

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF MIKE LITTLE GAS	)	
COMPANY, INC., MIKI THOMPSON, WINNIE	)	
GREER AND DANIEL GREER, INDIVIDUALLY	)	
AND AS OFFICERS OF THE UTILITY, FOR	)	CASE NO. 2007-00107
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF COMMISSION	)	
ORDERS AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS PURSUANT	)	
TO KRS 278.990 AND KRS 278.992	)	

ORDER

On June 20, 2007, the Commission assessed Miki Thompson and Winnie Greer, individually and in their capacity as corporate officers of Mike Little Gas Company, Inc. ("Mike Little"), and Mike Little, jointly and severally, a civil penalty of \$100,000 for violating minimum safety standards set forth in certain regulations promulgated pursuant to federal pipeline safety laws. We further assessed these persons a civil penalty of \$5,000 for Mike Little's failure to comply with the provisions of our Order of June 25, 2004 in Case No. 1999-00267.<sup>1</sup>

As to the civil penalty of \$100,000, the Commission required immediate payment of \$5,000 but suspended the remaining portion upon the condition that certain actions be taken within 30 days. These actions included the burial of all exposed plastic pipe within Mike Little's distribution system; the retention of a qualified, certified operator for

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 1999-00267, *Investigation into Alleged Violations of 807 KAR 5:022, Sections 10(8); 10(9); 13(17)g; 14(12); 14(13); 14(21); 14(21)b; 14(23); and 14(25) and 49 CFR 192.463; 192.465; 192.625(f); 192.721; 192.739; 192.743; and 192.747* (Ky. PSC June 25, 2004).

Mike Little's system; the establishment of a continuing education program; and the performance of a gas sampling and leakage survey. Upon the parties' request, the Commission subsequently extended the time in which to meet these conditions until September 4, 2007.<sup>2</sup>

On September 7, 2007, the Commission received written notification from the parties that all conditions set forth in the Order of June 20, 2007 necessary for the vacation of the suspended portion of the civil penalty of \$100,000 had been met on or before August 21, 2007. Commission Staff subsequently inspected Mike Little's facilities and records and confirmed the parties' reports.

As to the civil penalty of \$5,000, the Commission suspended this penalty on the condition that Mike Little complete replacement of all steel pipe within its distribution no later than October 1, 2007, as the Commission had originally ordered in Case No. 1999-00267. We subsequently relieved the parties of a specific time period for completing the replacement and instead required periodic status reports. On November 10, 2008, Mike Little notified the Commission in writing that the replacement of all steel pipe had been completed. Commission Staff subsequently inspected Mike Little's facilities and confirmed this report.

Finding that the parties have met the conditions set forth in our Order of June 20, 2007, as amended, for the reduction and vacation of the assessed civil penalties, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

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<sup>2</sup> Order of July 31, 2007 at 3. The Commission extended the time to pay the unsuspended portion of penalty until August 15, 2007. The parties made payment on August 14, 2007.

1. Commission Staff Inspection Reports of September 10, 2007 and December 1, 2008, copies of which are appended, are made part of the record of this proceeding.

2. The civil penalty of \$100,000 assessed jointly and severally against Miki Thompson and Winnie Geer, individually and in their capacity as corporate officers of Mike Little, and Mike Little in Ordering Paragraph 4 of the Commission's Order of June 20, 2007 is reduced to \$5,000.

3. The civil penalty of \$5,000 assessed jointly and severally against Miki Thompson and Winnie Geer, individually and in their capacity as corporate officers of Mike Little, and Mike Little in Ordering Paragraph 6 of the Commission's Order of June 20, 2007 is vacated.

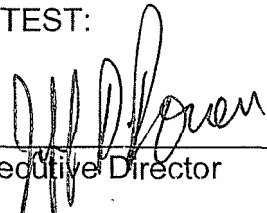
4. All penalties and fines assessed in this proceeding jointly and severally against Miki Thompson and Winnie Geer, individually and in their capacity as corporate officers of Mike Little, and Mike Little are deemed paid in full.

5. This case is closed and shall be removed from the Commission's docket.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2007-00107 DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2009



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September 24, 2007

Miki Thompson  
Mike Little Gas Company  
35 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Suite 106  
Williamson, WV 25661

RE: Natural Gas Facilities Inspection of Mike Little Gas Company

Dear Ms. Thompson:

On September 6, 2007, Melissa Holbrook conducted a follow-up inspection of the natural gas facilities of the Mike Little Gas Company, Inc. in Melvin, Kentucky. A copy of the inspection report is attached for your review. No deficiencies were documented during this follow-up inspection. The previous inspection of this facility was conducted on December 20, 2006. During that comprehensive inspection, nine deficiencies were documented and were corrected in a timely manner.

Please review the attached report. If you have any questions or need additional information, you are welcome to contact me at (502) 564-3940. We appreciate your continued interest in the safe operation of your gas facilities.

Sincerely,

Jason R. Brangers, P.E.  
Manager  
Gas Branch  
Division of Engineering

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Attachment: MikeLittleGas-090607 Inspection Report

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

UTILITY INSPECTION REPORT

Report Date: 9/10/2007

Report Number: MikeLittleGas-090607

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**BRIEF**

**Inspector:** Melissa Holbrook  
**Inspection Date:** 9/6/2007  
**Type of Inspection:** Follow-Up Inspection

**Type of Facility:** Private Distribution  
**Name of Utility:** Mike Little Gas Company, Inc.  
**Location of Facility:** Melvin, KY  
**Purpose of Inspection:** Inspection of utility facilities to verify actions taken to correct a deficiency and to meet the requirements of Case No: 2007-00107

**Applicable Regulations** 49 CFR Part 192 and 807 KAR 5:022

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**INSPECTION**

**Description of Utility:** Small natural gas distribution company operating in numerous areas in Eastern Kentucky.  
**Number of Customers:** 616  
**Area of Operation:** Floyd County  
**Supply Source:** Equitable Production  
**Distribution Description:** The system consists of plastic and steel mains & services which operate at low to medium gas pressures.  
**Workforce Summary:** 3-qualified employees, 1-office assistant  
**Utility Reps in Insp:** Miki Thompson-Owner and Kara Thompson-Supervisor  
**Date of Last Inspection:** 12/20/2006  
**DTR from Last Insp:** 5  
**DTRs not Cleared:** 0

**Summary of items and facilities Inspected:**

The following items were reviewed and are listed by their designation in Case No: 2007-00107: B-All exposed plastic pipe; C- Operator Qualification Program; D- Public Awareness Program, E- Weekly odorant tests, and E- Leakage survey.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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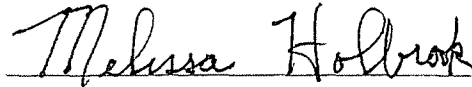
RECOMMENDATIONS

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ADDITIONAL INSPECTOR COMMENTS

Case No: 2007-00107 The Order of June 20, 2007 the items 4-B,C,D,&E have all been corrected.  
Mike Little Gas Company corrected the above deficiencies within the time limit the Commission required.

Submitted by

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Melissa Holbrook

Utility Regulatory and Safety Investigator I

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2007-00107 DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2009





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December 12, 2008

Miki Thompson, Esq.  
Mike Little Gas Company, Inc.  
108 Logan Street  
Williamson, WV 25661

#### SPECIALIZED INSPECTION OF MIKE LITTLE GAS COMPANY, INC.

On November 25, 2008, Melissa Holbrook conducted a specialized inspection of Mike Little Gas Company, Inc. in Floyd County, Kentucky. This inspection was conducted to ensure completion of a line replacement concerning Case No. 2007-00107. A copy of the inspection report is attached for your review. No deficiencies were documented during this specialized inspection. The previous inspection was conducted on September 6, 2007. No deficiencies were documented during that inspection.

Please review the attached inspection report. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (502) 564-3940. We appreciate your continued interest in the safe operation of your facility.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason R. Brangers".

JASON R. BRANGERS, P.E., MANAGER, GAS BRANCH, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

Attachment: MikeLittle11252008 Inspection Report

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

UTILITY INSPECTION REPORT

Report Date: 12/1/2008

Report Number: MikeLittle11252008

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**BRIEF**

**Inspector:** Melissa Holbrook  
**Inspection Date:** 11/25/2008  
**Type of Inspection:** Specialized  
  
**Type of Facility:** Private Distribution  
**Name of Utility:** Mike Little Gas Company, Inc.  
**Location of Facility:** Melvin, KY  
**Purpose of Inspection:** Verify completion of line replacement concerning Case No. 2007-00107

**Applicable Regulations:** 49 CFR Part 192 and 807 KAR 5:022

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**INSPECTION**

**Description of Utility:** Small private distribution company in Eastern Kentucky  
**Number of Customers:** 616  
**Area of Operation:** Floyd County  
**Supply Source:** Equitable  
**Distribution Description:** The system consists of plastic and mains & services operating at low to medium gas pressure.  
**Workforce Summary:** 2-Employees  
**Utility Reps in Insp:** Miki Thompson  
**Date of Last Inspection:** 9/6/2007  
**DTR from Last Insp:** 0  
**DTRs not Cleared:** 0

**Summary of items and facilities Inspected:**

As per the Order in Case No. 2007-00107 Mike Little Gas Company was ordered to replace a section of steel pipe. The inspection found that Mike Little Gas Company has replaced the steel line as ordered.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

UTILITY INSPECTION REPORT

Report Date: 12/1/2008

Report Number: MikeLittle11252008

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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ADDITIONAL INSPECTOR COMMENTS

The Order in Case No. 2007-00107 has been completed and inspected. Please see pictures attached for verification of replacement.

Submitted by



Melissa Holbrook

Utility Regulatory and Safety Investigator I

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THE UTILITY, FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS )  
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CASE NO. 2007-00107

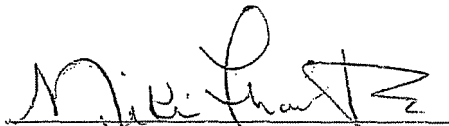
NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF  
LINE REPLACEMENT AS ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now Mike Little Gas Company, Inc. (Mike Little) and makes its report of completion of line repair and replacement and states as follows:

1. Mike Little was directed by Order of the Commission to complete that certain steel pipe replacement.
2. The project has had various unavoidable delays, nevertheless, said replacement has been completed.
3. The line has been replaced, all tie ins made and gas is flowing from the line.
4. The new line has been inspected by Mike Little employees and contractors and in fact a leak survey has been completed of the entire system with special attention to the new line, said line showing no leaks.
5. Said line is ready for inspection by the Commission at any time.

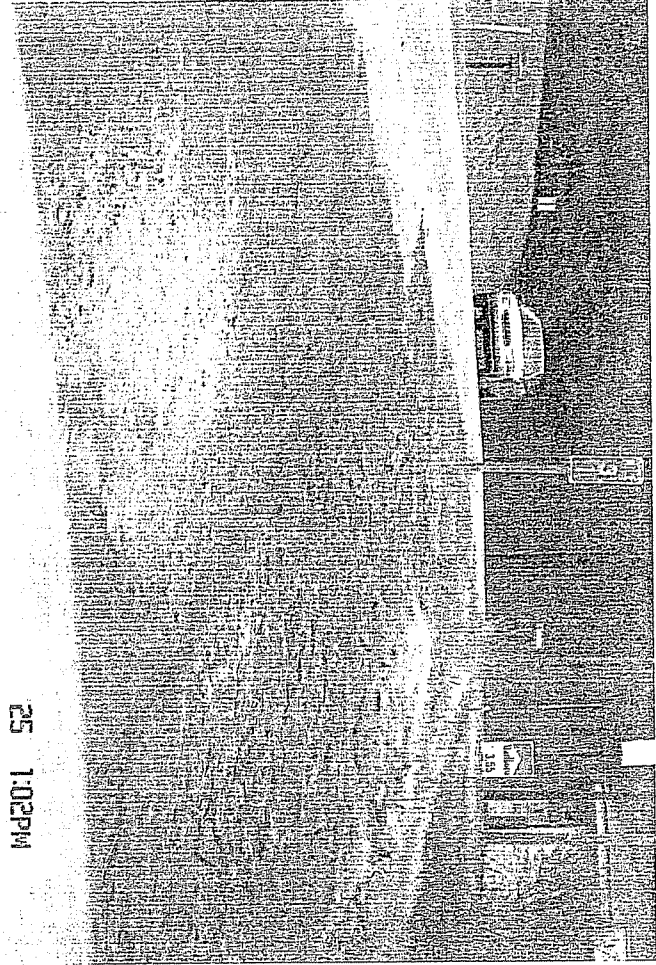
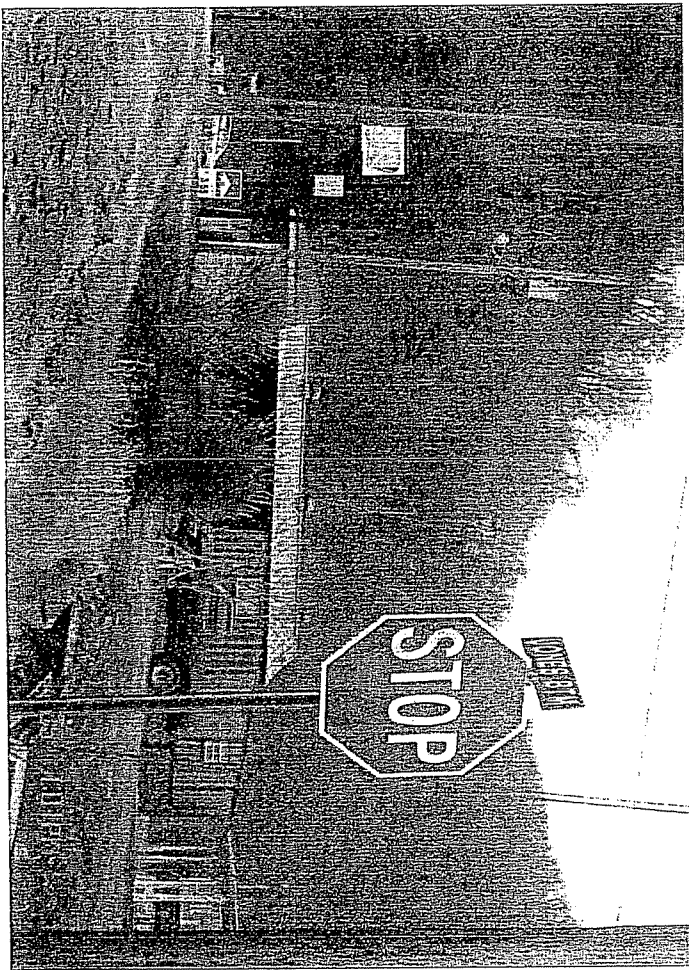
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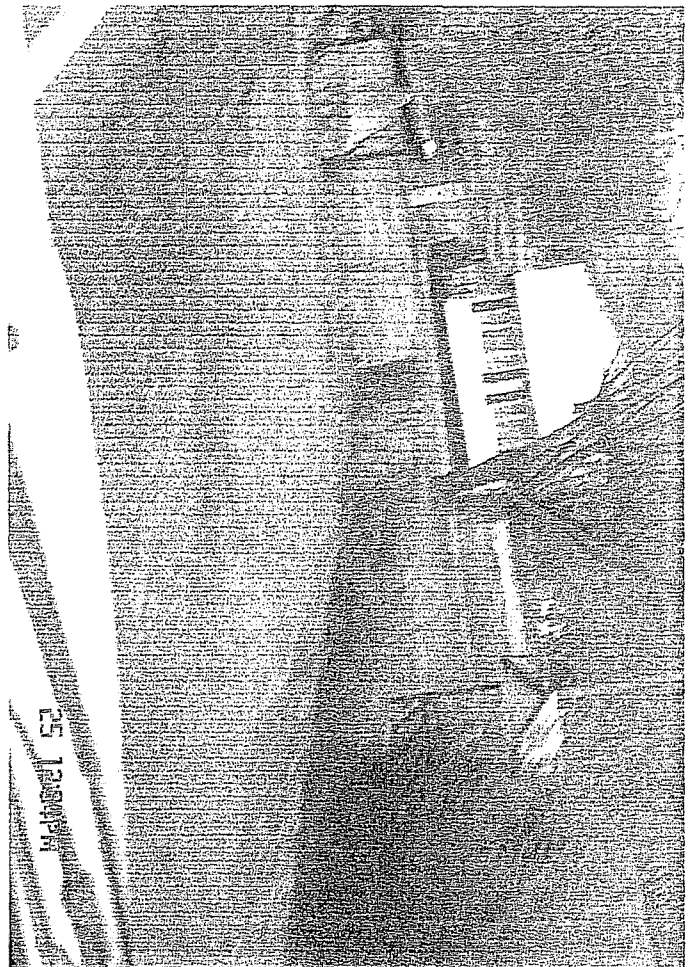
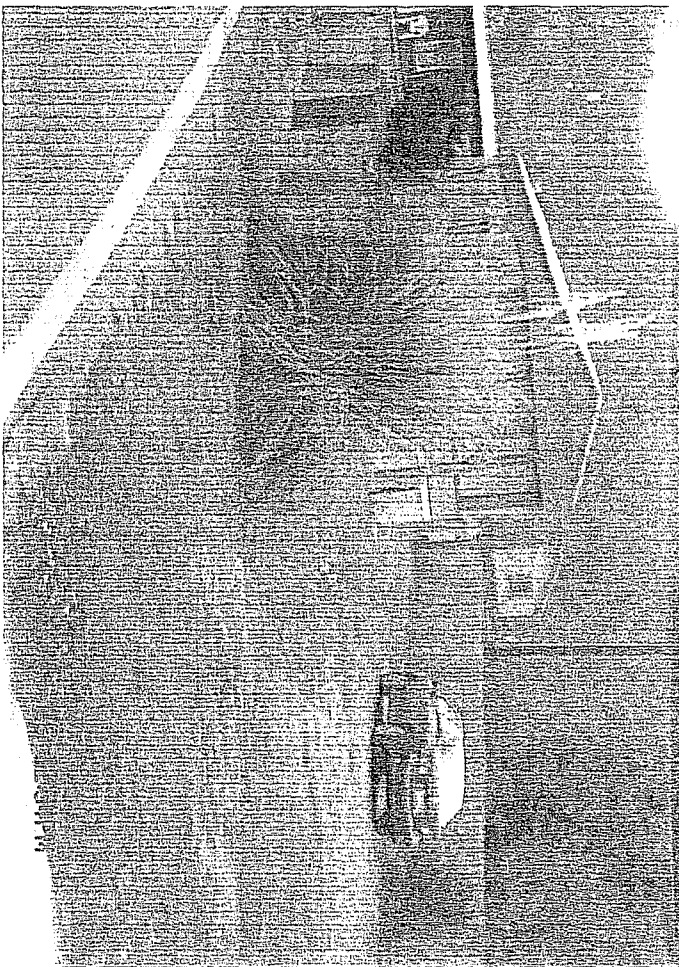
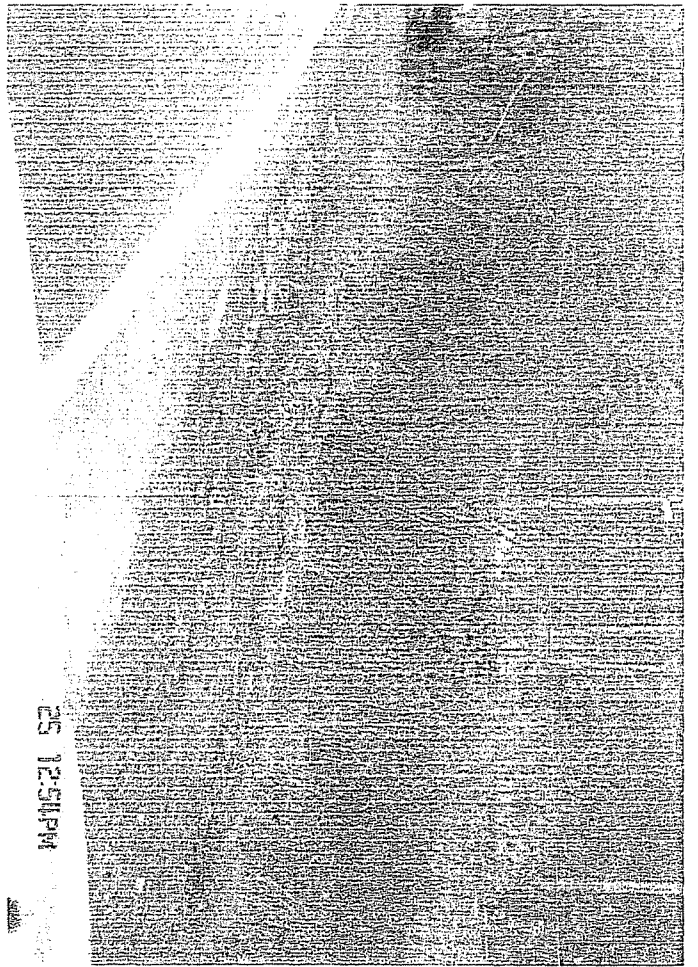
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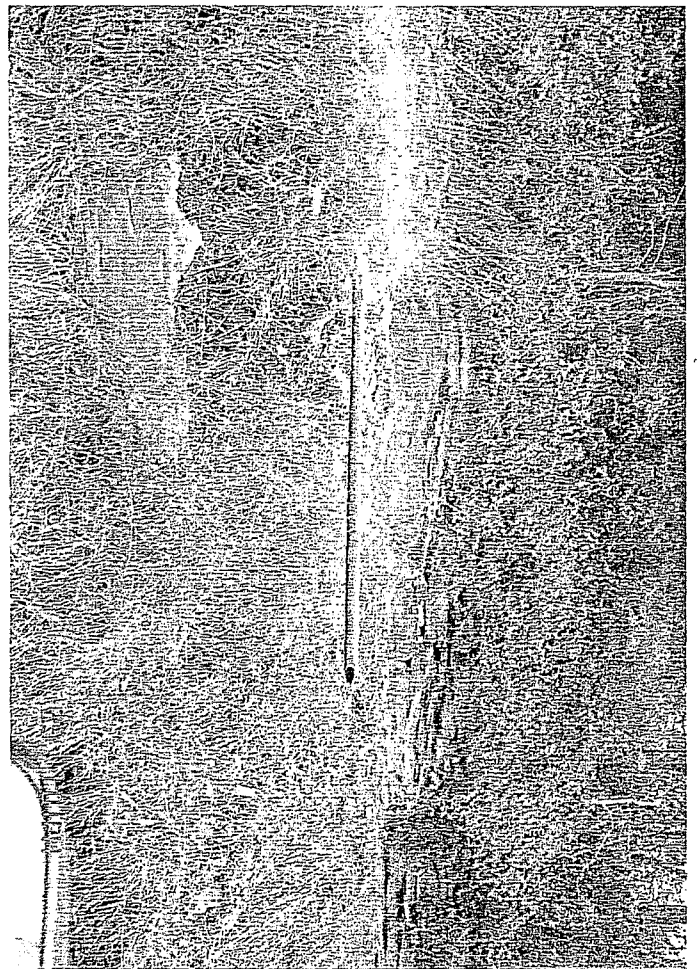
  
HON. MIKI THOMPSON  
PRESIDENT AND COUNSEL

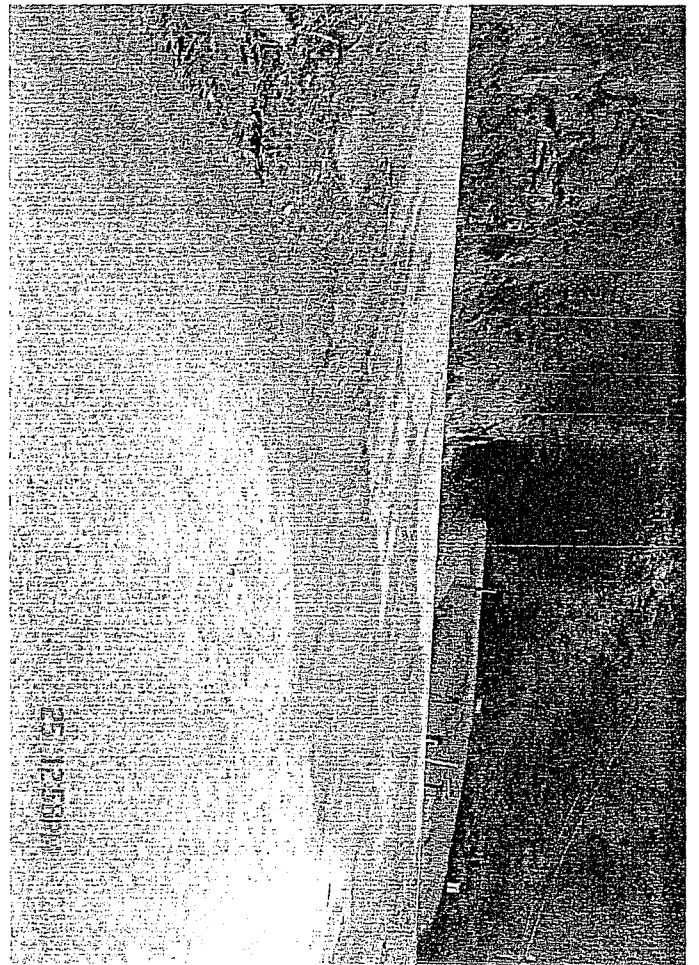
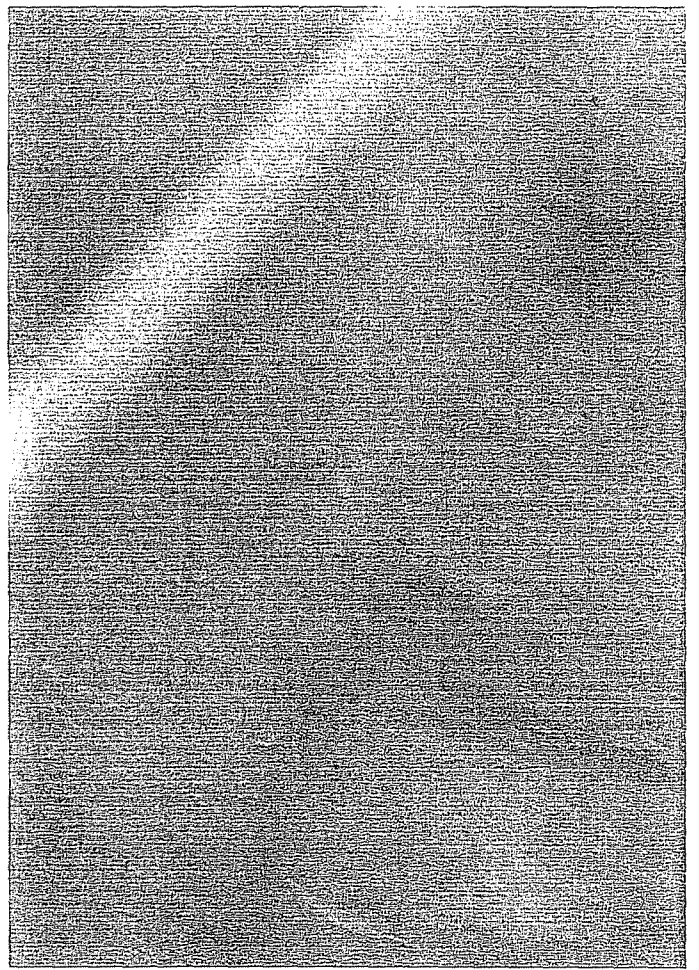
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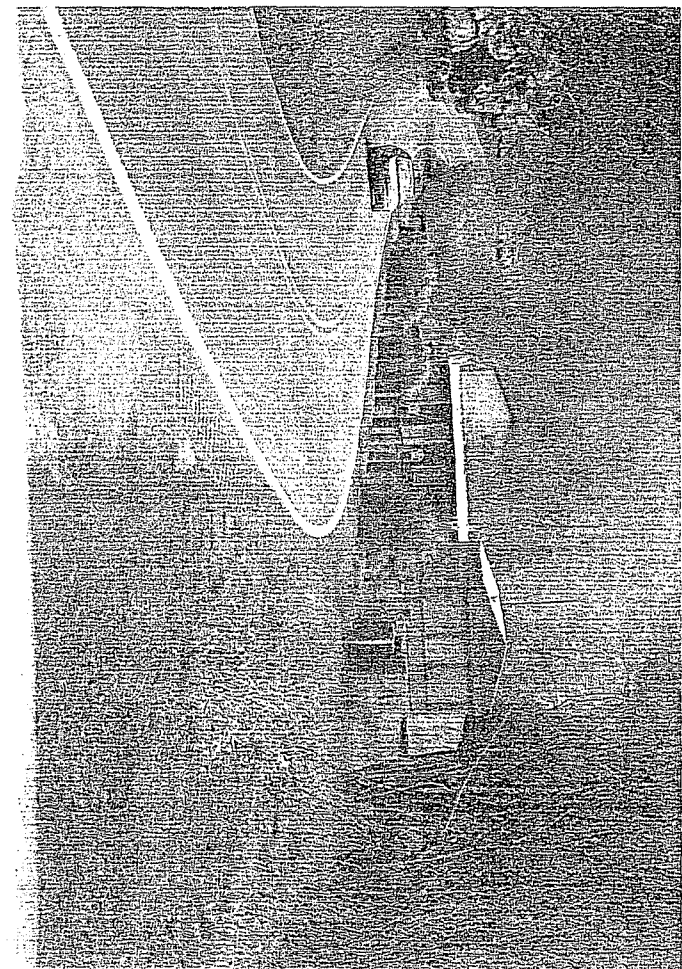
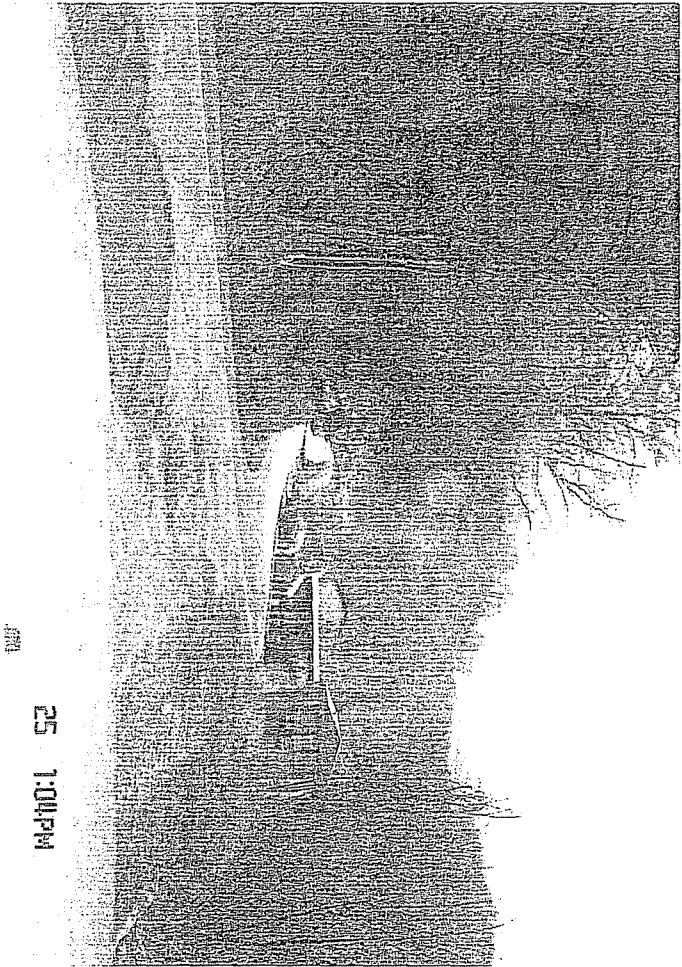
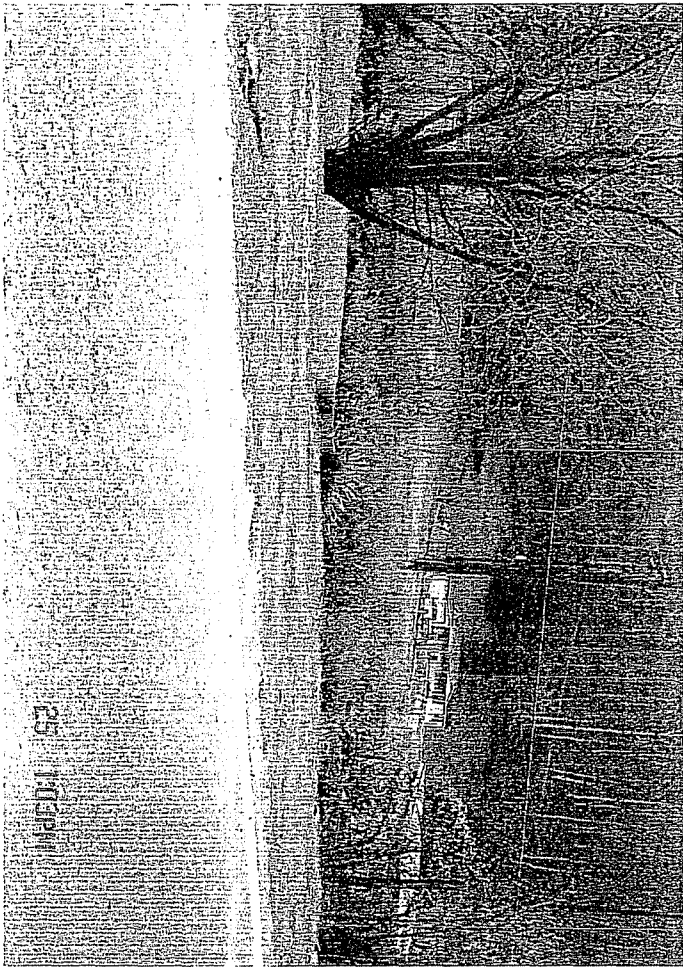


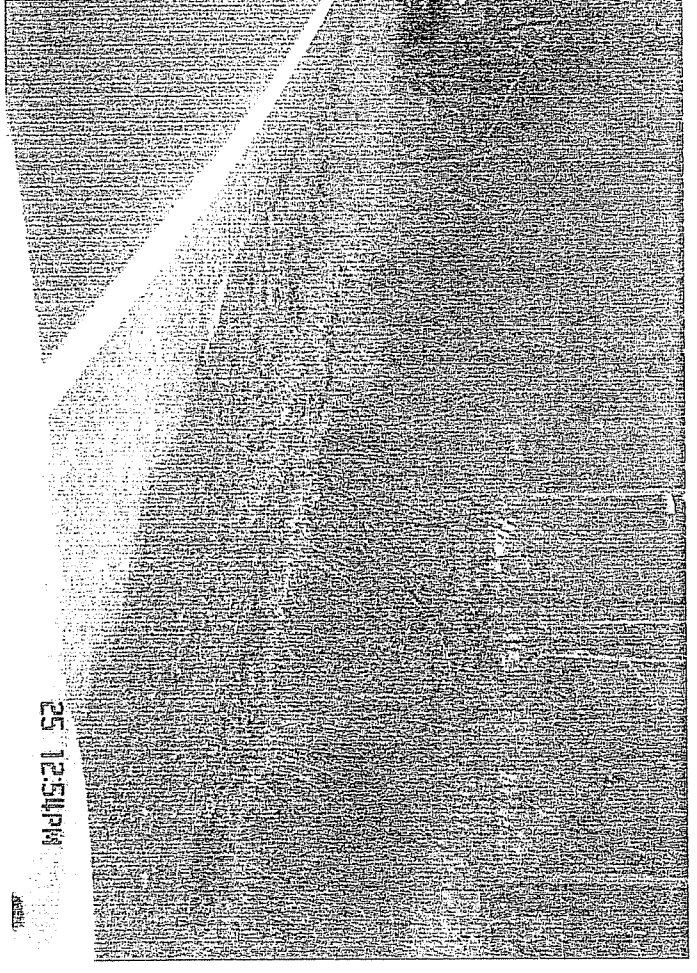
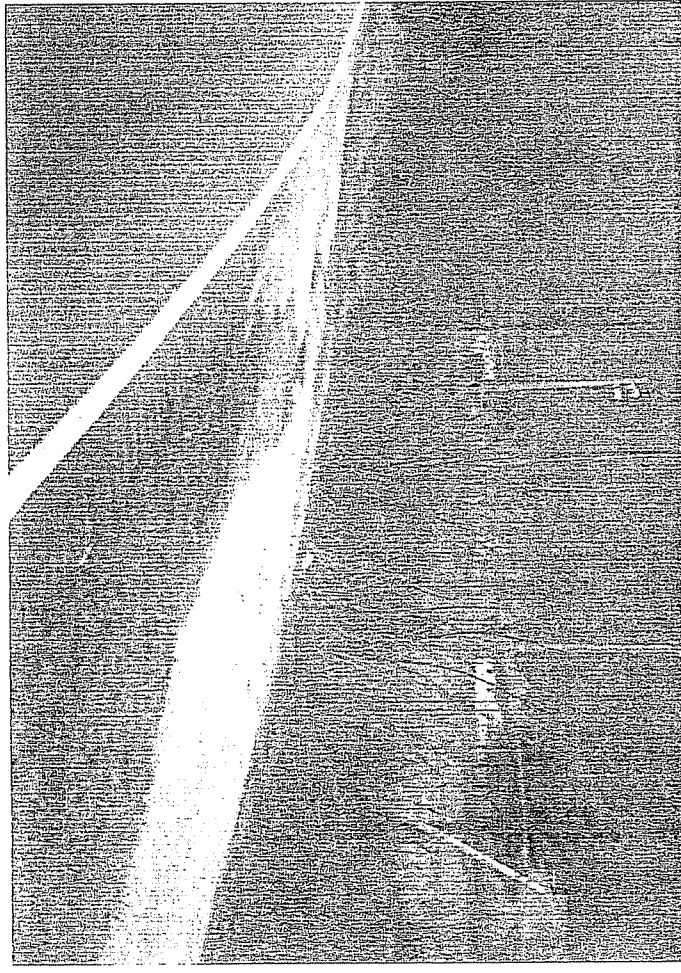
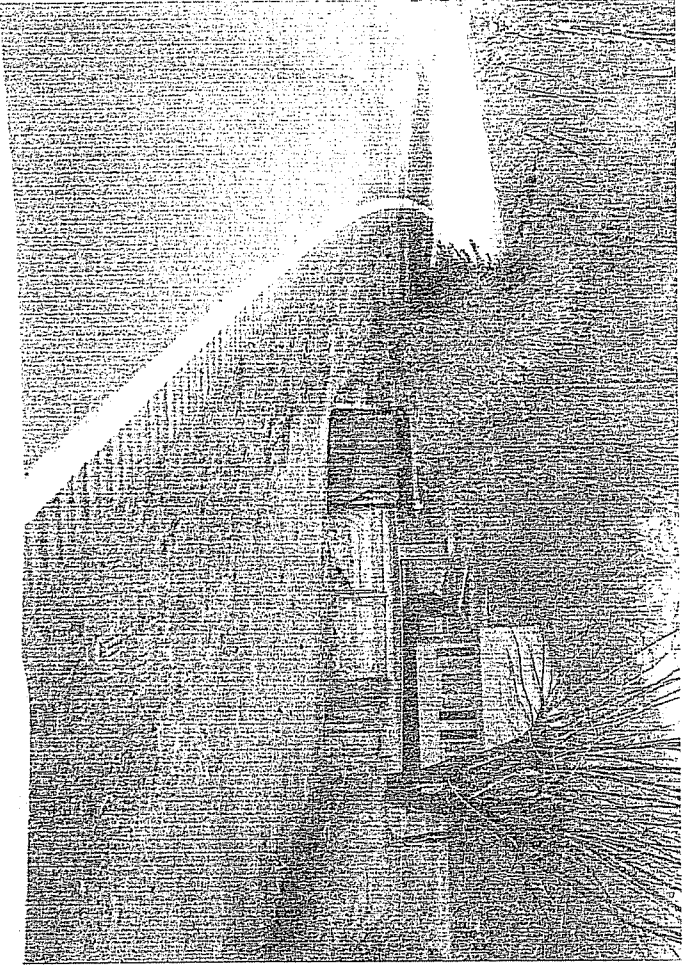
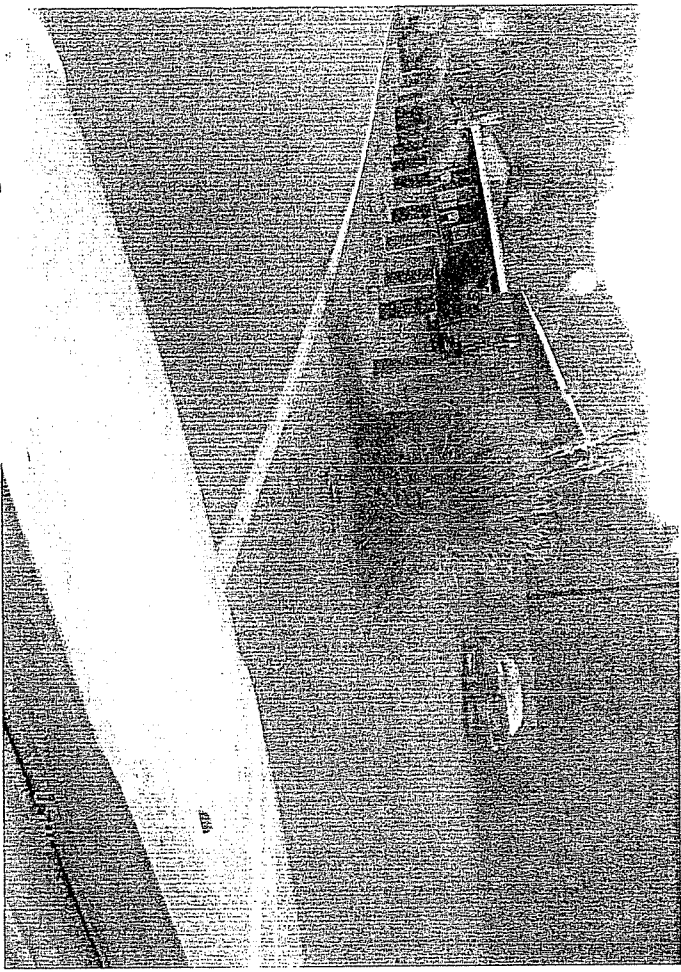


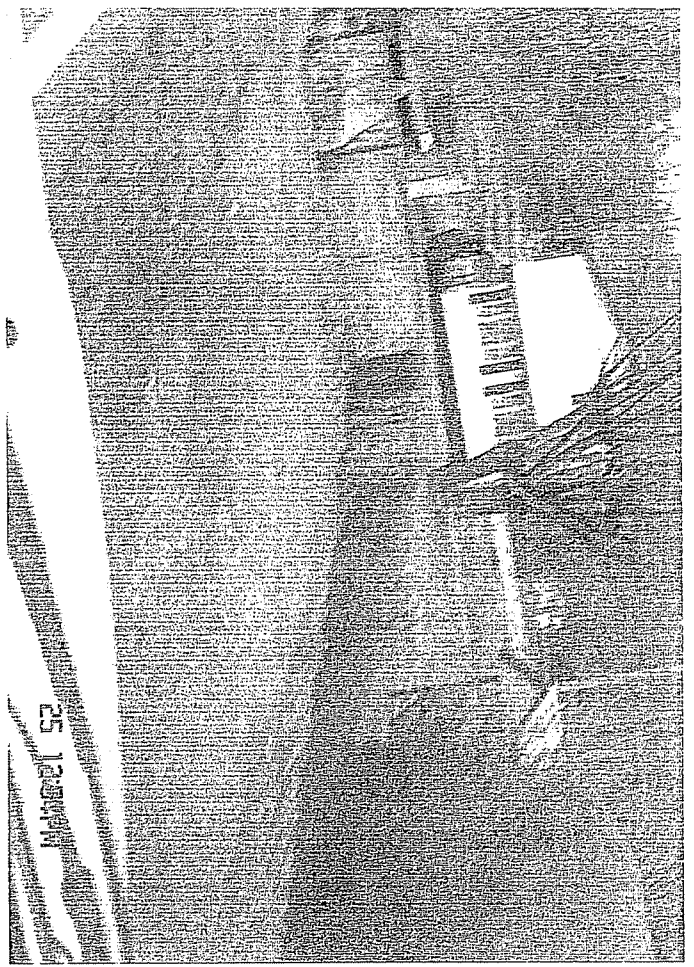












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