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I INTRODUCTION

The subsoil investigation at the Thunder River was undertaken as part of the overall geotechnical investigation on the Mackenzie Highway between Ft. Good Hope (Mile 725), and the junction with the Dempster Highway (Mile 936, in the winter of 1973-74. This crossing site was one of five major stream crossings which were investigated in detail during the course of the field work.

General terrain analysis and borrow evaluation along the Highway has been submitted earlier in Volumes I to VIII of a report entitled Geotechnical Investigation - Mile 725 to Mile 936, Mackenzie Highway. This report on the Thunder River crossing comprises Volume X of that overall report.

All field and laboratory work associated with this investigation was carried out by the Special Services Section, Design and Construction Branch, Western Region, Public Works Canada.

II SITE CONDITIONS

The proposed bridge site is located approximately 6 miles upstream of where Thunder River empties into the Mackenzie River, and is at approximately Mile 844.0 of the proposed Mackenzie Highway. The geographic location of the crossing is shown on the 1" = 90 miles key plan, Drawing No. A-1, Appendix A. Drawing No. A-2, Appendix A, outlines the

upstream drainage area of the Thunder River, and Drawing No. A-3 is a detailed 1" = 200' mosaic of the proposed crossing site.

The Thunder River Valley is a broad (1 - 1-1/2 miles), deep (300'+), depression in the central portion of the Anderson Plain. The present Thunder River is vastly undersized for the valley and the depression is thought to be a former glacial meltwater channel. Headwaters of the River, and much of the catchment area, are located in bedrock controlled uplands, however at the proposed crossing site, the valley is incised into hummocky moraine. The drainage area to the Highway is only 116 square miles (3.4)* and there are no major lakes on the main channel which effect the peak discharge. A fifty year return period design discharge of roughly 1400 c.f.s. has been recommended (3.4).

The proposed highway route descends directly downslope into the Thunder River Valley from the south at a widening in the valley, makes a sharp curve on the valley floor, then ascends the north valley wall running across the slope. Highway gradients on both sides reach a maximum of 8% for short sections. Valley slopes are glacial till at depth

* Numbers in parenthesis refer to the List of References presented at the end of this report.

with some overlying slopwash deposits. The valley floor is wide and irregular and is marked by numerous, sharply defined, glaciofluvial features and small lakes. Highway cuts are proposed in two of the features which are primarily sand in composition. Permafrost is prevalent throughout.

The Thunder River has formed a small trough within the main valley and has developed a marked meander pattern therein. At the proposed crossing site the river is relatively straight and is only 30-35' in width. The west bank of the present channel is relatively steep, and high (15'), however the east bank is low and the 50 year design discharge would slightly inundate a small flood plain to the east. The channel annually freezes to the bottom and is subject to icing (ice build-up on the surface) from flow carried in the sub-surface gravels which frequently breaks through to the surface.

A large culvert has been tentatively considered for the Thunder River (3.4) and it is recommended that a culvert (or culverts) installation be more fully evaluated. The hydrological consultants have recommended a 220' bridge structure which would be a costly crossing for a small stream. Excerpts from the hydrological reports are included in Appendix C.

Borehole locations and a portion of the Thunder River Valley is shown on Drawing No. A-3. The immediate area of the crossing is shown in profile on Drawing No. A-4. Photographs #1 and #2 in Appendix A provide views of the valley floor and the proposed crossing.

III EVALUATION OF SUBSOIL CONDITIONS

A. Field and Laboratory Analysis

A total of 12 test holes were drilled in the immediate vicinity of the crossing site. All holes were drilled by means of a Mayhew 1000 drill rig using compressed air as the drilling fluid. Disturbed samples were obtained at frequent intervals in all holes for water content determinations, ice descriptions and material identification. All samples were returned to Edmonton for analysis in the Departmental Laboratory. Borehole logs are included in Appendix B.

B. Subsoil Profile

The boreholes and the inferred stratigraphic sections are shown on Drawing No. A-4 in Appendix A. The subsoil profile below the Valley floor reflects the varied and complex depositional patterns of the major stream which once occupied the Valley. The profile as shown on Drawing No. A-3 presents a very generalized pattern and individual borehole logs should be consulted for detail.

All deposits immediately below the crossing site are sandy in nature. The upper strata to a depth of 10-15' consist of a heterogeneous mixture of silts, sands, and gravels with some very coarse granular materials (cobbles) on the stream bed. Below the 10-15' level the subsoil is more uniform and consists of sands or silty sands which extend to the maximum depth drilled - 60'. There is a very steep glacial till - sand interface with depth approximately 100' west of the present stream location, which probably defines the lateral limit of the former meltwater channel before backfilling. To the east, the sandy subsoil extends across the valley floor.

Permafrost is present throughout with the exception of a very small thaw zone below the stream in granular subsoil where subsurface flow apparently continues year round. Visual ice is categorized as 'moderate' in the sandy deposits and there is sufficient moisture on thawing to produce 'wet' or 'saturated' materials, with occasional zones which show free water. Moisture contents range from 10 to 30% but for the most part are between 15-20%. Materials are essentially non-plastic.

Approximately 5' of ice was encountered in February, 1974, much of which is attributed to overflow icing. The stream was frozen to slightly below the stream bed.

IV FOUNDATION SUPPORT OF BRIDGE STRUCTURE

A. Abutment and Pier Foundations

If a bridge is constructed at this crossing site it is recommended the piers and abutments be founded upon steel piles frozen into the sandy subsoil at depth.

Design details for the proposed structure are not available, however an overall bridge length of 220' has been suggested by the hydrology consultants (3.4). Foundation conditions place no restrictions on the bridge design however it is assumed the design will consist of a long center span (at least 100') with shorter end-spans as required. With the exception of some warming of the permafrost soils during pile freeze-back, in the area of the piles, and possibly some surface degradation of permafrost during construction, it is not considered that any change in the permafrost conditions will occur at this site as a result of a bridge. Piles installed in pre-bored holes are recommended rather than driven piles as it is anticipated pile driving would be extremely difficult in the frozen sandy subsoil.

It is recommended the foundation elements consist of either steel H-piles (BP 12 @ 53 lbs./sq. ft.), or closed end steel pipe piles (10" diameter @ 40 lbs./ft.). The piles should

be placed in pre-bored holes, the void space backfilled with a sand slurry and allowed to freeze into place. If H-piles are employed the piles should be driven approximately 10 feet below the depth of pre-boring to provide some immediate load-carrying capacity. Pipe piles should be driven to practical refusal or 5-6' below the pre-boring depth. Load transfer will initially be by end-bearing and friction on the lower part of the pile in the frozen sand, and, following freezeback, by tangential adfreezing along the pile surface.

Tangential adfreezing is dependent upon temperature of the permafrost soils and composition of the backfill material. There is no detailed temperature data with depth for the Thunder River area, however the National Research Council working in conjunction with D.P.W., has installed thermistors at the Eagle River in the Yukon which is at a latitude slightly south of the Thunder River. Available readings from the Eagle River are included in Appendix C and it is considered that temperature data obtained at the North abutment (cable #1) can conservatively be applied to the Thunder River (cable #2 at the South abutment is in a thaw zone of a former channel of the Eagle River). This data shows a consistent temperature near 28°F with depth.

Test data obtained by the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory from pile load tests in Alaska, indicate a sustained adfreeze strength for a silt-water slurry backfill and steel of more than 25 psi. at 28°F. In addition, adfreeze strengths for a saturated, well-graded sand slurry, vibrated in place, are at least 50% higher. Therefore, if a design adfreeze strength of 10 psi. is assumed, the factor of safety will be at least 3 for a sand slurry backfill. Twelve inch steel H-piles would therefore develop a load carrying capacity of $12" \times 12" \times 10 \text{ psi.} \times 4 = 5760 \text{ lbs.}$ per lineal foot of pile, and 10" diameter pipe piles would develop $\pi \times 10" \times 12" \times 10 \text{ psi.} = 3870 \text{ lbs.}$ per foot.

In order to accommodate a 12" H-pile, an 18" diameter borehole is required, and to accommodate a 10" diameter pipe pile, at least a 14" diameter hole would be required to ensure pile alignment and adequate placement of slurry backfill. Thus the void space, and the slurry requirement, for a pipe pile would be significantly less than for an H-pile. This is important as the slurry introduces heat into the ground and should be kept to a minimum.

It is recommended the backfill consist of a well-graded sand with 100% passing the #4 sieve, and less than 15% passing the #200 sieve. Sufficient water should be added to completely

saturate the sand but excess water should be avoided. A concrete mixer will serve to mix the slurry and the temperature of the slurry should be as cold as possible to avoid introducing any unnecessary heat into the ground. It is estimated the water content of a well-saturated, well-graded sand will be in the order of 25% and the volumetric latent heat will be in the order of 3000 BTU/cu. ft. For an 18" diameter H-pile hole, the latent heat per foot of pile will be approximately 5500 BTU/foot. In comparison the volumetric latent heat for a 14" diameter pipe pile hole would be approximately 2000 BTU/foot. Based upon CRREL test data, a single H-pile installed in an 18" diameter hole with a slurry as outlined above, would require probably 9-10 days to completely freeze-back at a permafrost temperature of 28°F, whereas a 10" pipe pile in a 14" diameter hole would completely freeze-back in probably 3-4 days. Thus there are obvious advantages to using pipe piling.

Freeze-back time for a group of piles would be greater as more heat is introduced into the subsoil, and therefore the minimum number of piles possible should be used - i.e., the design should utilize heavily loaded, widely spaced piles, as opposed to closely spaced, lightly loaded members. Pile groupings increase the overall temperature of the permafrost within the area of the piles and if spacings are small, the

temperature will be raised to the point that freeze-back will cease until the permafrost is made colder - i.e., until winter, if construction is in summer. For 12" H-piles in 18" diameter holes, the pile spacing should be not less than approximately 8' to obtain full freeze-back without having to wait a winter season; for 10" pipe piles in 14" diameter holes a pile spacing of not less than approximately 5 feet would be required.

Following are recommended pile lengths and depths of pre-boring for 10" pipe and 12" steel H-piles, assuming a design load in the order of 100 kips per pile. The pipe piles are preferred.

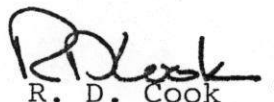
<u>Pile</u>	<u>Effective length below pier or abutment</u>	<u>Depth of Pre-boring</u>	<u>Hole Size</u>
10" pipe @40#/ft.	35'	30'	14-15"
BP12@53#/ft.	30'	20'	18"

Piles should be driven with a fairly high energy hammer below the depth of pre-boring as penetration is expected to be difficult in the dense frozen sand - an energy in the order of 20,000 ft. lbs. per blow is recommended. Detailed driving records should be maintained.

B. Bridge Approach Fills

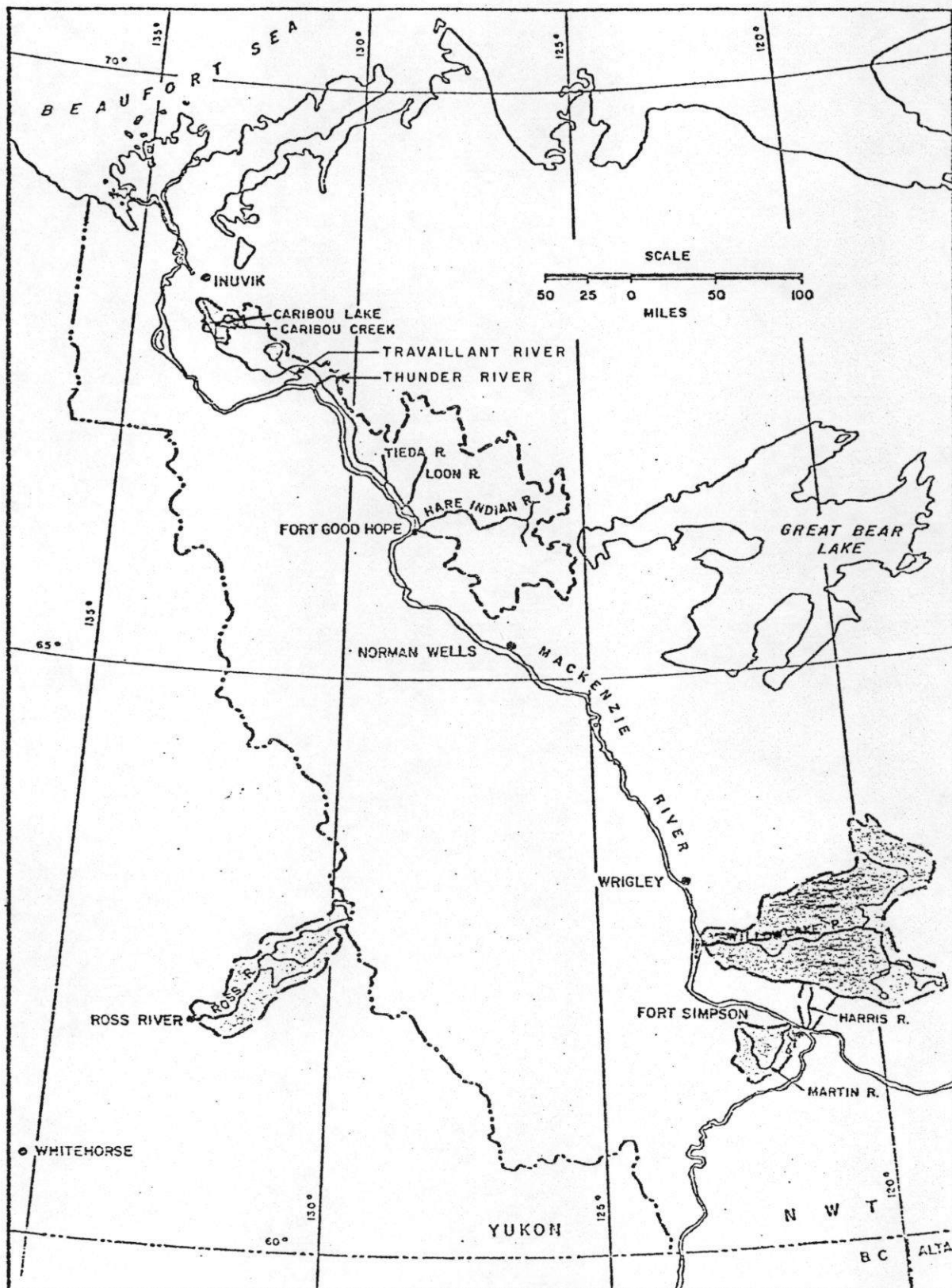
Fill heights immediately adjacent to the abutment on the west will be in the order of 25', and on the east roughly 40'. The permafrost table will likely rise into these embankments and stability of the approaches will not be a problem. On the west, the highway climbs out of the valley running across slope and precautions will be required to ensure surface drainage is not channeled along the upslope side of the embankment which could result in extensive erosion in the ice-rich valley walls.

There is a shortage of good backfill material in the area of Thunder River and backfill for abutments (or for culvert backfill) will have to be imported relatively long distances - see Section 18 of Volume I of Report on Geotechnical Investigation Mile 725 to 936 Mackenzie Highway. A source of granular material suitable for backfill, and with washing, suitable for concrete aggregate, is available relatively nearby at the Thunder River airstrip, however this deposit is roughly 3-1/2 miles from the highway route. Alternate sources of granular materials are at Mile 800 and Mile 896 (see Section 28 - Surfacing Materials - Volume 1 of Geotechnical Report).


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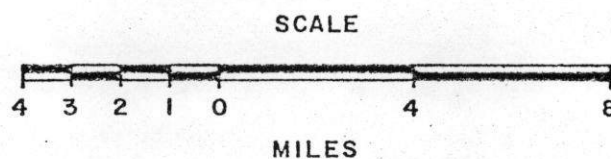
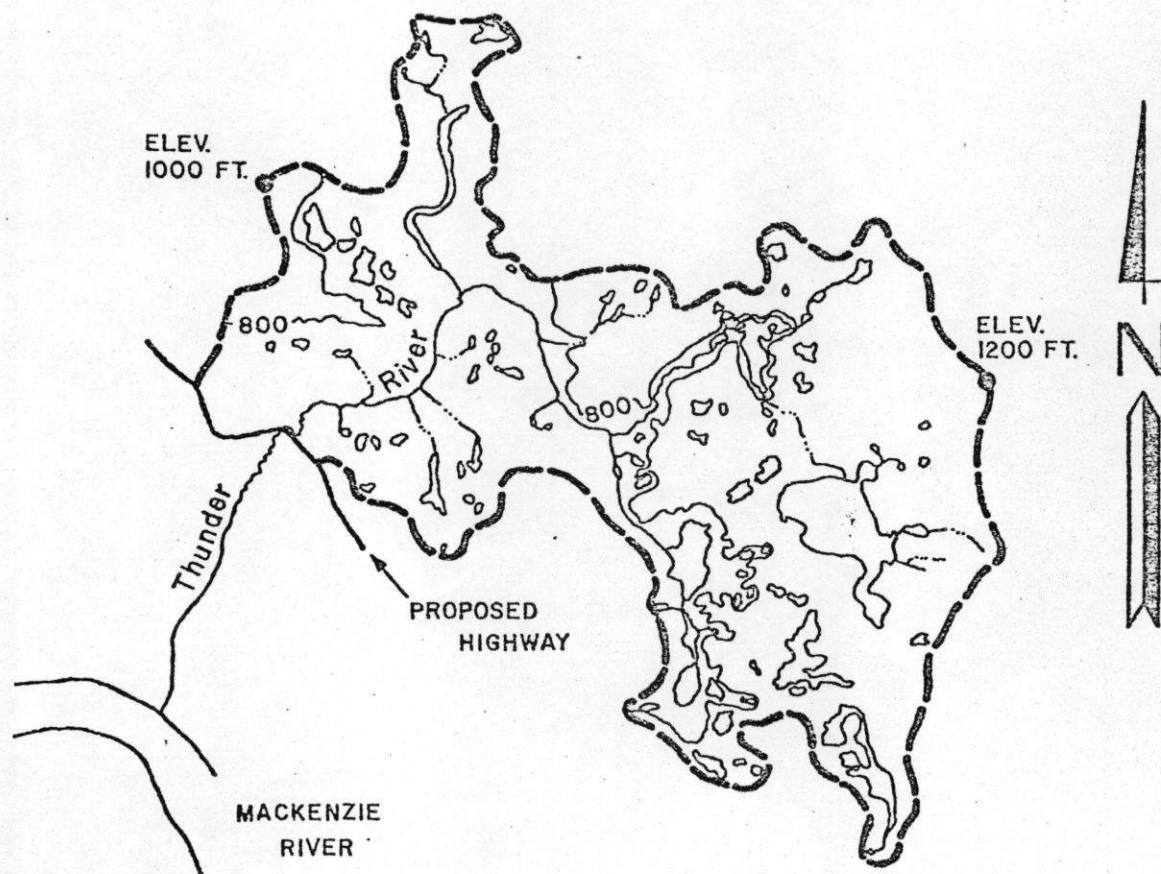
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MACKENZIE RIVER, N.W.T.

1" = 90 MILES

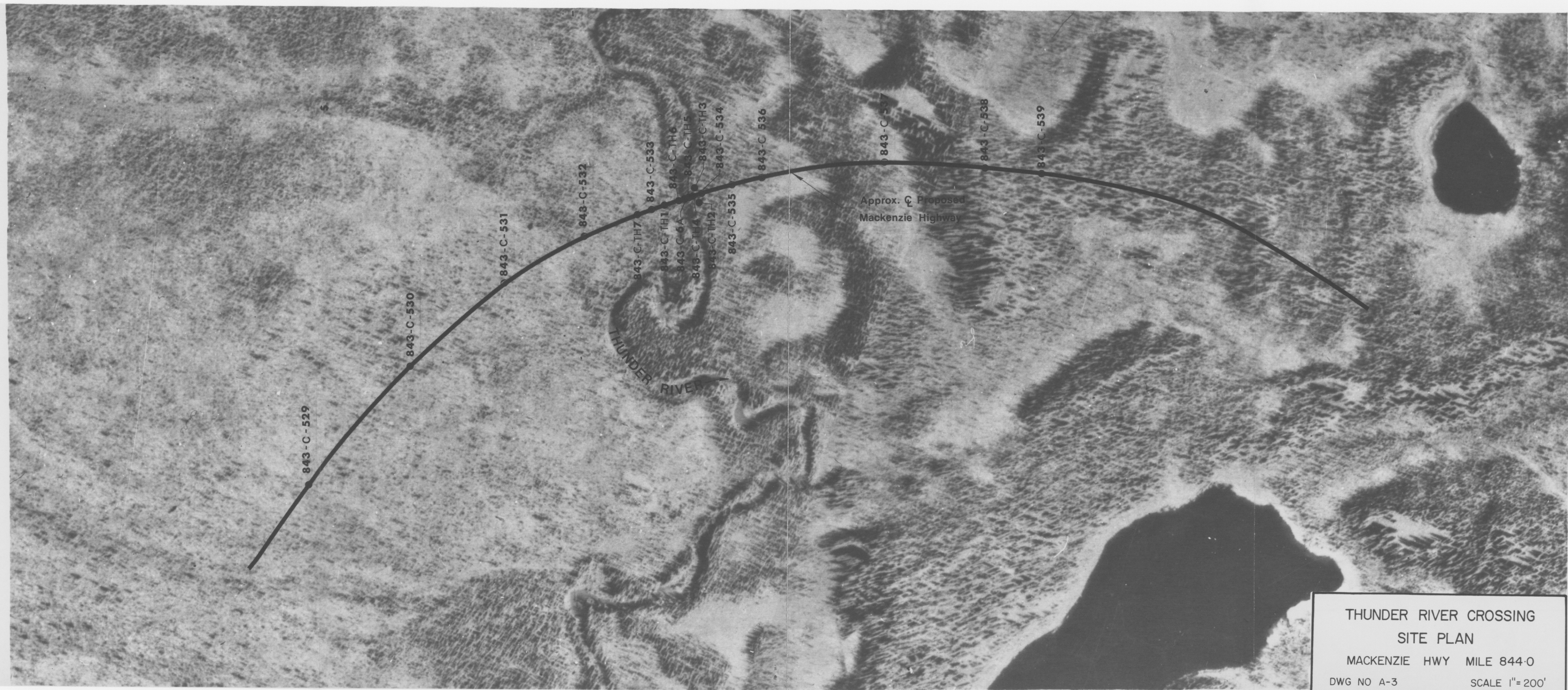
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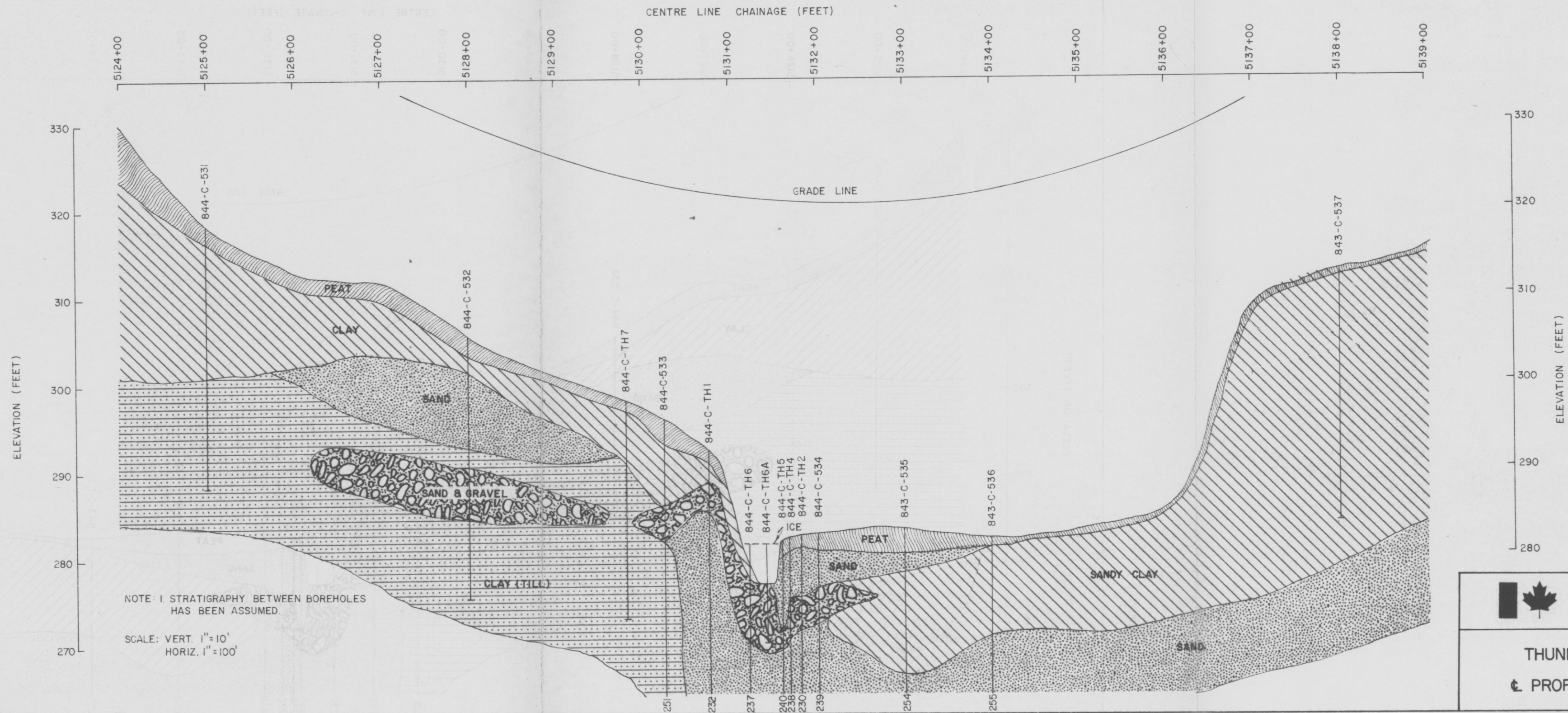


THUNDER RIVER CROSSING
SITE PLAN

MACKENZIE HWY MILE 844-0

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SCALE 1"=200'



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PHOTO No. 1

Thunder River
Valley looking
upstream. Cutline
is proposed route
location. Note
depositional features
on valley floor.



PHOTO No. 2

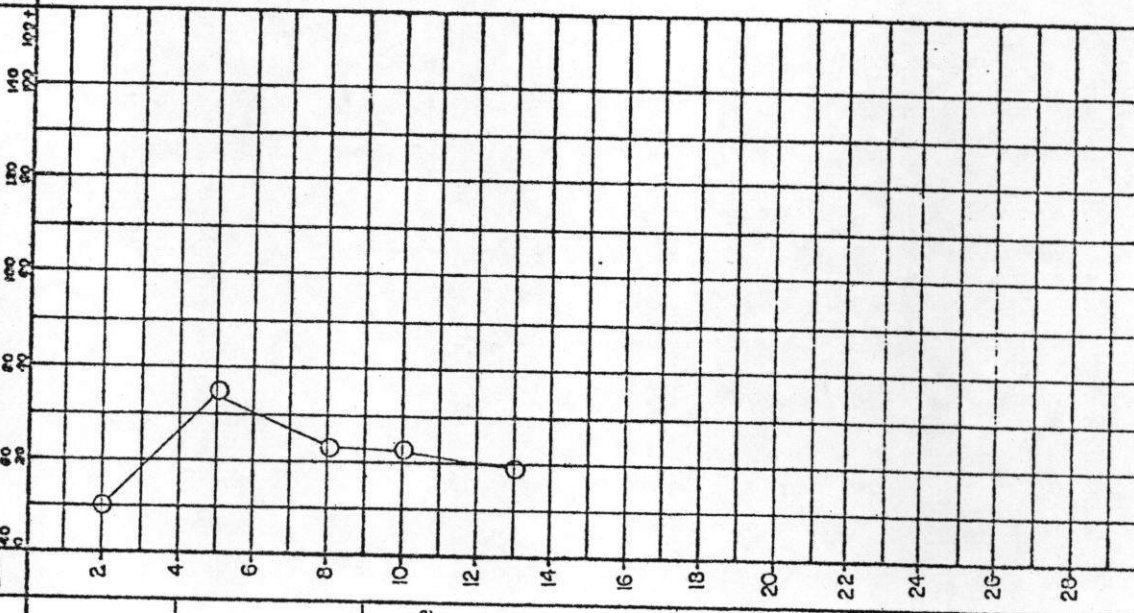
Thunder River
looking North on
proposed centerline.

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DRILL HOLE REPORT

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2					Pt	PEAT		LOW										
4						CLAY - Sandy Silty Low plastic	2'	Ice Vx										
6								High Ice										
8								Vs										
10					CL	Pebbles		Moderate										
12																		
14								Ice										
16						CLAY - Sandy Silty Pebbles	15'	Vc - Vr										
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8						SAND - CLAY MIX Pebbles Low plastic		Vs	8	85	10	10	10	10	-57	39	4	Free Water	
12						CLAY - Sandy - Silty - Gravelly	7'	Low Ice	12	85	10	10	10	10	-17	69	14	Sat.	
16						- Pebbles Low-med. plastic		Vx	16	85	10	10	10	10	-32	51	17	Wet	
20									20	85	10	10	10	10	-66	31	3	Moist	
24									24	85	10	10	10	10	-81	15	4	Moist	
28									28	85	10	10	10	10	-80	16	4	Moist	
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4					CI	CLAY - Sandy, silty	2'	ICE										
					GW	med. plastic	4'	Moderate										
8					SW	- Sand		Ice										
						- Boulders		Vc-Vr										
12					SW	SAND - Gravelly	8'											
						- Silty												
						- Silty												
						SAND - Silty	11'											
16					SP													
20						Fine-medium												
24																		
28																		
32						SAND - Fine-medium		Moderate										
36					SP													
					SM	Silty Medium-coarse		Ice										
40								Vc-Vs										
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48						Bottom of Hole - 44'												
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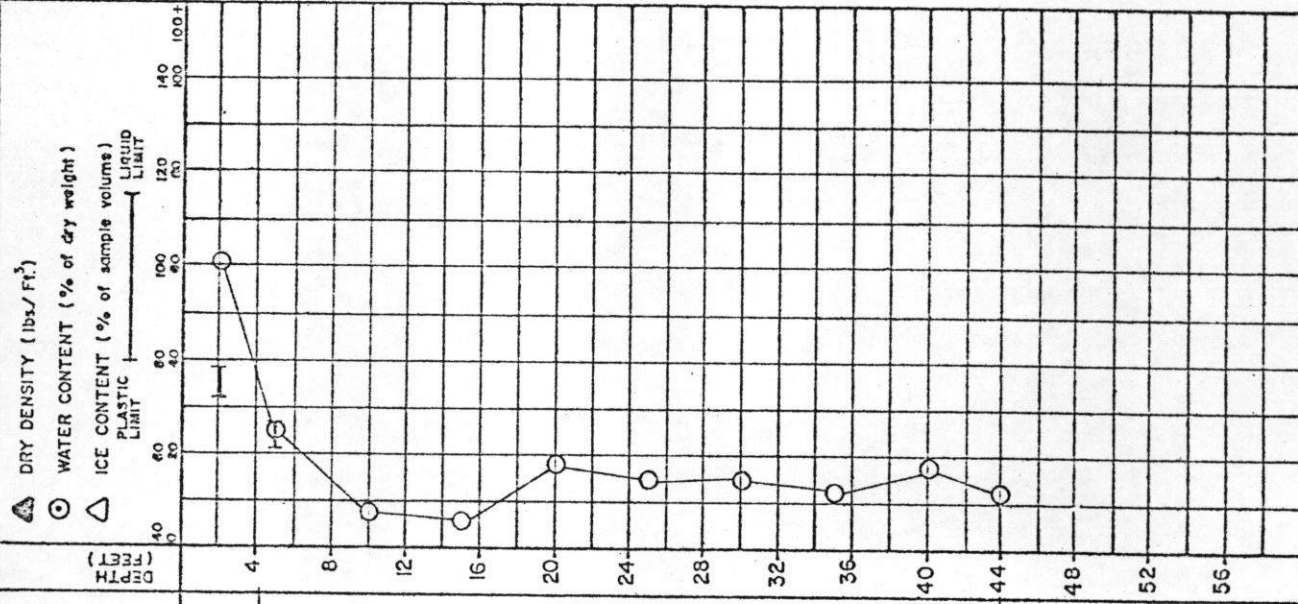
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4					PT	PEAT & SAND	2'	High	4	51	49	0	Free Water	0	
8					ML	SILT - Clayey, sandy	4'	Ice	8	36	63	1	Free Water	1	
12					SM	SAND - Silty - Pebbles	10' F	Vs	12	11	80	5	Free Water	5	
16					SP	Boulders			16	17	69	14	Free Water	14	
20					SP	SAND - Gravelly	13'		20	9	87	4	Sat.	4	
24						SAND - Fine-medium			24	7	83	10	Sat.	10	
28									28	7	89	4	Free Water	4	
32					SM	SAND - Silty - Fine-medium		Moderate to High	32	30	70	0	Sat.	0	
36					SP	Pebbles		Ice	36	10	89	1	Wet	1	
40								Vc-Vr	40	9	90	1	Wet	1	
44						Bottom of Hole - 42'	42'	Vs	44						
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4						ICE		ICE	4						
8						- Sand - Silty, gravelly GRAVEL - Sandy	5 F Frozen		8						
12						Bottom of Hole - 11'	UF Not frozen		12						
16									16						
20									20						
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8					SC	SAND - Clayey, silty - Pebbles Low plastic	7'		8	60	12	12	12	76	12	76	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	Free Water Sat.
12					SC	SAND - Clayey - Gravelly	11'		12	60	19	19	19	78	19	78	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	Free Water
16					SM	SAND - Silty - Pebbles Fine - medium		Low Ice Vx	16	60	10	10	10	89	10	89	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	Free Water
20					SP	Fine - coarse			20	60	13	13	13	82	13	82	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	Free Water
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													CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL				
4					PT	PEAT	1'	Vs	4	100			-50-	50	0	0	Free Water			
8					SC	SAND - Clayey - Silty	5'	High Ice	8	60			-31-	41	28	0	Free Water			
12						GRAVEL - Clayey - Sandy		Moderate Ice	12	40			-11-	39	50	0	Sat.			
16					GW	SAND - Sandy	14'	Vc-Vr	16	20			-16-	36	48	0	Sat.			
20					SP	SAND - Fine-medium - Pebbles	19'		20	10			-78	20	2	0	Wet			
24					ML	SILT - SANDY			24	20			-9-	91	0	0	Sat.			
28					SM	SAND - Silty	24'		28	20			-6-	94	0	0	Sat.			
32					SP	SAND - Fine-coarse			32	20			-4-	93	3	0	Sat.			
36					SM	Silty Pebbles			36	20			-16-	84	0	0	Free Water			
40									40	20			-11-	87	2	0	Free Water			
44									44	20			-11-	89	0	0	Free Water			
48									48	20			-11-	89	0	0	Free Water			
52									52	20			-16-	84	0	0	Wet			
56									56	20			-16-	84	0	0	Wet			
Bottom of Hole - 57'																				

SITE:

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SITE:

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TECH. PRONYCH		RIG. MAYHEW - #1		SURFACE DRAINAGE. POOR		VEGETATION. SPRUCE		GRAN-SIZE ANALYSIS		RELATIVE THAWED MOISTURE CONTENT		MILE	
DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	DRY DENSITY (lbm/ft ³)	WATER CONTENT (% of dry weight)	ICE CONTENT (% of sample volume)	REMARKS
2					Pt	PEAT		High					
4					SC	SAND - Clayey Silty	3'	Ice					
6						CLAY - Silty Sandy Low-med Plastic Organic	5'	Vs					
8					CI								
10													
12													
14					CL	Gravelly		Moderate					
16								Ice					
18													
20					GC	GRAVEL - Clayey Sandy	17'	Vc - Vr					
22													
24													
26													
28													
30													

BOTTOM OF HOLE - 29'

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FIELD ENG. A. HANNA		DATE DRILLED. 2/2/74		AIRPHOTO NO. A 23329-168		CHAMPAGE. 5138+00		OFFSET. 3		TEST HOLE		537	
TECH. BAINE		RIG. MAYHEW - #1		SURFACE DRAINAGE.		VEGETATION.		ELEV.		MILE		843	
DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	CORRECTION SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DRY DENSITY (lb./ft. ³)	WATER CONTENT (% of dry weight)	ICE CONTENT (% of sample volume)	RELATIVE THAWED MOISTURE CONTENT	REMARKS
2						CLAY - Silty Sandy	1'	Moderate	3.5	25	0	Free Water	Hole in Bag
4									6.5	12	0	Sat.	
6									9.5	68	8	Free Water	
8									12.5	22	0		
10									17	0	0	Sat.	
12									22	3	0	Wet	
14									24	.1	0	Sat.	
16													
18													
20													
22													
24													
26													
28													

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FIELD ENG. A. HANNA		DATE DRILLED, 1/2/74		AIRPHOTO NO. A 23329-168		CHAINAGE, 5141+20		OFFSET, 100 Rt OF &		TEST HOLE		538-R2																											
TECH. BAINE		RIG. MAYHEW - #1		SURFACE DRAINAGE.		VEGETATION.		ELEV.		MILE		843																											
SAMPLE NUMBER		SAMPLE TYPE		% RECOVERY		PENETRATION RESISTANCE		UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL		SOIL DESCRIPTION		LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND		ICE DESCRIPTION		(DEPT. IN FEET)		DRY DENSITY (lbs./ft. ³)		WATER CONTENT (% of dry weight)		ICE CONTENT (% of sample volume)		LIQUID LIMIT		PLASTIC LIMIT		GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS		RELATIVE THAWED MOISTURE CONTENT		REMARKS							
DEPTH (FEET)																																							
4-		Pt						PEAT		SAND -Gravelly Pebbles Clayey, silty Pebbles		1/2'		Moderate Ice Vc - Vr		4		40		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-1-		70 29		Damp			
8-		SP												Ice Vs		8		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-1-		86 3		Wet					
12-		SC												High Ice Vs		12		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-8-		90 2		Wet					
16-		SM												Moderate Ice Vc - Vr		16		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-17-		85 3		Free Water					
20-														Low Ice Vx		20		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-9-		34 57		Wet					
24-		GC												Ice Vc - Vr		24		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-7-		32 61		Sat.					
28-		GC												Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		28		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-6-		36 58		Wet					
32-														Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		32		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-4-		18 78		Humid					
36-														Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		36		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-9-		42 49		Wet					
40-														Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		40		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-53-		41 6		Sat.					
44-		CL												Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		44		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-65-		26 8		Sat.					
48-		ML CL												Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		48		60		80		100		120		140		100+		-73-		25 2		Sat.					
52-														Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		52		60		80		100		120		140		100+											
56-														Moderate To High Ice Vc - Vr		56		60		80		100		120		140		100+											

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TECH. BAINE		RIG. MAYHEM - #1		SURFACE DRAINAGE.		VEGETATION.		ELEV.		MILE		843			
DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	DRY DENSITY (lbs./ft. ³)	WATER CONTENT (% of dry weight)	ICE CONTENT (% of sample volume)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS	RELATIVE THAWED MOISTURE CONTENT	REMARKS
4					Pt	PEAT	1'	Moderate	4				CLAY	%	Humid
8					SP	SAND -Gravelly Pebbles		Ice	8				SILT	%	Damp
12							F	Vc - Vr	12				SAND	%	Wet
16					SC	Clayey			16				CLAY	%	Wet
20					SP	Medium Pebbles			20					%	Wet
24									24					%	Wet
28						Gravelly SAND -Med grained Gravelly	30'	Moderate	28					%	Wet
32								To	32					%	Sat.
36					GC	GRAVEL -Clayey Sandy		Low	36					%	Wet
40								Ice	40					%	Wet
44								Vc - Vr	44					%	Wet
48								Vs	48					%	Wet
52									52					%	
56									56					%	
										BOTTOM OF HOLE - 42'					

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FIELD ENG. A. HANNA				DATE DRILLED. 2/2/74				AIRPHOTO NO. A 23329-168				CHAINAGE. 5145 + 00				OFFSET. 2				TEST HOLE				539																							
TECH. PRONYCH				RIG. MAYHEW - #1				SURFACE DRAINAGE.				VEGETATION.				ELEV.				MILE				843																							
DEPTH (FEET)				SAMPLE NUMBER				SAMPLE TYPE				% RECOVERY				PENETRATION RESISTANCE				UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL				SOIL DESCRIPTION				LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND				ICE DESCRIPTION				DEPTH (FEET)											
2				Pt				PEAT				2"				SAND - Gravelly Clayey				Moderate				2				2				2				2				2							
4				SC				Gravelly Throughout				Ice				Ice				4				4				4				4				4				4							
6												Vc - Vr				Vc - Vr				6				6				6				6				6				6							
8																								8				8				8				8				8				8			
10																								10				10				10				10				10				10			
12																								12				12				12				12				12				12			
14								Med - Fine				14'												14				14				14				14				14				14			
16								BOTTOM OF HOLE - 14'																16				16				16				16				16				16			
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26																								26				26				26				26				26				26			
28																								28				28				28				28				28				28			

GRAVEL-SIZE ANALYSIS

PERCENT	GRAVEL	PERCENT	RELATIVE THAWED MOISTURE CONTENT
100	74	100	Wet
75	74	75	Wet
50	74	50	Wet
25	74	25	Wet
0	74	0	Wet

WATER CONTENT (% of dry weight)

ICE CONTENT (% of sample volume)

PLASTIC LIMIT

LIQUID LIMIT

DRY DENSITY (lbm/ft³)

WATER CONTENT (% of dry weight)

ICE CONTENT (% of sample volume)

PLASTIC LIMIT

LIQUID LIMIT

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DRY DENSITY (lbm/ft³)

WATER CONTENT (% of dry weight)

ICE CONTENT (% of sample volume)

PLASTIC LIMIT

LIQUID LIMIT

DEMPSTER HIGHWAY, Y.T.
EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE SITE

Initial Ground Temperatures at installation of thermistors-
June 7, 1974.

<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>TEMPERATURE °F</u>	
	<u>SOUTH BANK</u> <u>STA 5091+80</u>	<u>NORTH BANK</u> <u>STA 5094+35</u>
5	30.6	26.0
10	30.7	22.9
20	31.95	24.4
30	32.06	27.0
40	32.2	28.2
50	32.2	28.5
60	32.1	28.6
70	32.1	28.8
80	32.0	28.7
90	32.3	29.0
100	32.1	29.1

DEMPSTER HIGHWAY, Y.T.
EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE SITE

Ground Temperatures - Sept. 29, 1974

Observer - G.H. Johnston
DBR/NRC

- (1) Thermistor Cable No. 1 - North Side - Sta. 5094 + 35
(B.H. #74-BH-Da)

Point No.	Depth Ft.	Temperature	
		°C	°F
1	5	-0.77	30.6
2	10	-1.71	28.9
3	20	-2.55	27.4
4	30	-2.62	27.3
5	40	-2.35	27.7
6	50	-2.08	28.2
7	60	-1.91	28.6
8	70	-1.79	28.8
9	80	-1.86	28.7
10	90	-1.64	29.0
11	100	-1.72	28.9

- (2) Thermistor Cable No. 2 - South Side - Sta. 5091 + 80
(B.H. #74-1)

Point No.	Depth Ft.	Temperature	
		°C	°F
1	5	-0.14	31.7
2	10	-0.44	31.2
3	20	-0.10	31.8
4	30	+0.06	32.1
5	40	+0.12	32.2
6	50	+0.15	32.2
7	60	+0.02	32.0
8	70	+0.04	32.1
9	80	-0.10	31.8
10	90	+0.15	32.2
11	100	-0.10	31.8

DEMPSTER HIGHWAY, Y.T.
EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE SITE

Ground Temperatures - March 21, 1975

Observers -

J.C. Plunkett, DBR/M

T. Thompson, AES/DOE

Point No.	Depth Ft.	Cable #1 (North)		Cable #2 (South)	
		°C	°F	°C	°F
1	5	-5.53	22.0	-0.34	31.4
2	10	-3.78	25.2	-0.37	31.3
3	20	-2.15	28.1	-0.19	31.7
4	30	-2.03	28.3	-0.05	31.9
5	40	-2.11	28.2	+0.04	32.1
6	50	-2.06	28.3	+0.09	32.2
7	60	-1.95	28.5	-0.16	31.7
8	70	-1.80	28.8	0.0	32.0
9	80	-1.84	28.7	-0.23	31.6
10	90	-1.64	29.0	+0.10	32.2
11	100	-	* -	-	* -

Snow Cover - Range 27" - 39"
- Avge. (~20 obser.) 32"

32" - 36"
34"

Air Temperature - 0°C

* Unable to obtain stable reading.

5. Thunder River

The drainage area is 116 square miles. No major lake on the main channel effects the peak discharge. A discharge of 980 c.f.s. has been computed from ice marks which is approximately a seven year return period flow rate. A fifty year return period discharge of 1,410 c.f.s. is used for design with and average velocity estimated at 3.4 feet per second. The average slope of the river is 0.62%.

III.5 THUNDER RIVER

5.1 Bridge Crossing

In case a bridge turns out to be the best solution for the crossing, a bridge length of 220 feet is recommended, as shown on Fig. 14.

On the west side of the river, the bridge approach is built on a flood plain that will be slightly inundated by the fifty year design high water.

5.2 Scour Computation

The mean size of bed material observed is 50 m.m. The

water depth and velocity at design discharge of 1,410 cfs were estimated to be 8.9 feet and 3.04 fps respectively (Table 1). Based on this bed material size and water depth, a velocity of 8.9 fps is required to move the bed material; this value is much higher than the mean velocity of 3.04 fps. The minimum required channel width of 67 feet computed by Lacey's equation⁽⁸⁾ is less than the natural channel width of 69 feet under fill condition as shown in Fig. 14. Thus, no general scour is expected.

The local scour depths around piers were calculated to be 5 feet, 6 feet and 3 feet for the piers with widths of 4 feet, 6 feet and 8 feet respectively (Appendix II). 3 inch diameter stones will be sufficient to insure protection against local scour. 12 inch mean size riprap is recommended for protection. (Table 2).

5.3 Ice Considerations

Very few ice marks were found along the river banks, except below a sharp bend slightly upstream of the crossing.

Schultz measurements on March 14, 1974 found that the river was frozen solid to the bottom. Ice was 6 feet deep. We feel that, due to the excessive amount of debris on the Thunder River combined with some ice floes or high water, a bridge will be safer and more maintenance-free than a culvert.

I.5 THUNDER RIVER

Design discharge: 1,410 cfs

Elevation corresponding to design discharge: 283.9 feet

Natural channel width at design discharge: 88 feet

Riverbed material: small boulder, $D_{50} = 50$ m.m.

Channel width at bridge site under fill condition at
design discharge: 69 feet

Average water depth at design discharge: 8.9 feet

Channel cross-section area at bridge site corresponding to
design discharge: 465 sq. ft.

Velocity at design discharge: 3.04 fps

The competent velocity suggested⁽⁷⁾ for bed material size
of 50 m.m. and water depth of 8.9 feet is:

$$V_c = 8.9 \text{ fps}$$

which is much greater than the mean velocity of 3.04 fps

The water opening width required for stable channel estimated
by Lacey's equation is:

$$W = 1.8 \times (1,410)^{0.5} = 67 \text{ feet}$$

which is less than the channel width even under fill
condition.

Therefore, no general scour is expected.

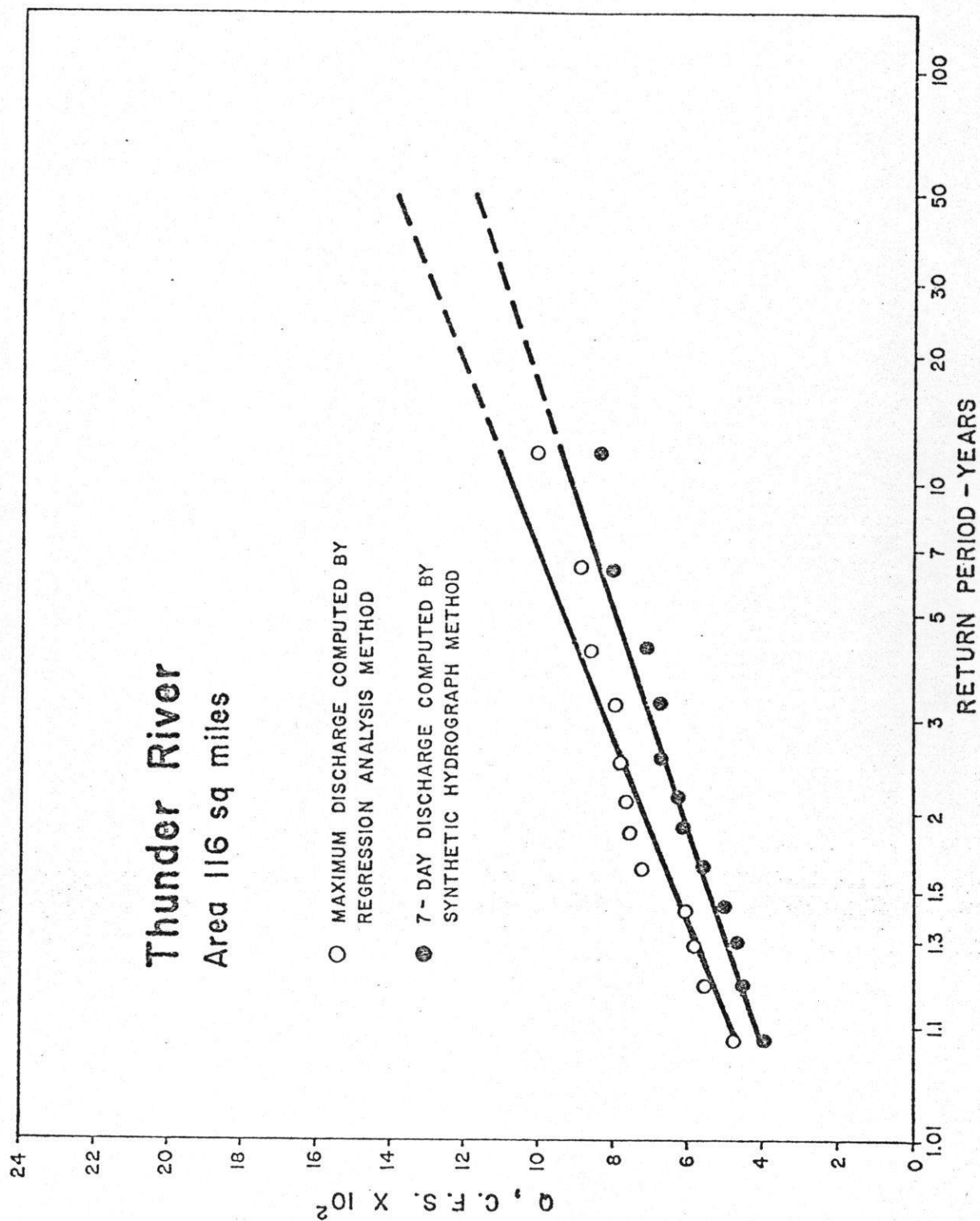


FIGURE 16 Peak and 7-day discharges of the Thunder River

THUNDER RIVER BASIN

TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA TO HWY 116 SQ MI

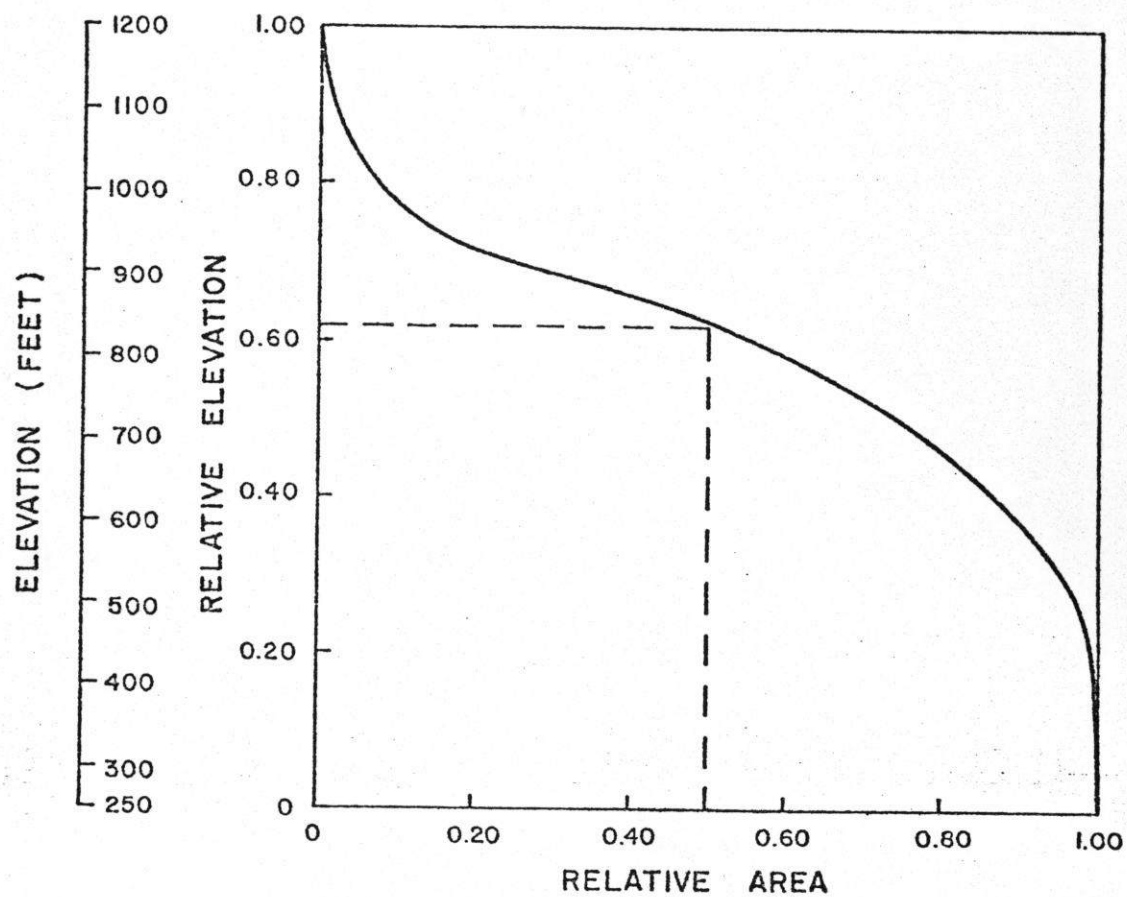


FIGURE 34

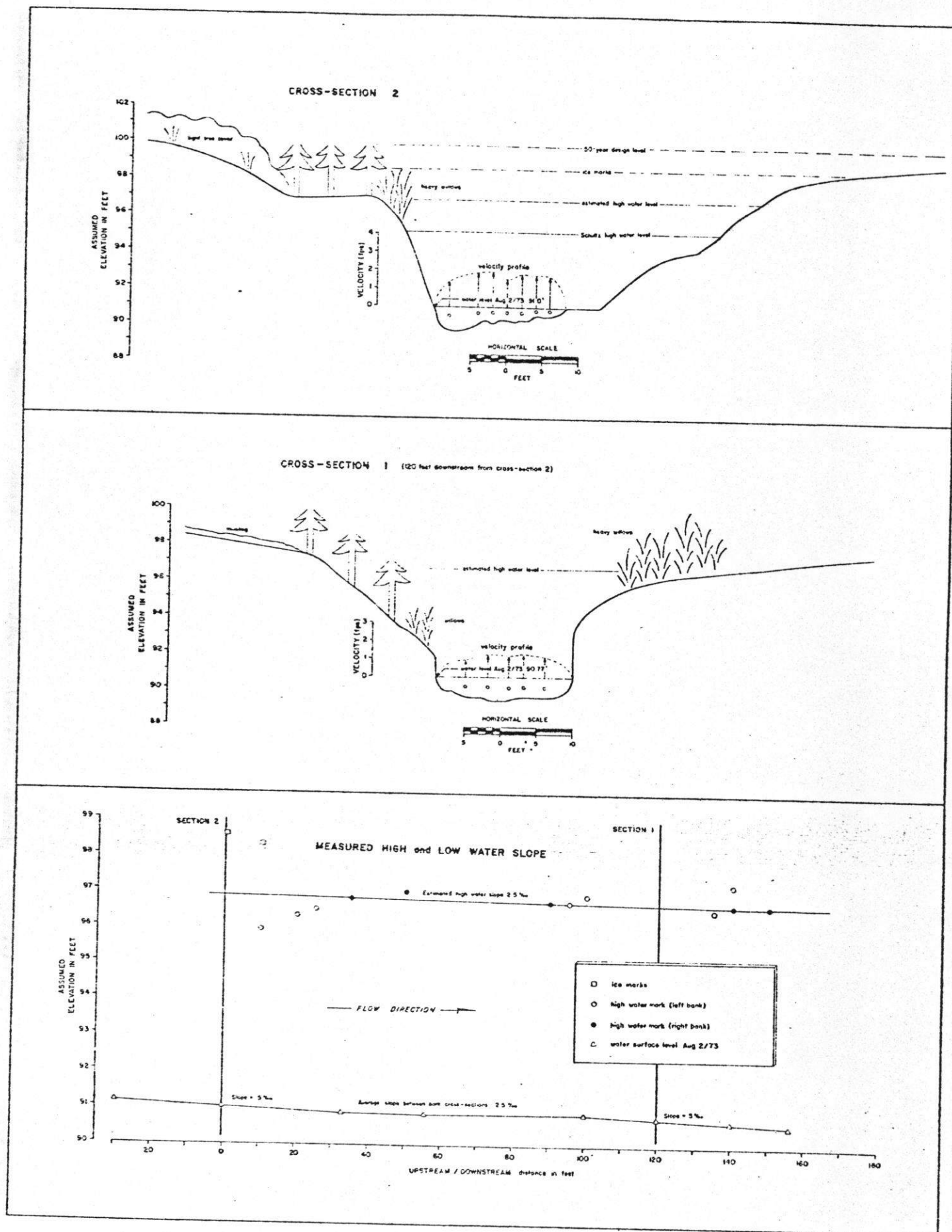


FIGURE 42 Thunder River Hydraulic Data

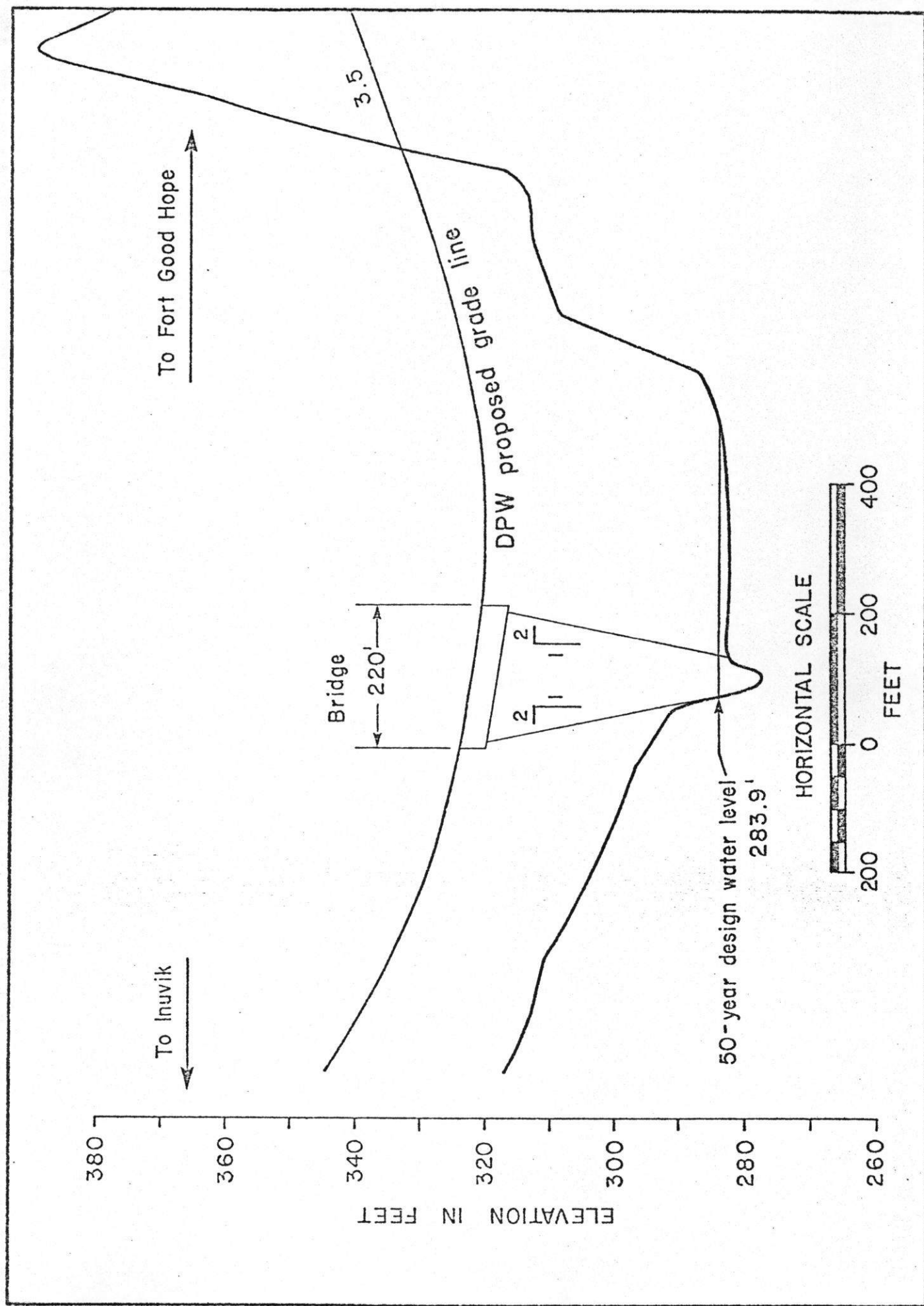


FIGURE 14 THUNDER RIVER BRIDGE
Preliminary Profile

Table D
Local Scour Depth Around Piers
at Thunder River Crossing

Equation Used	Scour Depth in Feet		
	Width of Pier in Feet		
	4	6	8
Blench	4.3	5.7	6.8
Shen	4.3	5.5	6.6
Larras	5.6	7.6	9.5
Depth Recommended	5.0	6.0	8.0

APPENDIX III

THUNDER RIVER - CULVERT DESIGN

I FIRST TRY: 26.9 x 18.7 foot culvert with 4.5 feet of fill at the bottom

I.1 MAXIMUM VELOCITY COMPUTATION

$$S = 0.004$$

$n = 0.045$ for a culvert bottom filled with rocks⁽²⁾

$$A_{R_{50}}^{2/3} = \frac{nQ}{1.49 S^{1/2}} = \frac{0.045 \times 1,410}{1.49 \times 0.0632} = 673$$

$$\text{Therefore } D_{N_{50}} = 9.05 \text{ feet}$$

The tailwater depth is 10.0 feet (natural channel depth) and the backwater curve is of the M1 type.

The maximum velocity occurs at the normal depth section if the pipe is long enough.

$$A_{N_{50}} = 225 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$V_{N_{50}} = \frac{1,410}{225} = 6.26 \text{ fps}$$

I.2 7 DAY DELAY VELOCITY COMPUTATION

$$A_{R_{50-7\text{-day}}}^{2/3} = \frac{0.045 \times 1,190}{1.49 \times 0.0632} = 568.6$$

depth, $D_{N_{50-7\text{-day}}} = 7.95$ Backwater curve of M1 type

Area, $A_{N_{50-7\text{-day}}} = 198$

$$V_{N_{50-7\text{-day}}} = \frac{1,190}{198} = 6.01 \text{ fps}$$

With a total fill depth of 45 feet, the length of the culvert is $34 + 3 \times 45 = 169$ feet.

Assuming that the M1 curve is horizontal the depth at the entrance of the culvert is found to be:

$$D = 9.4 - 169 \times 0.004 = 8.72$$

corresponding to an Area of 217 ft^2 and therefore a 7 day delay velocity of:

$$V = \frac{1,190}{217} = 5.48 \text{ fps}$$

Currents are too fast. A bigger culvert has to be tried.

II SECOND TRY: 28.3 x 20.5 foot culvert with 4.5 feet of fill at the bottom

II.1 MAXIMUM VELOCITY COMPUTATION

$$S = 0.004$$

$$n = 0.045 \text{ with bottom filled with rocks}$$

$$A R_{50}^{2/3} = 673$$

Now $D_{N_{50}}$ becomes equal to 7.7 feet. There is backwater effect in the culvert since the tailwater depth is 10 feet.

Assuming horizontal slope, the depth at the entrance is:

$D = 10 - 169 \times 0.004 = 9.32$ feet corresponding to a culvert area of 265 ft^2 and a 50 year maximum velocity of:

$$V_{50} = 5.32 \text{ fps}$$

II.2 7 DAY DELAY VELOCITY COMPUTATION

$$A R_{50-7\text{-day}}^{2/3} = 568$$

$$D_{N_{50-7\text{-day}}} = 6.7 \text{ feet}$$

$$D_{\text{entrance}} = 9.4 - 169 \times 0.004 = 8.72$$

corresponding to an area of:

$$A = 248 \text{ ft}^2$$

and a 50 year, 7 day delay velocity of 4.79 fps which is below 5 fps.

This type of culvert can be retained.