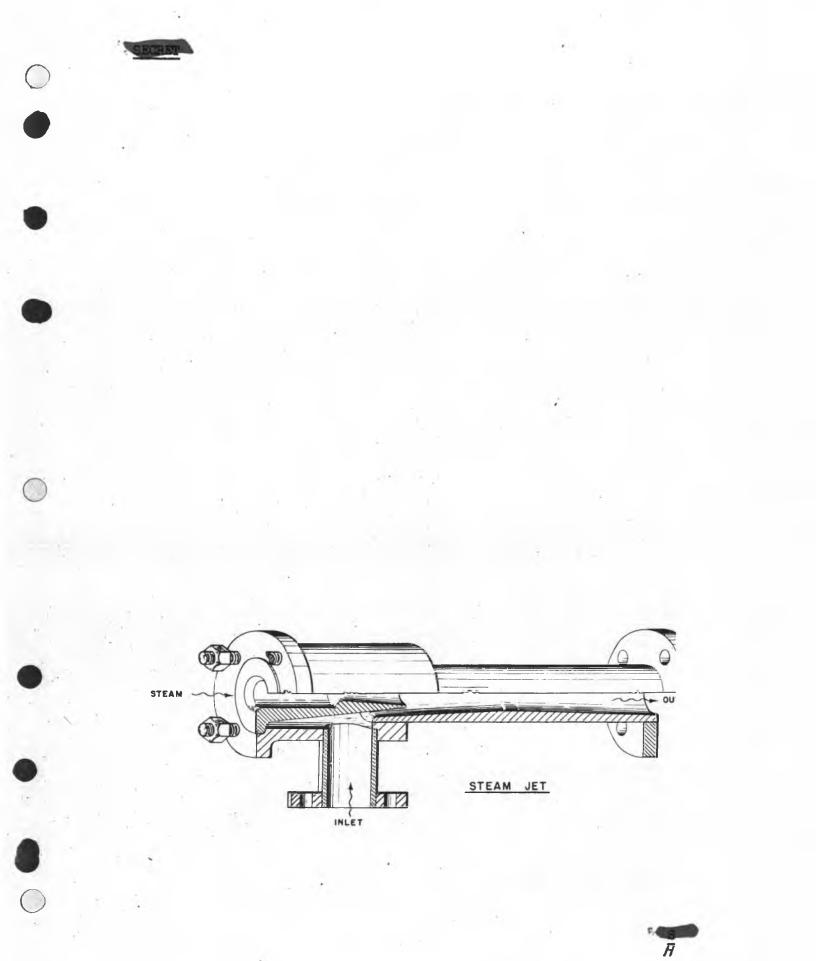
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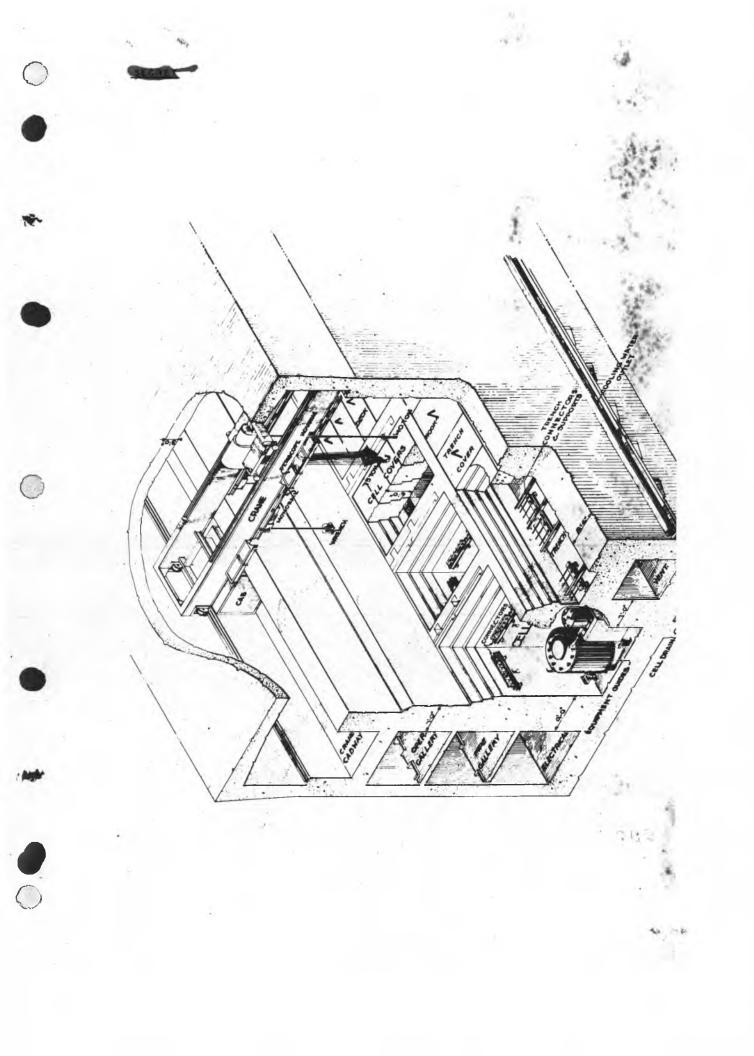


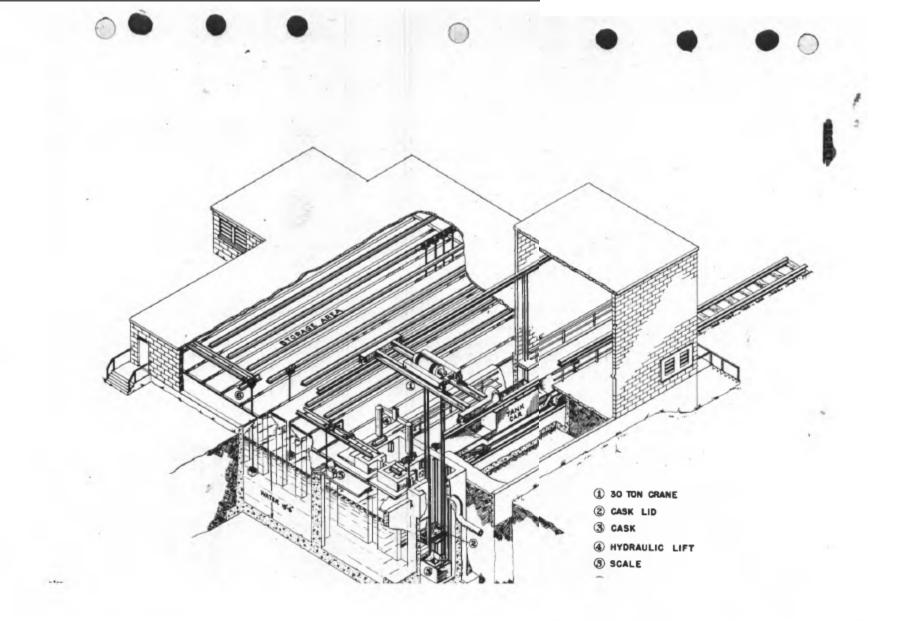
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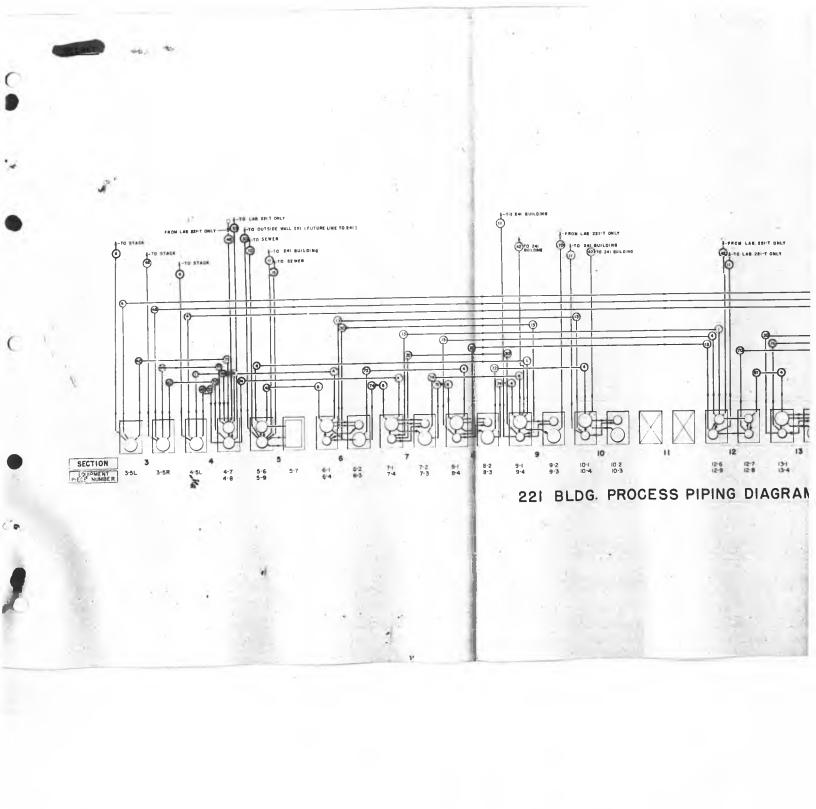


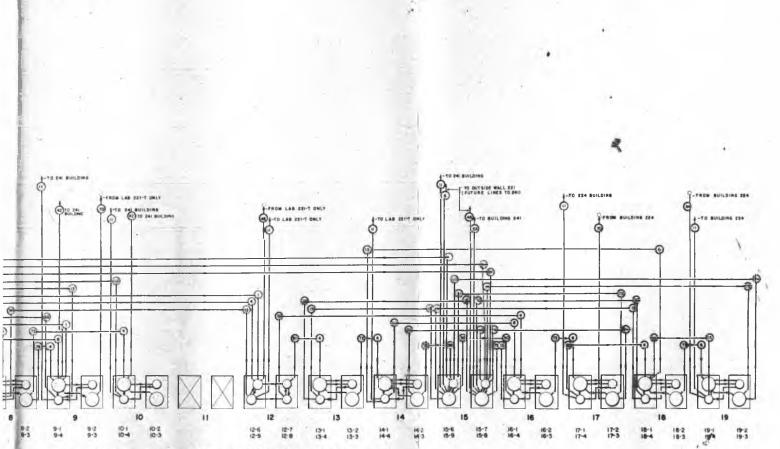
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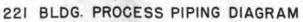






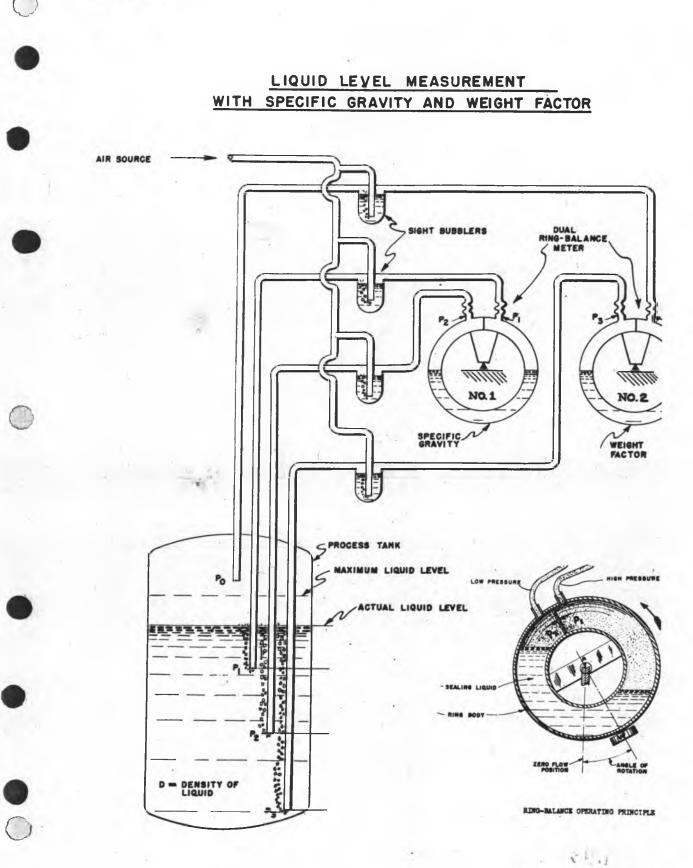






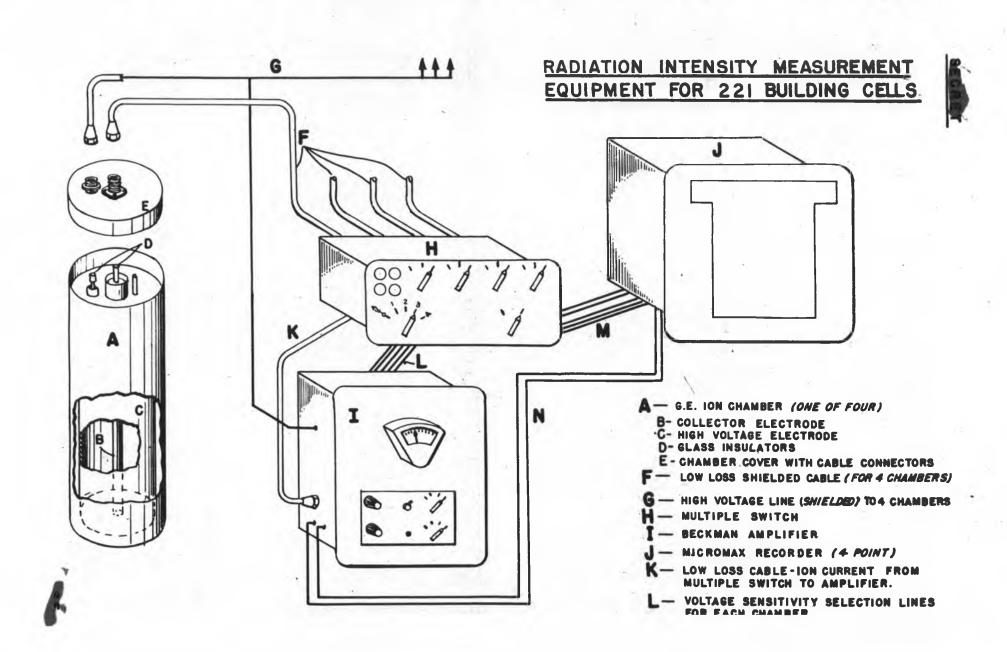
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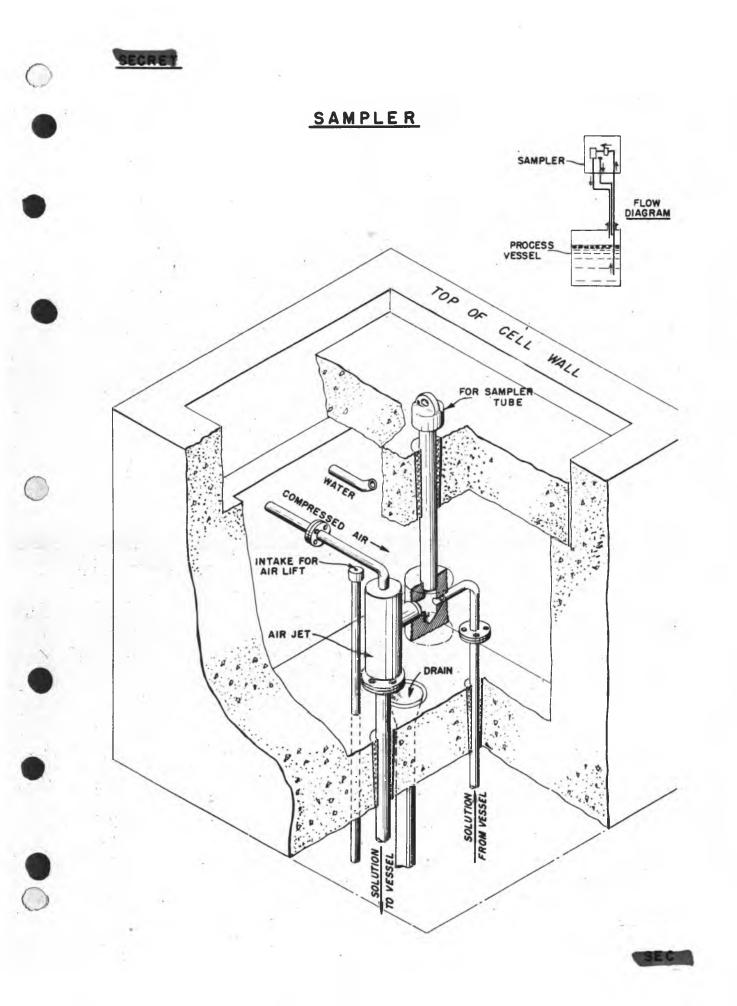
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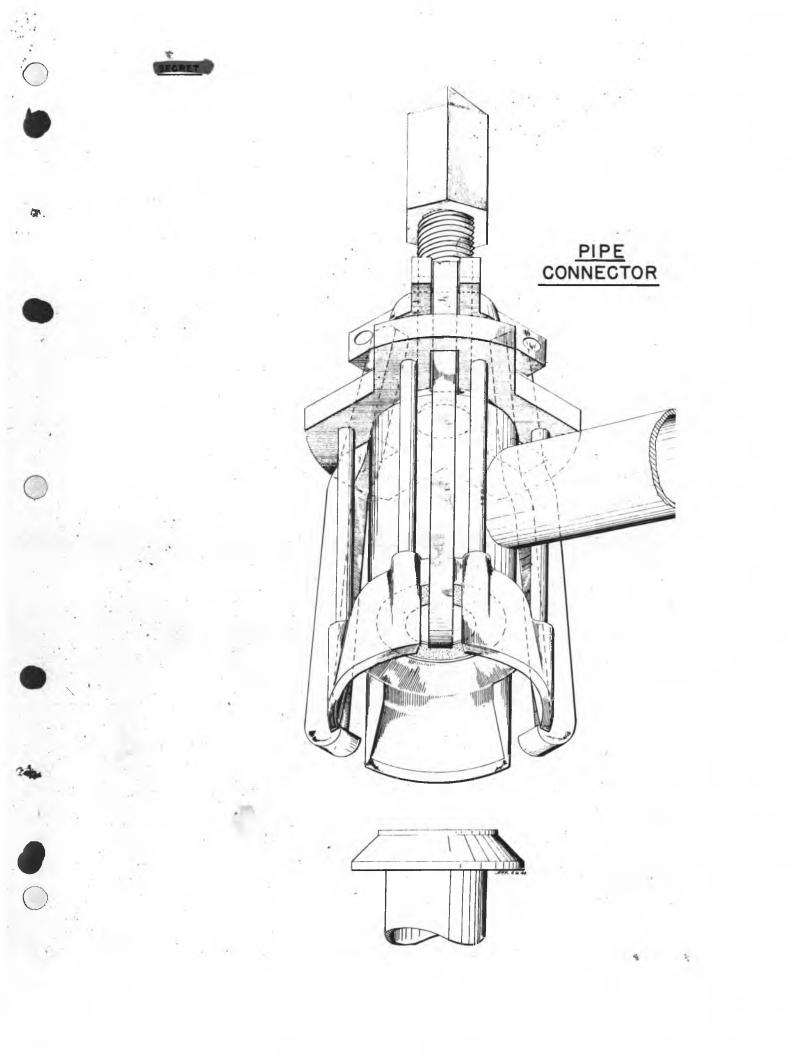


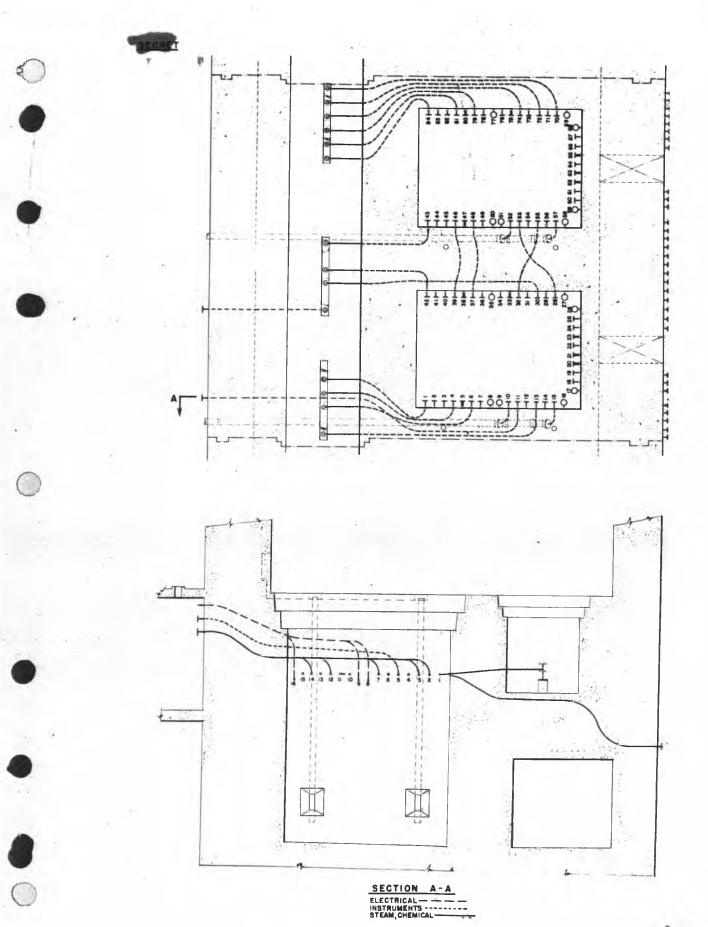
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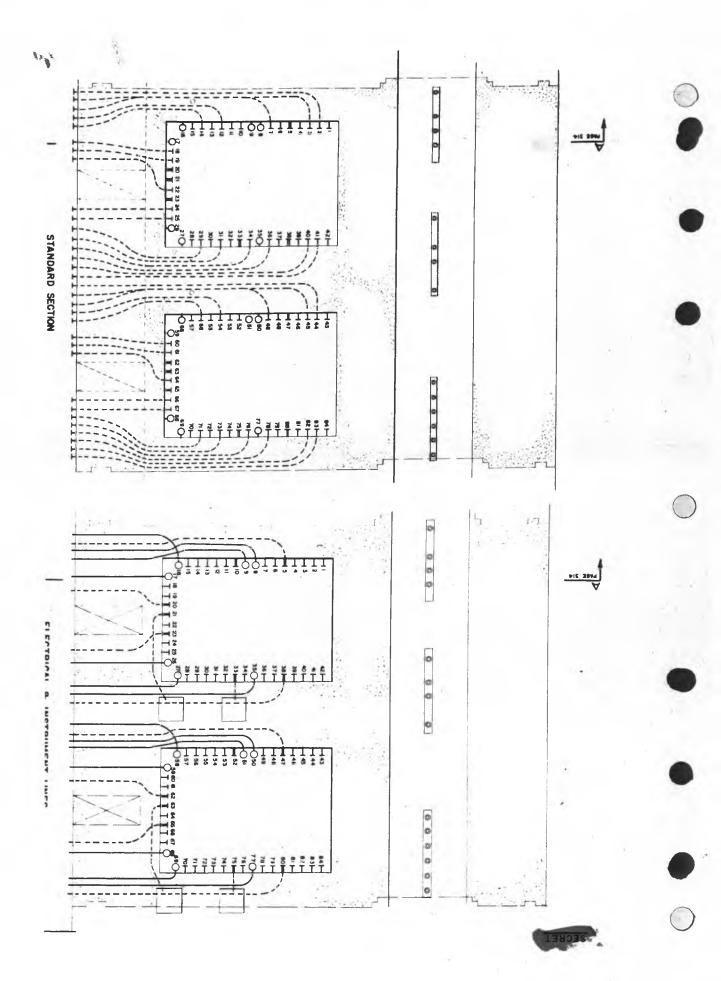


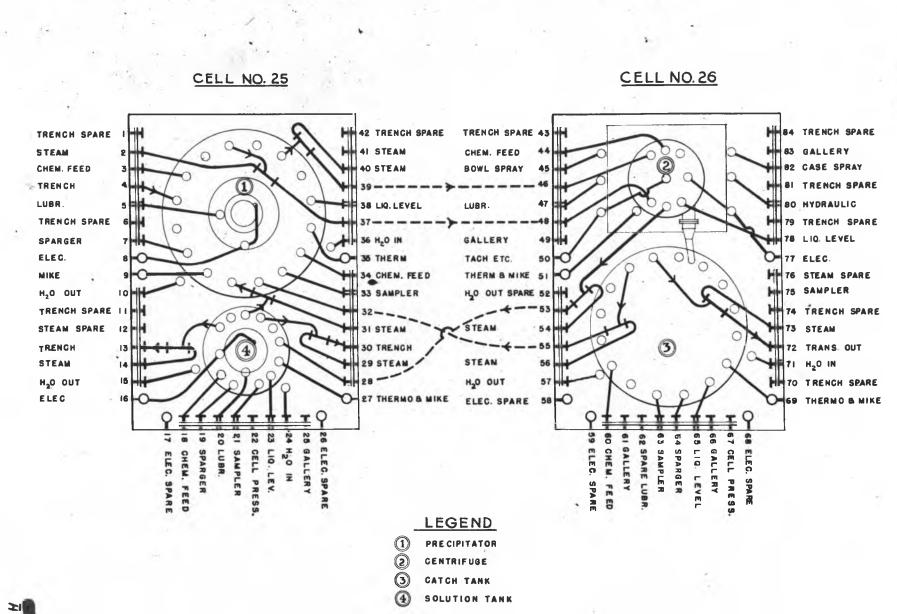






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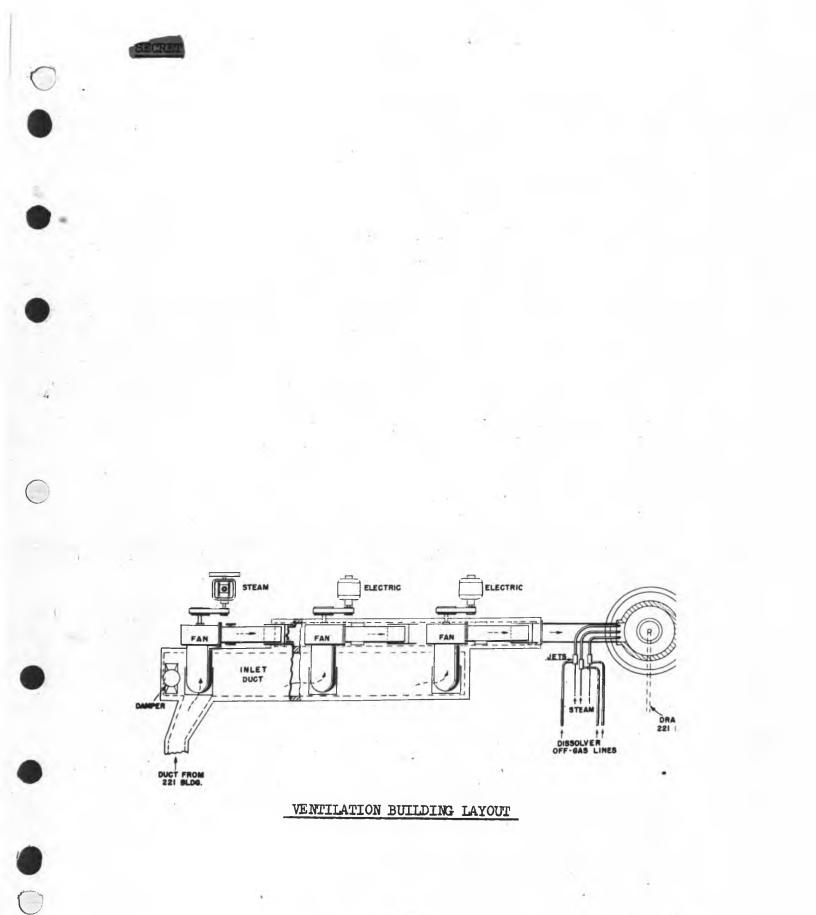
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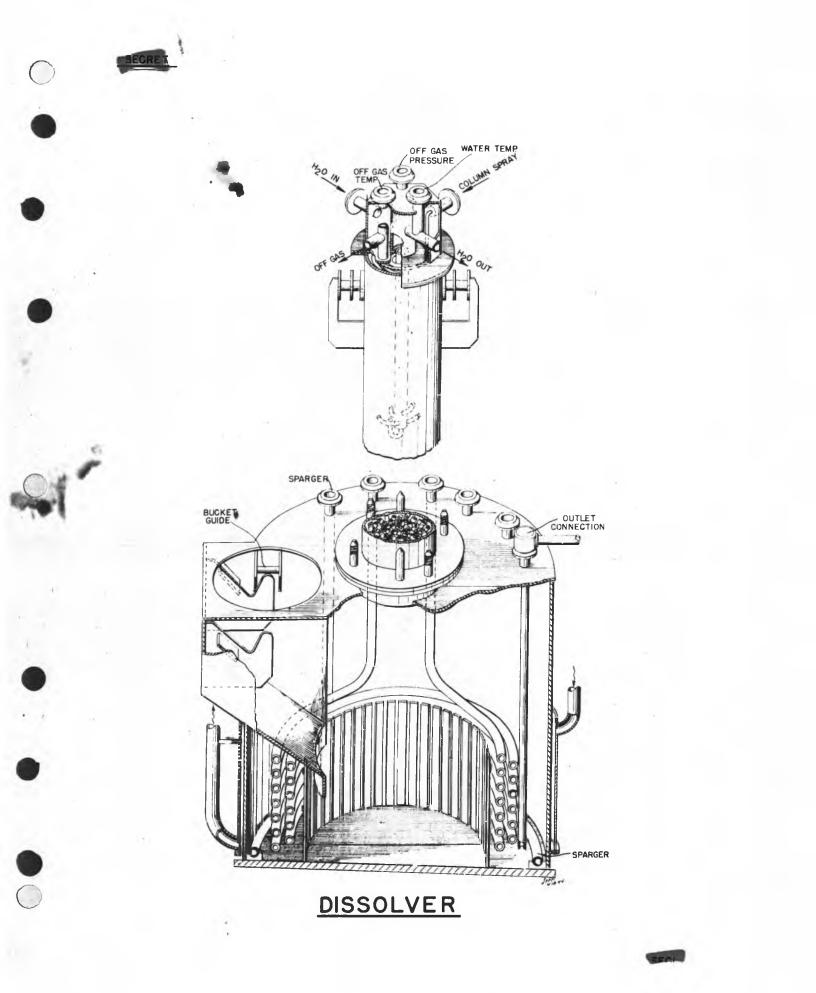
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2	3	Railroad tunnel for tringing in metal
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3	5 & 6	Coating removal, metal dissolving and reduc
4	7	Coating removal, metal dissolving and reduct
4	8	Metal solution storage
5	9	Sewage disposal, holding tanks
5	10	Sewage disposal, sewer cell
6	11 & 12	Spare. May be used for a ty-product precipitation before extraction
7	13 & 14	Extraction
8	15 & 16	Extraction (spare)
9	17 & 18	Treatment of waste metal solution
10	19 & 20	Treatment of waste metal solution (spare)
11	21 & 22	Spare, unequipped
12	23 & 24	Storage and oxidation of metal solution
13	25 & 26	First decontamination cycle, by-product precipitation
14	27 & 28	First decontamination cycle, product precipitation
15	29 & 30	Treatment of decontamination wastes
16	31 & 32	Second decontamination cycle
17	33 & 34	Second decontamination cycle
18 & 19	35, 36, 37 & 38	Third decontamination cycle (spare)
20	39 & 40	Spare, unequipped

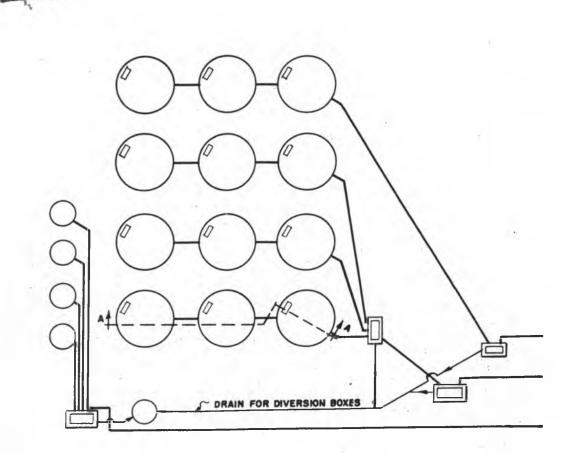
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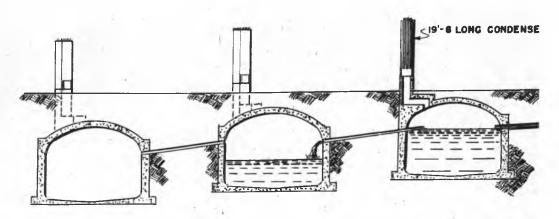




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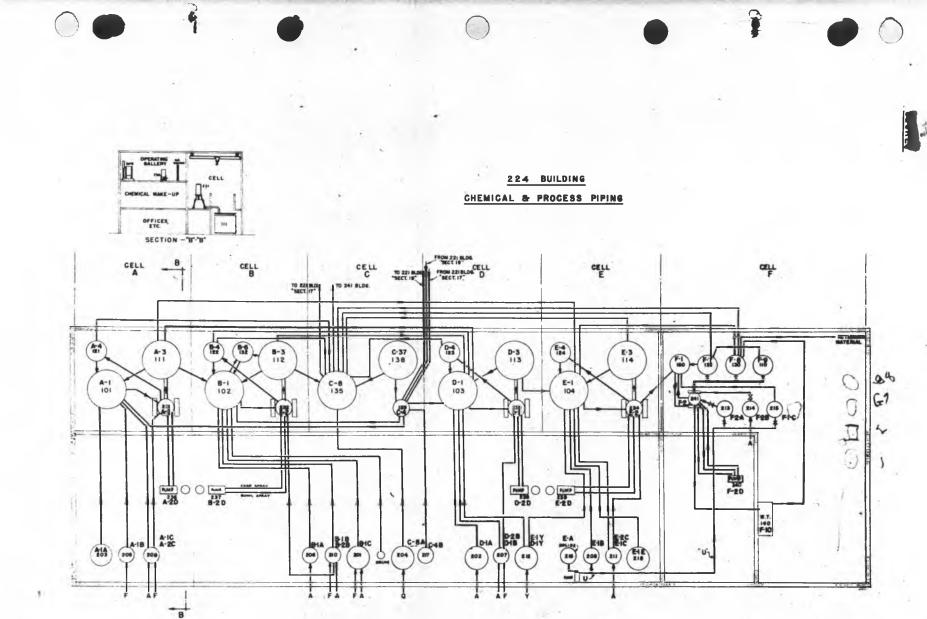
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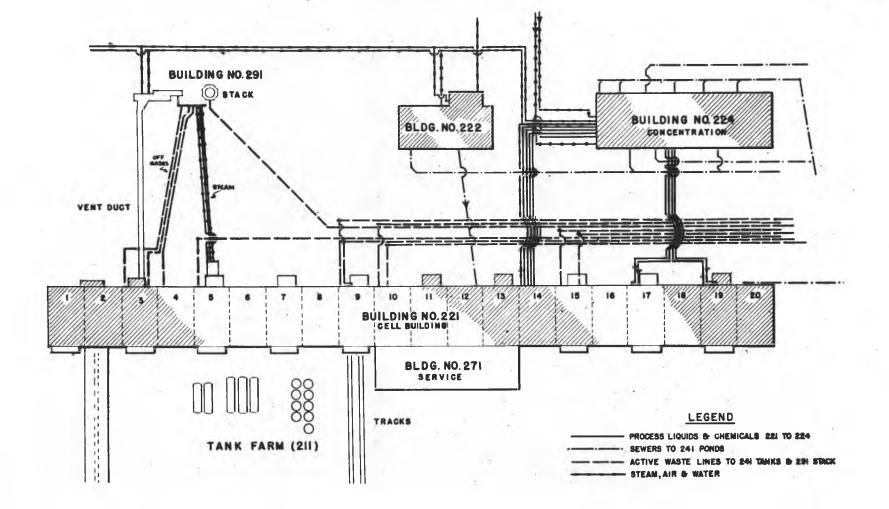
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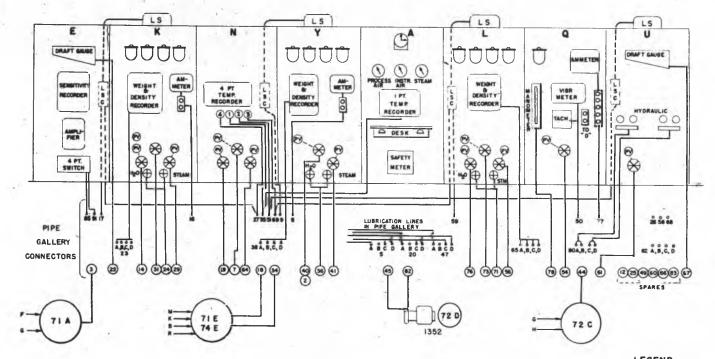
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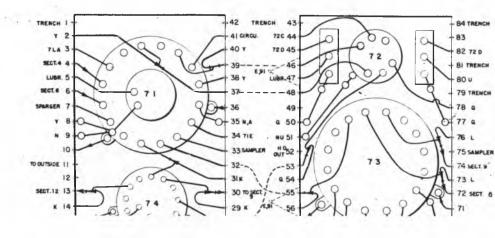




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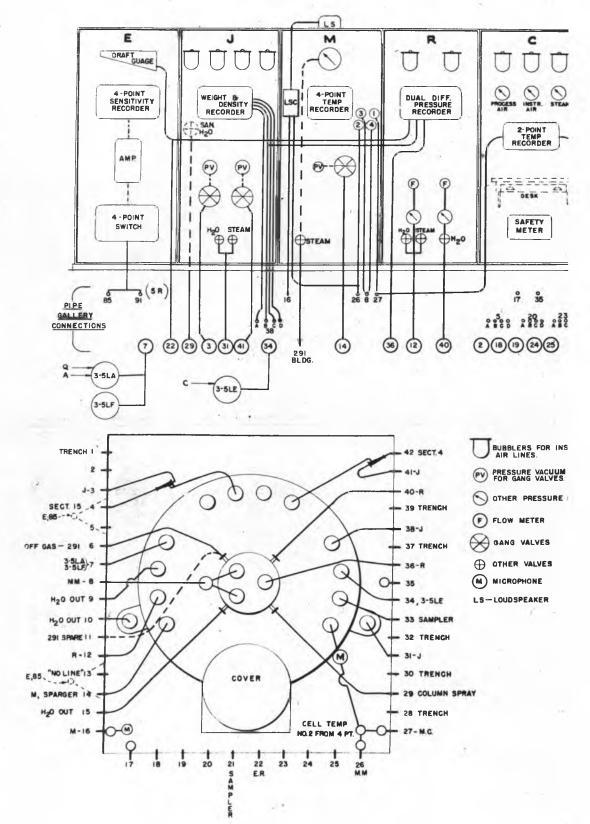


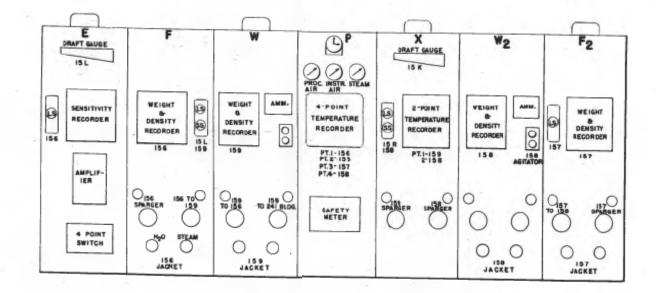


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CHARTS AND TABULATIONS

Description

1	Principal Dimensions of Pilo
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4	Tabulation of Religious Groups Represented in United Protestant Church
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7	du Pont Design Division Organization Chart

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PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS OF PILE

The following dimensions were to be the principal ones of the Pile as submitted in the Metallurgical Laboratory design suggestions

Axial length of active cylinder	23 feet ^v
Radius of active cylinder	16 fest
Thickness of reflector	16 inohes '
Total weight of metal	200 metric tons '
Weight of graphite in Pile	850 metric tons '
Weight of graphite in reflector	315 metric tons
Radius of metal rods	0.67 inch
Amber of rods in File	1695
Weight of aluminum in Pile	8.7 metric tons



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TABULATION OF PERMANENT PLANT ROAD MILEAGE

CLASSIFICATIONS AND TYPE OF SURFACES	MILES
New Construction Inter and Intra-Area Roads (Road Mix and Plant Mix)	198.01 miles
New Construction Richland Village (Road Mix, Penetration and Gravel Surfaced)	53.20 miles
Existing Roads Improved (Gravel Surfaced and Road Mix)	16.00 miles
Sxisting Roads Maintained (Gravel Surfaced and Road Mix)	27.75 miles
Patrol Trails Improved and Maintained (Packed Sand and Gravel)	49.90 miles
Total	344.86 miles

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TABULATION OF RICHLAND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

ESTABLISHMENTS	NUMBER
Food Stores	5
Drug Stores	3
General Merchandise Store	1
Variety Store	1
Shoe Sepair Shop	1
Barber & Beauty Shop	1
Women's & Children's Apparel Shop	1
Men's Clothing & Shoe Store	1
Hardware Store	1
Optical Shop	1
Blectrical Shop	1
Garage & Service Station	1
Service Stations	3
Western Union Office	1
Railway Express Agency	1
Laundry	1
Milk Depot	1
Post Office	1
Bank	1





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TABULATION OF RELIGIOUS CROUPS REPRESENTED

IN UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

- I. Methodist
- 2. Baptist
- 3. Presbyterian
- 4. Bazarene
- 5. Episcopalian
- 6. Christian
- 7. Congregational
- 8. Evangelican
- 9. Church of Christ
- 10. United Brothron
- 11. Salvation Army
- 12. Lutheran
- 13. Pentecostal
- 14. Assembly of God
- 15. Adventist
- 16. Miscellaneous Protestant Groups

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TABULATION OF DESIGN COSTS

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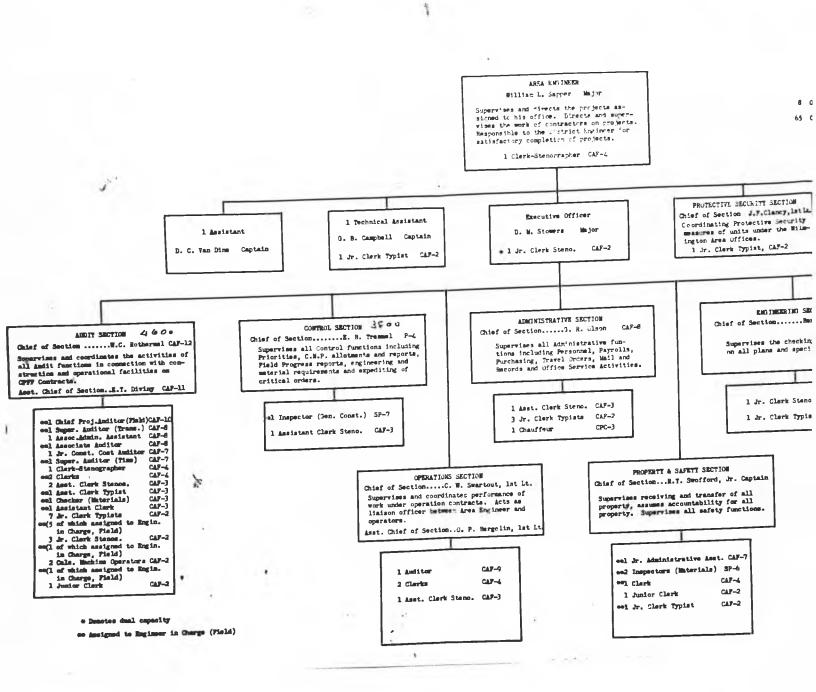
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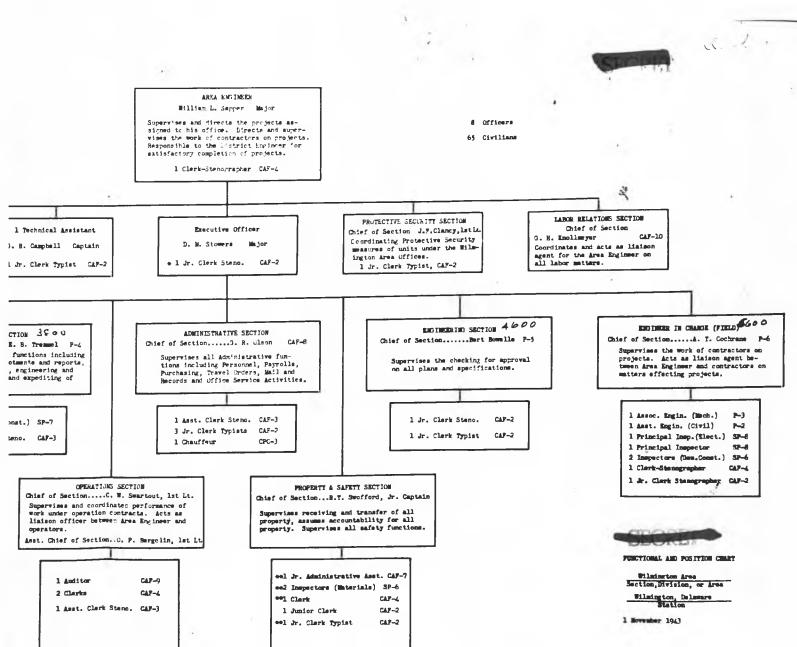
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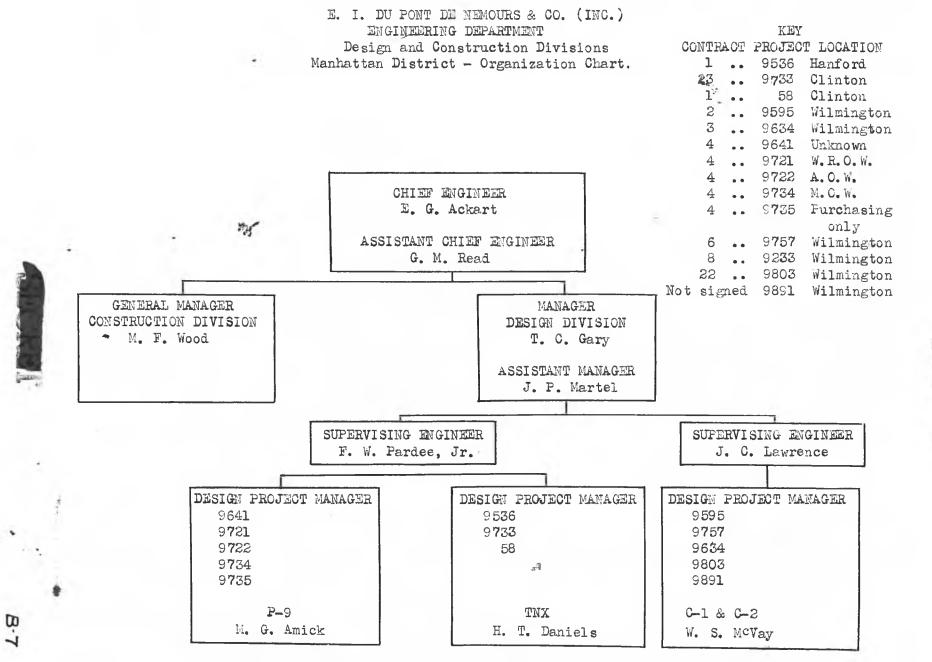
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MANHATTAN DISTRICT HISTORY BOOK IV - X-10 PROJECT VOLUME 3 - DESIGN APPENDIX D GLOSSARY

Activated Carbon. - Activated carbon is charcoal produced by the destructive distillation of vegetable matter such as wood, with or without the addition of chemicals.

- <u>Aluminum</u>. Aluminum is the chemical element of atomic number 13. The metallic aluminum was chosen for the Pile cooling tubes and slug jackets because of its low neutron absorption cross section $(0.124 \times 10^{-24} \text{ square centimeters})$ and its resistance to corrosion by water at the temperatures encountered in the Pile reaction. Aluminum-Silicon Alley. - This is the euteotic alloy of the aluminum-
- silicon system. It consists of 88 per cent aluminum and 12 per cent silicon. The alloy is used as a bonding medium in the canned slug since it has a lower melting point than aluminum and virtually the same corrosion resistance.
- Billets. A billet is a bar of metal. In this volume, it refers specifically to the form in which metallic uranium is received at the Hanford Engineer Works.
- <u>Boron.</u> Boron is the chemical element of atomic number 5. It is used, in the form of a coating, in the safety and control rods of the Hanford Piles because of its high slow neutron absorption cross section (700 x 10^{-24} square centimeters).

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- <u>Cadmium</u>. Cadmium is the chemical element of atomic number 48. It is a white ductile metal belonging to the zine family. Cadmium was suggested as a possible control means, since it has a high neutron-capture cross section approximately 3000×10^{-24} square centimeters.
- <u>Carbon.</u> Carbon is the chemical element of atomic number 6. It is a non-metallic element, one of which forms is graphite which is used in the Pile as the moderator. Carbon has a low neutroncapture cross section of $0.0045 \ge 10^{-24}$ square centimeters, thus making it possible to use it without too high a neutron loss.
- Columbium. Columbium is the chemical element of atomic number 41. Columbium is one of the fission products encountered in the separation of plutonium from the fission products and uranium by use of the fractional volatilization process.

Cross Section. - See Neutron-Capture Cross Section.

- <u>Deaeration</u>. Deaeration is the term used to refer to the process by which dissolved gases are removed from water. In this process, the carbon dioxide content is reduced from about 70 parts per million to about 2 parts per million, and the oxygen content from about 14 to about 0.05 parts per million. Deaeration is obtained by passing the water in a finely dispersed state through towers in which a vacuum is maintained by means of steam jets.
- <u>Decay Period</u>. The decay period for any substance is the time required for the radioactivity of that particular substance to decrease to a safe level, as determined by health and safety



requirements. The activity of the slugs arises from the fission products and other elements formed with the production of plutonium. Some of this activity is transferred to the effluent water and circulating helium.

- Demineralization. Demineralization is the term used to refer to the process by which dissolved salts and acids are removed from water. Demineralization is obtained by passing the water through two exchangers, the first removing the dissolved salts of calcium, magnesium and sodium, and the second removing the acids formed in the first exchanger, except for the carbonic acid which is formed in the second exchanger.
- Deuterium. Deuterium is that isotope of hydrogen of atomic number 2. Its symbol is H^2 or D and it is the principal component of heavy water. Deuterium has a neutron-capture cross section of only 0.0009 x 10⁻²⁴ square centimeters.
- Dissolving. Dissolving is that step in the separation process for the recovery of plutonium in which the aluminum jackets are removed from the metallic uranium pieces and the uranium, containing plutonium and many other elements, is placed in solution in preparation for the subsequent process steps.
- Electrochemical Series. An arrangement of the metals in the order of the amount of electromotive force set up between the metal and solution when the metal is placed in a normal solution of any of its salts.
- Elutriation. Elutriation is one of the final steps in the separation and isolation of plutonium. This step consists of purification

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by washing the precipitate and decanting the wash liquor. Extraction. - Extraction is that step in the separation process in which the plutonium is separated from the uranium and from the

large majority of the many other elements present.

Flash Vaporization. - Flash vaporization refers to that type of vaporization which is instantaneous. In the original Pile design for a water-cooled unit employing water recirculation, this type of vaporization would have been used in removing dissolved gases from the water through a sudden reduction of pressure from about 20 pounds per square inch to near atmospheric with the temperature of the water at the boiling point of the water.

Heavy Hydrogen. - See Deuterium.

- Hydrogen. Hydrogen is the simplest chemical element known, of atomic number 1. Its neutron-capture cross section is 0.325 x 10⁻²⁴ square centimeters.
- Hydrogen Peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide is a clear, colorless liquid found in the Pile exit water. Before water could be recirculated through the Pile structure, it would be necessary to remove a portion of the oxygen to prevent erosion of equipment.
- Imhoff Tank. An Imhoff tank is a tank for sewage clarification, consisting of a sedimentation chamber with sloping floor leading to slots through which the solids settle to the sludgedigestion chamber.
- Impact Wrench. The impact wrench used in the Separation Building for maintenance of equipment and replacement of parts consists of an electrically driven wrench which can be lowered from the

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operating crane and placed on the actuating nut of the piping which has to be loosened or tightened. The impact feature of the wrench enables a stubbornly turning fitting to be pounded loose in much the same way a sledge hammer would act.

- Ion Chamber. An ionization chamber measures the total number of ions directly produced in it. These ions are charged particles of matter due to the removal from or addition to the particles of one or more electrons. The chamber usually consists of two plane electrodes between which there is a strong enough electric field to draw all the ions to the electrodes before they recombine but not strong enough to produce secondary ions.
- Isolation. Isolation is the final step in the separation process for plutonium, in which the element is separated from the last of its associated elements and prepared for shipment.
- Labyrinth. A labyrinth as used in reference to the Pile Area consists of the entrance to the Pile discharge face protected by concrete. This entrance is co designed that radiation present in the discharge area must bounce at least twice before it can escape, thus reducing the energy of the radiations to a safe level. Neutron Absorber. - A neutron absorber is one which possesses the

ability to absorb neutrons well, i.e., it has a large neutroncapture cross section.

<u>Nitrogen</u>. - Nitrogen is the chemical element of atomic number 7. It is a gaseous element occurring in the atmosphere and has a high neutron-capture cross section of 1.75×10^{-24} square centimeters, which prohibits the use of circulation of air through the Pile



structure to remove impurities.

- Outgassing. Outgassing is the process of driving hidden gases out of substances by means of heating or evacuating.
- Polymerization. Polymerization is a reaction in which two or more molecules of the same substance combine to form a compound, from which the original substance may or may not be regenerated, the new molecular weight being a multiple of that of the original compound.
- Primary Radiation. The primary radiation of radioactive materials consists of the original alpha, bota or gamma emitted by these materials.
- Proportional Counter. A proportional counter is an ionization chamber in which one of the electrodes is so designed that there is, besides the primary ions, a large number of secondary ions formed, thus increasing the total pulse of current. It is possible to design and operate such counters in such a way that the total number of ions formed is proportional to the number of primary ions formed.
- Reactor. The term reactor is used synonymously with reacting unit, the unit in which the chain reaction is sustained.
- Secondary Radiation. Secondary radiation is the result of ionization of other particles due to the primary radiation, and the scattering and reflection of the primary rays by particles.
- Silica Gel. Silica gel is a form of colloidal silica (silicon dioxide) like coarse sand in appearance but possessing many fine pores and therefore extremely absorbent.



- Syphon (Steam-Jet). A steam-jet syphon is a device used in the Separation Building for transferring solutions in which a jet of steam is used to create vacuum for suction. These syphons are used so that necessary maintenance work on pumps can be eliminated.
- Thimbles. The aluminum wells into which the vertical safety rods drop are known as thimbles.
- Uranium Hexafluoride. Uranium hexafluoride had been developed industrially and in large enough quantities to suggest its use as a coolant for an enriched-uranium plant. Fluorides are good coolants.
- Xenon. Xenon is the chemical element of atomic number 54. Xenon-135 is a member of the tellurium-iodine-xenon-cesiumbarium decay chain which is encountered in the Pile reaction. It is radioactive with a half life of 9.4 hours. It led to a poisoning of the Pile because of its high neutron absorption cross section (approximately 5,000,000 x 10^{-24} square centimater).

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