

## CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

January 7, 1970

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: W. T. Stevens, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Revised Drainage Report of a Tract of Land Situated in the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 10N., Range 4E., N.M.P.M.

The drainage area involved in this revision was subjected to re-evaluation for the following reasons:

- A. The parcel of land in the study is 80% residential with front and rear private, lawn areas and considerable landscaping.
- B. The lots are not radically sloped nor are the dwellings highly elevated above existing street elevations.
- C. The conclusion drawn from the above would indicate that a runoff coefficient of .50\* would be entirely realistic and consistent with good engineering practices.

The following computations and facts have been compiled to support any future proposals:

\* The original report used .65

### Design Criteria

Mannings Formula:  $Q = A \frac{1.486}{n} (R^{2/3}) S^{1/2}$   
Rational Formula:  $Q = CiA$   
Storm Frequency: 100 yr.  
Runoff Coefficient: .50  
Tc-(Time of Concentration) (a) 30 min.  $\frac{163}{+20} \cdot \frac{163}{30+20} = 3.26$  in./hr.  
i. - (Rainfall Intensity) (b) i =  
 $Q = CiA; Q = 212 (.50) (3.26) = 346$  c.f.s. *343 cfs*

In addition, a drainage study for the area near Conchas Park has shown that excess runoff from North of Candelaria Rd. during a peak storm, will overflow the curbing at Candelaria and Eubank Blvd. N.E., in the amount of approximately 148 cu. ft. per sec., due to lack of carrying capacity on Candelaria and on Eubank Blvd. This supplemental flow crosses a service station lot, a shopping center lot and then enters Lexington Ave. N.E. whence it moves Westerly and Southerly to combine with the runoff from the primary watershed area. The combined runoff which reaches the culvert at Menaul Blvd. and Phoenix Ave. is then

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$$346 \text{ c.f.s.} + 148 \text{ c.f.s.} = 494 \text{ c.f.s.}$$


The structural plate arch culvert at Menaul Blvd., N.E. and Phoenix Ave., N.E., when flowing full, will carry 649 c.f.s. which is greater than the contributory runoff.

$$Q=A \frac{1.486}{n} (R \ 2/3)(S \ 1/2) \therefore Q=28.274 \frac{1.486}{.013} (1.310)(.1284)$$
$$Q=543 \text{ c.f.s.}$$

The culvert capacity of 543 c.f.s. as shown in the computations would require a 78" C.P.C. to carry the flow from the structural plate arch to the existing 60" C.P.C. at Wyoming Blvd., N.E. The 60" C.P.C. at Wyoming Blvd., N.E. will carry 360 c.f.s. leaving an excess of 494 c.f.s. - 360 c.f.s. or 134 c.f.s. to spill out of an overflow structure onto Wyoming Blvd.

It is therefore recommended that a 78" C.P.C., approximately 680' in length be installed to carry the flow from the structural plate arch at Menaul & Phoenix to the 60" C.P.C. at Wyoming Blvd. It is also recommended, when funds become available, that an interceptor trunk be extended to intercept a portion of the water in the vicinity of Moon & Menaul N.E., thereby eliminating the overflow structure in the future.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Rick Elliott, Design Engineer

Approved by:

  
Frank J. Bailey, Assistant City Engineer

- (a) Tc based on study by P.Z. Kirpich, Civil Engineering, Vol. 100 No. 6, June 1940, p. 362  
(b) Sandia Conservancy Distr., 1954 Intensity Duration Curves

MENAU & WYOMING DRAINAGE ( Phoenix Ave. to Wyoming)

NOTE: F.F. Elev's., of the three (3) lowest dwellings is three (3) feet above high water with one (1) foot of head at M.P.

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Proposed Culvert, Alignment & gradient.

Rd. - 78" R.C.P. @  $S = .0165$  (exist. natural grade)

494 c.f.s.

$S = .0101$   
 $L = 108.51'$   
14' x 4.8'  
Conch. Inlet

Transitional structure to be designed to pickup flow from Struct. plate arch into proposed 72" C.P.C.

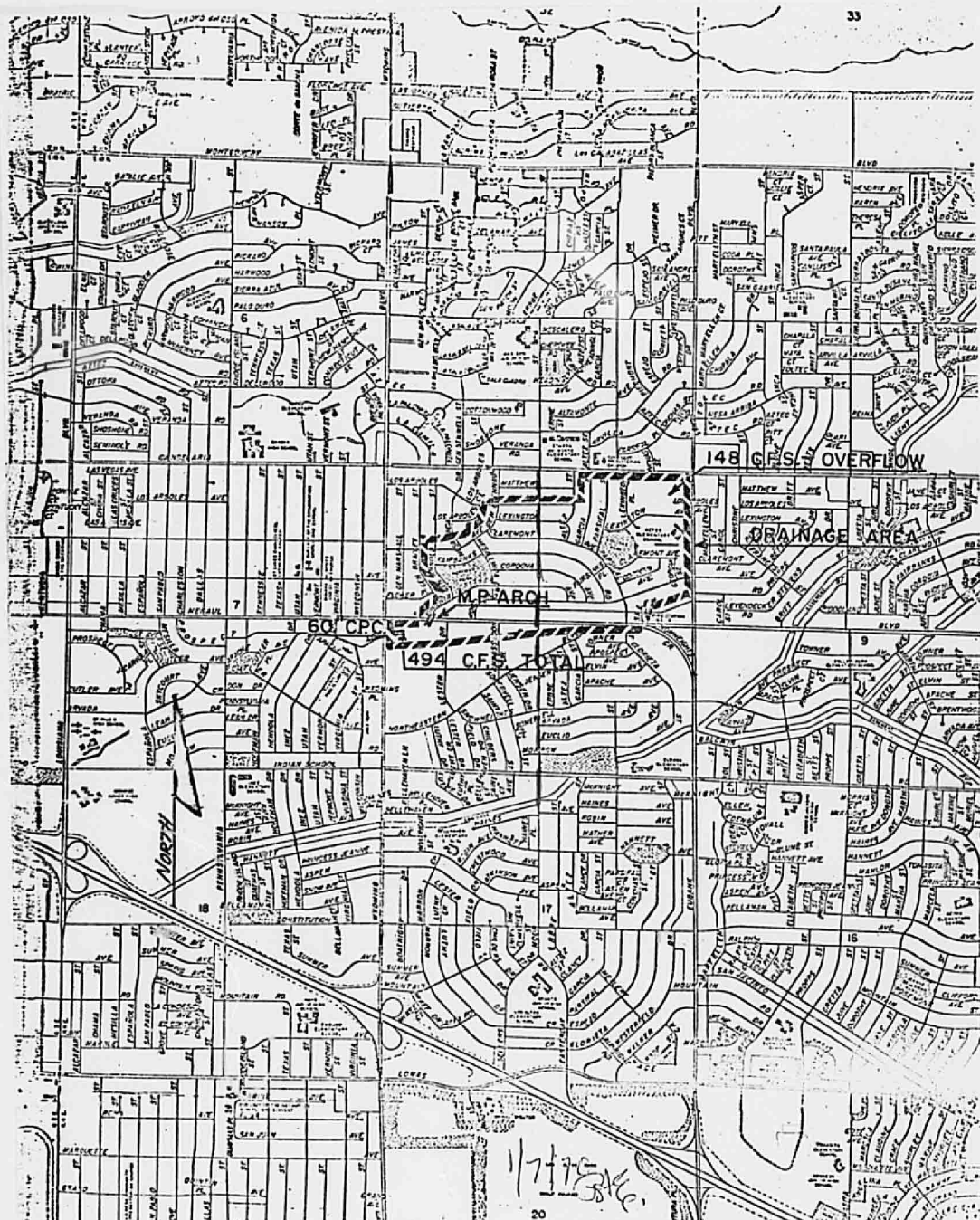
Transitional Overflow Structure to be designed to spill that part of the total "Q" that the existing 60" R.C.P. won't carry.

Scale 1" = 100'

\*\* 60" C.P.C. at Wyoming crossing will carry 360 c.f.s. of the 494 c.f.s. leaving 134 c.f.s. to spill out of overflow structure onto Wyoming Blvd.

NORTH

RAE 1/6/70



MENAU & WYOMING DRAINAGE (Phoenix Ave. to Wyoming)

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E. MENAUL

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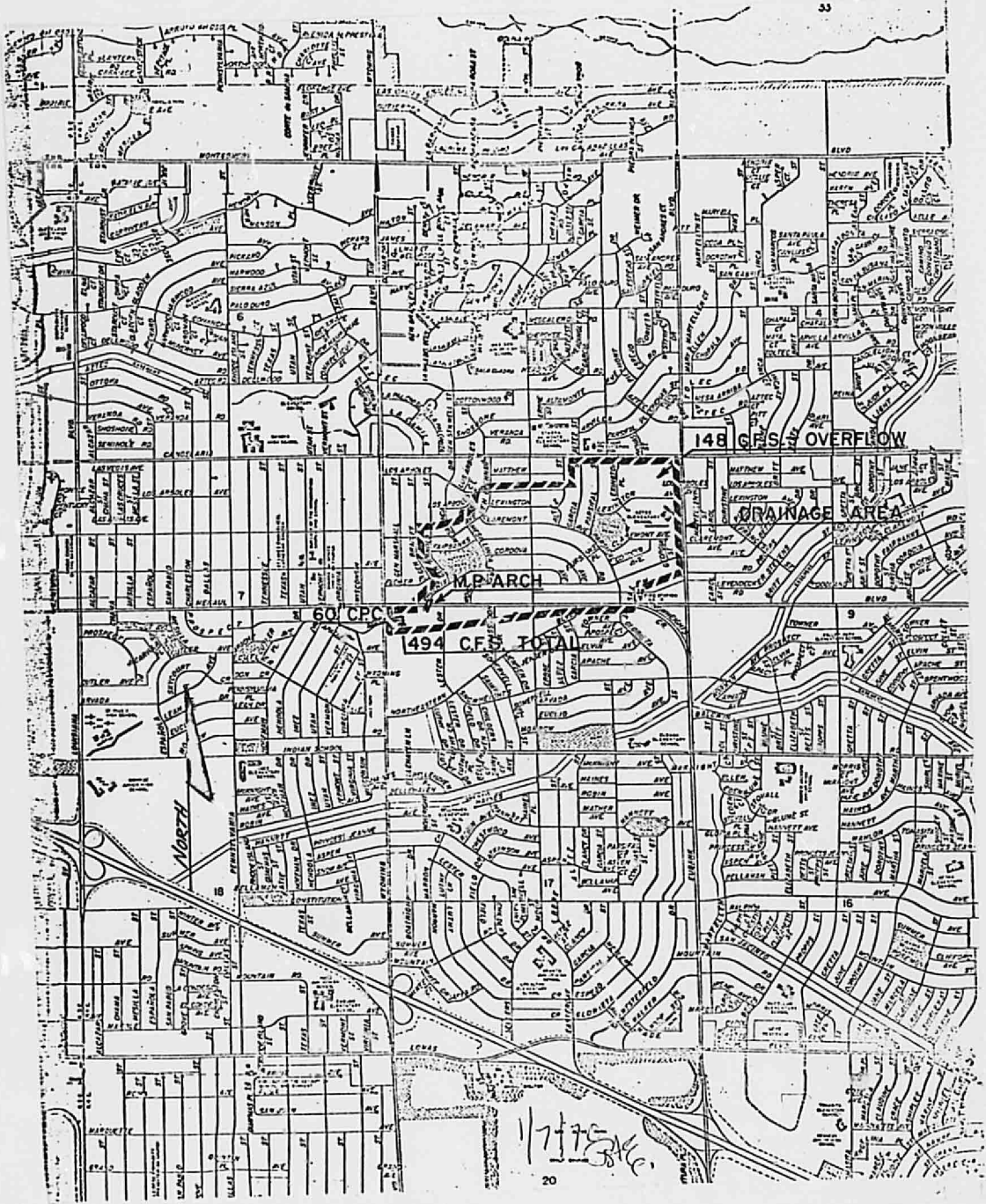
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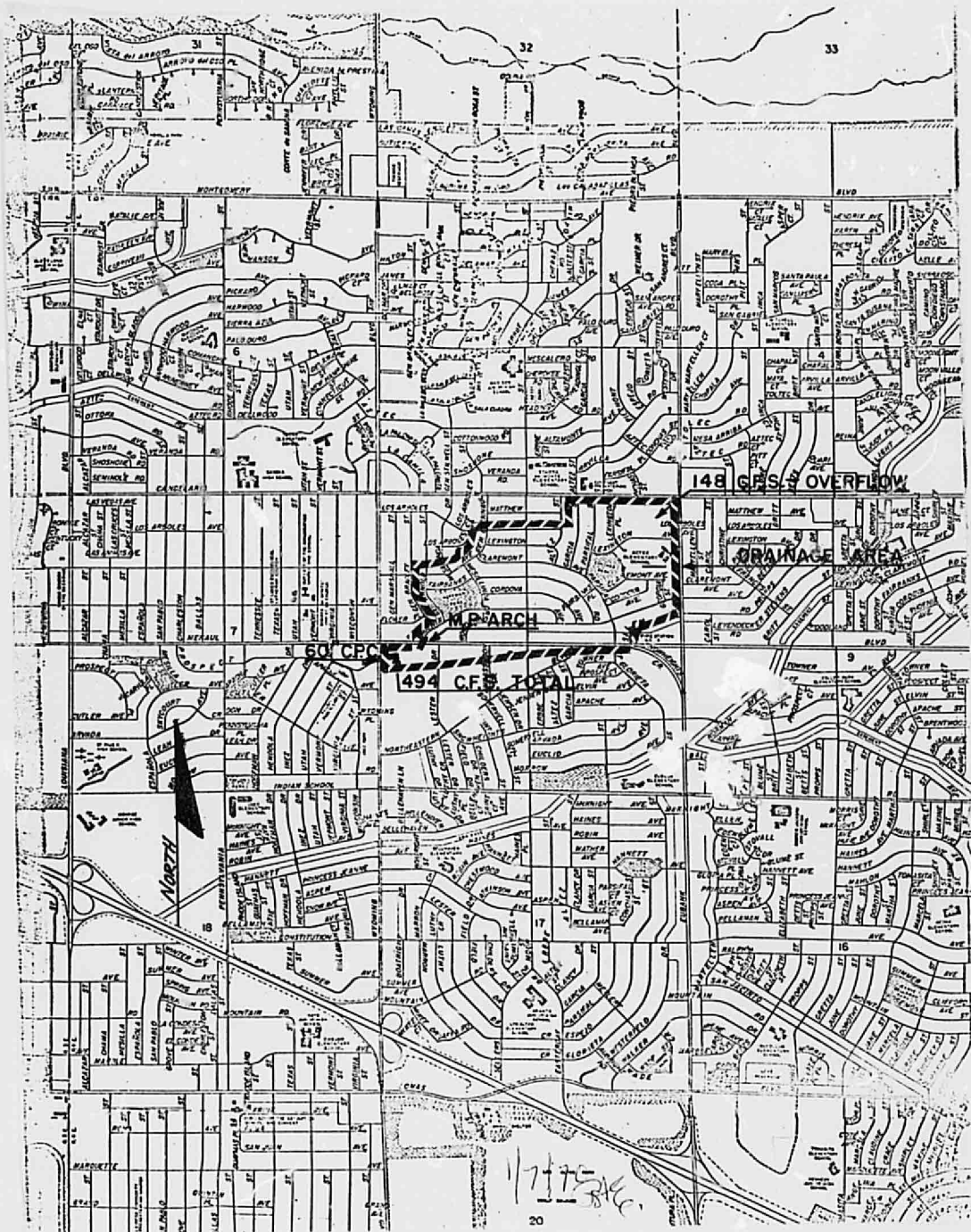
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

DATE October 30, 1969

TO: Mr. Frank Bailey  
Engineering Office  
City of Albuquerque

SUBJECT: Foodway No. 7

Transmittal No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Gentlemen:

Enclosed are 1 copies/sets of Mr. George Paul

Color (Chart (s) )	Plans and Specifications
Brochures	Samples
Letter (s)	Schedules, Catalogs
Literature	Shop Drawings
Other	

COVERING: Drainage Report

APPROVED

APPROVED AS NOTED

Resubmission (Is) (Is not) Required

DISAPPROVED

REMARKS:

Very truly yours,

Wm. W. Ellison and Associates A

By: *Raymond B. ...*

DRAINAGE REPORT  
CONCERNING A TRACT OF LAND  
SITUATE IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF  
SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 10 N., RANGE 4 E., N.M.P.M.  
for:

WILLIAM W. ELLISON & ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECTS

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## DRAINAGE REPORT

### INTRODUCTION:

The parcel of land involved in this study is almost wholly surrounded by development of both commercial and residential nature. Although the main drainage area or watershed for this location is relatively small (less than one-half square mile in area), the high density of fully-developed land with buildings, paved streets and some paved parking areas creates a situation in which storm runoff concentrates quite rapidly at the outlet of that drainage area. Said "outlet" is also the inlet for all runoff reaching the study, or "Project" area and consists of multiplate arch culvert (one) having a 15'-3" span by 6'-0" rise, with a concrete floor. The Project Area has an earth channel which traverses the entire width of the property from Northeast to Southwest, carrying that flow which enters the area from the above-noted multiplate arch culvert. This channel is a natural water-course; has no maintenance and does not occupy any dedicated public easement. On the Wyoming Blvd. side of the property, a 60" concrete pipe culvert installed by the New Mexico State Highway Dept. about 1952, serves as an outlet for the Project Area. This pipe is too small to carry all flow which reaches it and hence overflows onto Wyoming Boulevard during periods of heavy runoff. (This condition was verified in 1962 and in 1963, during the storms of August 11 and August 10, respectively, for those years.) As long as any open channel persists through the Project Area, the flow in such channel will be throttled by the 60" diameter pipe at Wyoming Blvd., and flooding will occur at the lower, or West side of this property.

Drainage from remote areas East of Eubank Blvd. reaches the North boundary of the Project, but is contained within the curb lines of Menaul Blvd., which has sufficient carrying-capacity to contain those flows, without subjecting the Project to any danger of overflow from the street. All land of any consequence lying due East of the Project, drains to Lester Dr., a North-South street slightly East of the Project. Lester Dr. intercepts all flow from the East and diverts it North to Menaul Blvd. and South to Northeastern Blvd., in each case carrying the runoff well away from the area with which this report is concerned.

DRAINAGE REPORT, Cont'd.

CRITERIA USED:

Manning's Formula ( $Q = a \cdot \frac{1.486}{n} \cdot R^{2/3} \cdot S^1$ ) for open-channel flow.

Rational Formula ( $Q = A \cdot c \cdot i$ ) for runoff from watershed area.

SEKLYE DESIGN (Engineering Data book) for Nomographs and Charts used in conjunction with runoff calculations made by "Rational" Formula.

ARMCO HANDBOOK (Data book for corrugated pipe sections) for area and flow computations regarding multiplate arch culvert on Menaul Blvd.

Storm frequency ..... 100 Years

Runoff/Total Rainfall Ratio ..... 0.65

Storm intensity..... Sardia Conservancy Dist.-1954  
Intens.-Duration  
Curves, Albuquerque Area.

The multiplate arch culvert at Menaul Blvd. has a cross-section area of 68.5 sq. ft., a roughness coefficient of 0.026 and is laid on a grade of 1.00%. It is capable of carrying up to 635 cu. ft./sec. of runoff, when flowing full; about 652 cfs when flowing under a 1-ft. head (Water surface 1 ft. above top of pipe). The curb-line on Menaul Blvd. is only 1 ft. above top of pipe, as presently constructed. forthcoming data will show, however, that anticipated runoff from the watershed which is tributary to this Project, will be slightly less than the full capacity of the multiplate arch culvert.

Drainage Area (A) ..... 212 Acres

Runoff Coefficient (c) ..... 0.65

Rainfall Intensity (i) ..... 3.45 In./Hr. (Based on a  
Concentration Time or  
"Duration" of 27.0 min.

Then,  $Q = Aci = 212 \cdot 0.65 \cdot 3.45 = 475.4$  cu.ft./sec. (runoff from the immediate watershed.

In addition, a drainage study for the area near Conchas Park has shown that excess runoff from North of Candelaria Rd. during a peak storm, will overflow the curbing at Candelaria and Eubank Blvd., N.E., in the amount of approximately 148 cu. ft. per sec., due to lack of carrying capacity on Candelaria and on



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A graded earth channel could be considered, having a section such as that suggested in the detail on Plate 3. Location of the channel, to be economically feasible, would be along the North property line on Menaul Blvd. then Southerly and Westerly, beginning at a point about 70 feet East of Wyoming Blvd. as shown on Plate 2. Channel, as shown, has 6' bottom; 1.5 : 1 side-slopes and is 6' deep from floor to top of berm, or ground level.

Using the Manning Formula,  $Q = a \cdot \frac{1.486}{n} \cdot R^{2/3} \cdot S^{1/2}$ , it can be

shown that such design can carry a depth of 4 feet of water (or 2 feet of "freeboard" to top of channel) as follows:

Where,

$n = 0.020$  for smooth earth channel

$a = 12 \cdot 4 = 48$  sq. ft.

$R = \text{area/wetted perimeter} = 48/20.6 = 2.33$

$S = 0.015$  (1.5% grade)

$$Q = 48 \cdot \frac{1.486}{0.020} \cdot 2.33^{2/3} \cdot 0.015^{1/2} = 767.6 \text{ cu.ft./sec.}$$

Since 767.6 cfs greatly exceeds the maximum anticipated flow of 623.4 cfs, the channel design is adequate and will have enough "freeboard", or clearance from high water to top of channel, to take care of surges (Hydraulic Jump) caused by sharp bends in the channel. Of course, with the open channel, there would be an overflow at Wyoming Blvd. in any case, because the 60" pipe culvert beneath that street (to which the channel outlet would be connected) lacks the necessary flow-carrying capacity.

DRAINAGE REPORT, Cont'd.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The relatively high quantity of runoff draining to the area, coupled with the "throttling" effect of the undersized culvert (60" Reinf. Conc. Pipe) installed at Wyoming Blvd. during construction of that street by the State a number of years ago, has caused this parcel of land under study, to be a real "problem" area. Future plans by the City to extend a storm sewer system on Menaul Blvd. would help to alleviate the problem, as would extension of a closed conduit system through the Project area. Any such extension would require dedication of a public easement through the development area in order to be constructed from public funds. An easement would also have to be given by the property owners East of this project, in order to connect to the culvert at Menaul Blvd. In addition, since such plan would cause water to back up on the North side of Menaul, it would require the City Engineer's approval in any event, even though the high water would not reach the building line of any residences in that sector.

The alternate plan of an open channel (lined or unlined) can provide flow-carrying capacity, but would also require an easement of sorts from the abutting property owner in order to tie back into the existing natural channel. Furthermore, such channel would need to have clear-span crossings (one or more) for access to the project area on the Menaul Blvd. side; each crossing costing an estimated \$11,000 or more. The channel would have some maintenance needs, also, as it would tend to collect trash and weeds.

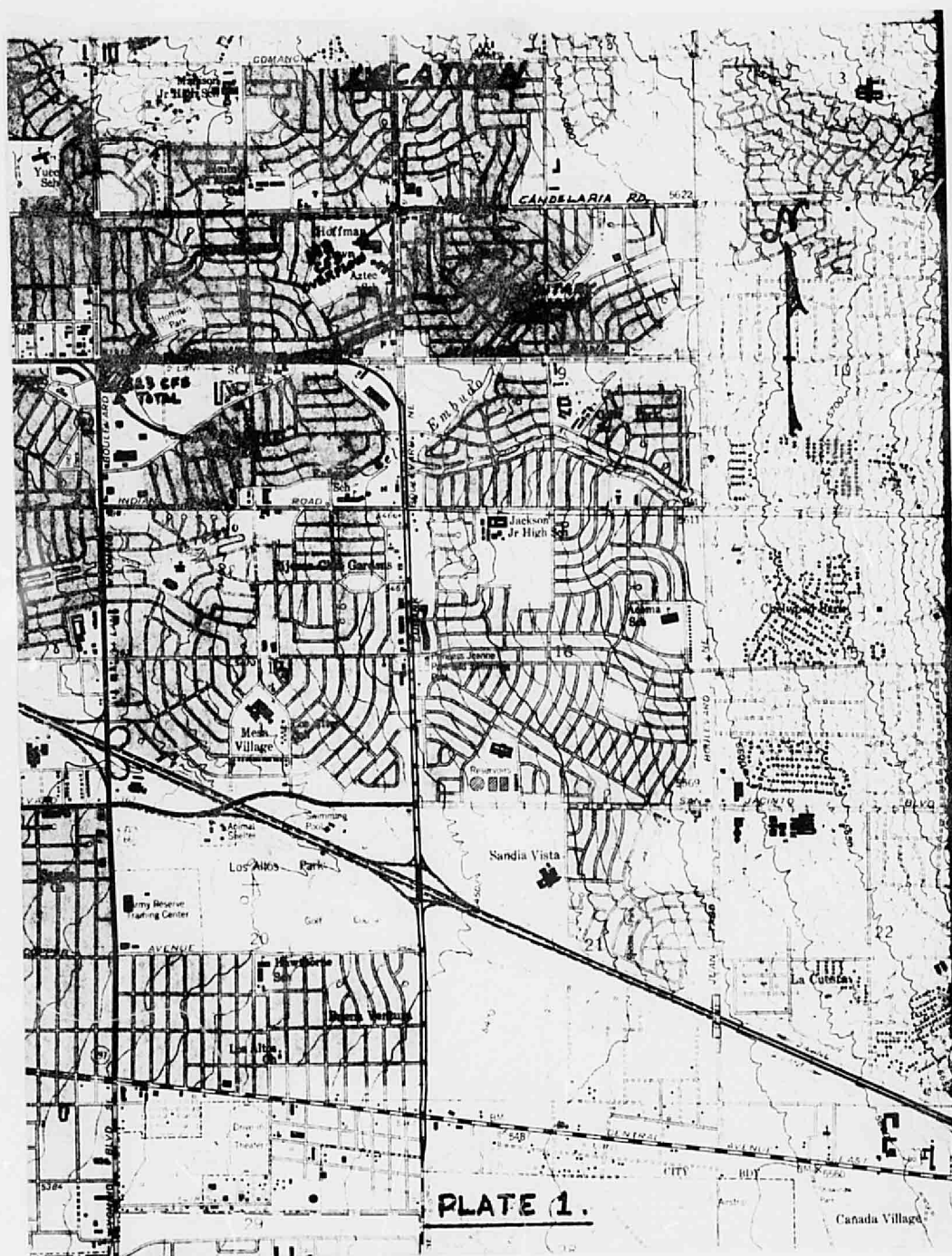
I would, therefore, recommend that the City be approached with the idea of constructing a closed-conduit system through the project area, along with any other storm drainage relief lines on Menaul Blvd. which might aid in relieving the excess flow, above the 60" pipe capacity. This would be the cleanest and most effective treatment of water in the project, itself. However, should such proposal not be acceptable, an earth channel could be constructed along the alignment shown, and protected on the outside, or "scour" side of each bend, by a 12" thick blanket or wire-enclosed dump rock or "Rip-rap"; the same material to be used also at the entry to the 60" culvert at Wyoming Blvd. A concrete-lined channel is a third and possibly least desirable solution for, while its appearance would be a bit more attractive, and its maintenance a bit less costly, the first cost of construction would be excessive for so small an area.

Respectfully Submitted,

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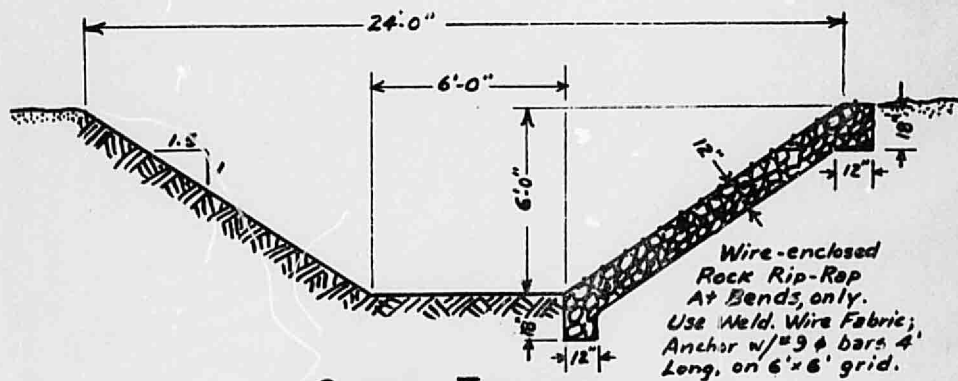








## DRAIN. CHANNEL DETAIL



SECTION THROUGH  
DRAINAGE CHANNEL  
(TYPICAL)

Scale: 1" = 4'-0"

PLATE 3.