

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LONG-RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 11, 1985

The meeting of the Long-Range Planning Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Robert Thoft on March 11, 1985 at 4:55 p.m. in Room 420 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

HOUSE BILL 247: Representative Jack Moore (74:A:006), bill sponsor, District 37, said he understands the committee has already approved the construction project for the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Headquarters and Visitor's Center in Great Falls. He said he introduced this bill to make sure the project would receive funding. Representative Moore said, since the committee has decided to include it in the Long-Range Building Appropriations bill, he does not care if the appropriation is in his bill or the committee's. He just wants to be sure the project will be funded.

Chairman Thoft (74:A:018) asked Representative Moore if the appropriate action would be to table his bill. Representative Moore said yes.

There were no proponents or opponents to the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION: Representative Bardanouve (74:A:032) made a motion to TABLE House Bill 247 and incorporate \$1,124,000 in an amendment to House Bill 861. The motion passed unanimously.

HOUSE BILL 861: Representative Bardanouve (74:A:039), sponsor of the bill, said the bill is for the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks fish hatchery projects. He also said it will now include the regional headquarters and Visitor's Center at Great Falls because of the committee's previous action to amend the bill.

Representative Ernst (74:A:049) asked if the Lewistown fish hatchery project will cost \$300,000 or \$200,000. James Flynn (74:A:056), Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FW&P) said the cost of the project is \$300,000.

Proponents: James Flynn (74:A:059), Director, FW&P said the department supports this legislation. He said the bill authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for several of the department's projects. Mr. Flynn said 40 percent of the funds needed will come from fishing license revenues and 60 percent from the Dingle-Johnson excise tax.

David Ashley (74:A:074), Deputy Director, Department of Administration (DOA) said he would like to offer two amendments to House Bill 861 (EXHIBIT 1).

There were no opponents to the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION: Senator Fuller (74:A:109) made a motion to adopt the two amendments proposed for House Bill 861 (See Exhibit 1). The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Fuller (74:A:119) made a motion that House Bill 861 AS AMENDED DO PASS.

Representative Bardanouve (74:A:124) asked if there are any other FW&P bonding projects which need to be included in this bill. Mr. Flynn said these are the only bonding projects being proposed by FW&P. Senator Van Valkenburg asked if the amounts in the bill are the same as the amounts previously approved by the committee. Madalyn Quinlan, Staff Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst said yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

HOUSE BILL 920: Representative William "Red" Menahan (74:A:147), District 67, bill sponsor, said this bill has been introduced before and it is being introduced again at the request of the American Legion, Disabled Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The bill asks for funding of a 48 bed nursing home facility at Galen State Hospital. The nursing home facility will be used for veterans. Representative Menahan said there are 108,000 veterans in Montana and they compose 20% of Montana's population. He said the Veterans Administration (VA) currently provides 26 nursing home beds at Miles City and 90 at Columbia Falls. Montana has one of the biggest per capita veteran populations in the nation. Representative Menahan gave members a map which shows the veteran population in nine regions of the state (EXHIBIT 2).

Proponents: Rich Brown (74:A:185), Administrator, Veterans Affairs Division submitted written testimony (EXHIBIT 3). Mr. Brown also gave members veteran population charts (EXHIBITS 4 and 5).

There were no opponents to House Bill 920.

Committee Discussion: Senator Van Valkenburg (74:A:245) asked who pays for the nursing home care for veterans. Mr. Brown said payments for care are split between several sources. The VA will pay \$17.05 or up to one half of a patient's daily charge. He said other payment sources are: 1) private insurance; 2) the veteran himself; 3) Medicare or 4) Medicaid. These other sources can provide payment for the other half of the nursing home charges. Mr. Brown said the Veterans Administration, by public law, can, under certain circumstances, provide 65%

of the cost for one of these facilities. He said he says this with tongue in cheek because the federal appropriation for this has been cut from \$34.5 million to \$22 million.

Chairman Thoft (74:A:267) asked if the General Fund appropriation in the bill is the total cost of the facility or 35% of the total cost. Curt Chisholm (74:A:274), Deputy Director, Department of Institutions (DOI) gave members information about the cost of the 48 bed proposal (EXHIBIT 6).

Mr. Chisholm said in Fiscal Year 1986 DOI did not include any VA reimbursement for Third Party Reimbursement. He said DOI did this because the VA has a 30 month waiting period on paying per diem reimbursement.

Senator Van Valkenburg (74:A:297) said when he first read the bill he thought the appropriations was for construction funds, but the allocation is actually for ongoing personnel services and operating expenses. He said after this biennium these services would be at current level. Mr. Chisholm said yes, except for the VA reimbursement.

Senator Fuller asked if there is a facility available at Galen for the 48 nursing home beds. Mr. Chisholm said yes, two wings of the main hospital complex will be dedicated for the nursing home beds. This will utilize existing beds which are vacant.

Representative Bardanouve (74:A:316) asked Representative Menahan where the \$788,170 for the project should be found considering the present budget situation. He asked if Representative Menahan is suggesting the funds be taken from the Warm Springs budget. Representative Menahan said no. He said the project cost has increased because the proposal was originally introduced in the 1981 Session and denied. He also said with the VA reimbursement and the private payments by veterans the money needed for the project should not be so high. Representative Menahan said he is glad the bill was referred to this committee because there is a long-range need for the facility. He said he realizes there is little chance, if any, of getting the appropriation, but at some point the problem will have to be addressed.

HOUSE BILL 156: Representative Bob Raney (74:A:411), District 82, Bill sponsor, said House Bill 156 will provide for the construction of two badly needed armories at Livingston and Libby. He said the armories will be available for use by Libby and Livingston and both towns have a need for the facilities. He said unlike some appropriation bills, this one does have some federal funding available (\$1,637,000). The state will need to fund \$1,141,000 of the projects. He said the federal funding may or may not be available for the armories in the future. He feels a need to construct the armories now while federal funds are available.

Proponents: Marc Montgomery (74:A:436), Executive Director, Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce asked the people who are in favor of the bill to stand so that the committee can be aware of the number of proponents present. He said all of the people are in support of House Bill 156 for the following reasons: 1) the National Guard deserves to have better facilities than what is being offered; 2) the Guard contributes an enormous amount of money to the Livingston economy; 3) the money brought into the economy is primarily federal money (95%); 4) the National Guards are very community-minded and participate in community activities; and 5) it is nice to have the Guard close in the event of a disaster.

Mr. Montgomery gave the committee copies of pictures which illustrate the condition of the Livingston Armory (EXHIBIT 7). Mr. Montgomery said the building is owned by the city and the city has no money to maintain it. He said it presently costs the city \$20,000 a year to keep the building open. The National Guard only pays \$6,000 a year for rent on the facility. Mr. Montgomery said it is a losing proposition for the taxpayers. He said the city of Livingston has donated 5 acres of land for the new armory contingent upon the Legislature allocating money for the project. Mr. Montgomery submitted a letter of support from the Mayor of Livingston (EXHIBIT 8). He also submitted a petition from Livingston citizens in favor of the new armory. The petition contained 647 signatures (EXHIBIT 9).

Representative Paula Darko (74:A:535), District 2, appeared as a proponent of the Libby Armory. She said the National Guard in Libby is fairly isolated from other armories in the state. The nearest armory facility is in Kalispell. The armory will be useful for many guard and civilian functions. She said the present building is 50' x 60', has poor lighting, a poor roof, no kitchen, shower or sanitary facilities. She said there is no storage or classroom space. The guard unit supports 49 people presently and could support twice as many if an adequate facility were available. Representative Darko said fire fighting crews must be transported to Kalispell or other areas for food and showers. If the armory is built in Libby these crews would not have to be transported. Land for the armory has been identified and is owned by the Department of State Lands. Representative Darko said the \$1.3 million project will boost the economy in Libby. Federal funds are available now and may not be after 1987. Representative Darko said due to the distance people have to travel, she is the only proponent present on the Libby Armory.

David Crump (74:A:594), member, Montana Enlisted Association said the state contributes \$12,649 a year to man the Livingston Armory. The federal contribution is \$229,000 a year. The federal share of the Montana Guard budget is \$54 million and the state contributes \$1 million. He said these figures prove the National Guard is a money making organization. He said it is difficult to recruit people for the Livingston Guard unit because of the existing armory.

Henry Questad (74:A:622), Councilman, Livingston said the present site of the armory is in a floodplain and this makes it impossible to expand at the site.

Senator Pete Story (74:A:633), District 41, said the Livingston unit has high morale and is an efficient unit. Improving the building is a key factor for retention and morale of the unit.

Michael Boland (74:A:673), Montana National Guard said he would like to present the federal point of view on the projects. He said the state will spend \$565,000 on a \$1.3 million project for each armory. He said the Guard Bureau has given the Montana Guard approval to seek an Architecture and Engineering contract on the projects as soon as possible. Mr. Boland said if the state participation is not approved the projects will be put back into another 5 year cycle and will not be reconsidered again until 1990.

There were no opponents to House Bill 156.

Committee Discussion: Senator Fuller (74:B:001) said the Department of Military Affairs (DOMA) had listed these two armories as their first and second priorities for projects, yet Architecture and Engineering (A&E) picked their third project for recommendation. Senator Fuller asked what A&E's rationale was in doing this. Tom O'Connell, Chief, Facility Planning Bureau, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration said DOMA submitted a list of 20 projects and these were the top two. He said A&E's problem with recommending them for funding is that they require a more proportionate share of the cash program for state match. He said A&E would have had to come up with \$1.0 million as state match for these projects and only \$700,000 is required as state match for the fourteen projects which are recommended. He said A&E's decision is not based on whether or not there is a need for the projects, but on the funds available in the Long-Range Building Cash Program.

Senator Fuller (74:B:017) asked if federal dollars can be moved from the maintenance projects recommended for funding to the armory projects. Mr. O'Connell said no and the federal government participates differently depending on the type of project.

Representative Bardanouve (74:B:025) asked why the Libby armory costs \$10,000 more than the Livingston armory. Mr. Boland said at the time these two projects were planned the land acquisition at Libby had not been scaled down and \$10,000 was added for land.

Representative Bardanouve (74:B:034) asked how old are the armories. Mr. Questad said the Livingston armory was built in 1938. Representative Darko said the Libby armory was never built to be an armory and this

is one reason it is inadequate. Representative Bardanouve asked if Representative Darko had said the city will provide the land in Libby. She said no, the land is owned by the Department of State Lands. Representative Raney said the value of the land, the city of Livingston is donating, is \$200,000.

Senator Van Valkenburg (74:B:055) asked Mr. O'Connell to give the committee a quick history on the construction of armories in the state. Mr. O'Connell said in 1983 the Harlowton and Havre armories were constructed and in 1981 the Culbertson armory and in 1979 the Missoula armory. Senator Van Valkenburg asked if any of the armories were included in a bonding program. Mr. O'Connell said he does not remember, but he said they would have been funded out of the cash program or a bonding program and not the General Fund.

Senator Van Valkenburg (74:B:076) asked if someone could explain the five year cycle and when these projects were put in a five year cycle. Mr. Boland said these projects were in the concept phase of the cycle in 1983 or 1984. He said if they are not done now they will be placed in the next cycle in 1990. Senator Van Valkenburg asked if the federal money for the project is available for all five years of the cycle. Mr. Boland said no. He said he thought the money generally becomes available in about the fourth year of the cycle. Mr. O'Connell said this is his understanding also. Major Ken Cottrill (74:B:101), Administrator, Centralized Services, DOMA said the military operates on a five year planning cycle. He said the Pentagon is now planning for 1990. He said DOMA submits construction projects to a five year plan and the money for construction projects is appropriated in the third year of the plan.

Senator Fuller (74:B:113) asked if there is any way some of the federal maintenance money can be used on the existing Libby and Livingston armories. Major Cottrill said DOMA has \$25 to \$30 million in property which must be maintained. He said the federal money for maintenance is tied into a five year plan on many of these buildings and it cannot be used on the armories. He said DOMA has tried to think of ways to fund these projects out of existing money and cannot.

Senator Van Valkenburg (74:B:127) asked if there is an armory in Bozeman. Major Cottrill said yes. Senator Van Valkenburg asked if the National Guard has considered closing the Livingston armory and telling personnel to commute to Bozeman. Major Cottrill said DOMA has considered this, but it believes it will lose 50% of the people in the Livingston unit if this is done. He said the unit in Bozeman is a headquarters unit. It is designed according to a military army format and the strength of it cannot be readily adjusted. The Livingston unit is a detachment of an engineering unit and it was placed there because Livingston is a good location for it. He said transferring the Livingston unit to Bozeman is not practical. Major Cottrill said DOMA looked into transferring the Libby unit also and it is not practical either.

Representative Raney (74:B:155) said, in his closing remarks, the Livingston armory really is not an armory. It was built as a civic center by the Civilian Conservation Corps. He said the life span of the building is questionable. Representative Raney said Livingston is without a community building and will be without an armory if something is not done. The federal government will provide 60% of the funding for the armories. Representative Raney said he does not think the state match must come from the General Fund, but from any source. He also said the present facility, in Livingston, is condemned.

Vice Chairman Van Valkenburg (74:B:194) chaired the meeting from this point on.

HOUSE BILL 224: Representative Tom Asay (74:B:198), District 27, bill sponsor, said this bill will make bonding money available for a loan program for airport improvement projects. There is \$17 million bond issue be authorized for loans to Montana airports as state matching funds for the federal money. Representative Asay gave members information which gives a recap of the loan program approved in 1983 for airport improvements (EXHIBIT 10).

Proponents: Senator Pat Goodover (74:B:238), District 20, said federal funding must be used or it will be lost to other states which can use it. He said the Governor has indicated this is one of the best features of the Build Montana Program. The money will create employment.

Michael Ferguson (74:B:270), Administrator, Aeronautics Division, Department of Commerce (DOC) said the last loan program was very successful. He said there is a real need to establish another program while the federal funds are available.

David Ashley (74:B:287) submitted an amendment to House Bill 224 (EXHIBIT 11). Mr. Ashley said House Bill 224 is an appropriations bill and House Bill 861, the bond authorization bill, will need to be amended to increase the bond authorization by \$1.7 million dollars.

Committee Discussion: Representative Bardanouve (74:B:311) said he thought the bonding money given last time was in the form of a loan because there was hope that a self perpetuating fund would be established from the loans made in the last session. Mr. Ferguson said the loan repayments retire the bonds and there is no revolving fund. Representative Bardanouve asked if the loans pay off the bonds which are issued. Mr. Ferguson said yes, the loan interest is at the same rate as the bond interest. Representative Bardanouve (74:B:330) asked if the local airports can match federal funds with their own money. Mr. Ferguson said yes.

Representative Thoft (74:B:343) asked if there is any other way to fund the project without state bonding. Mr. Ferguson said there is

a permissive mill levy which local governments can use. It is a maximum of two mills. He said quite often it takes a long time to generate the income from the 2 mills. The advantage of the loan program is that local airports can use the federal dollars without generating all the matching money locally before beginning the project.

Senator Fuller (74:B:366) asked if there is a list of local airports which need funds for improvements projects. Mr. Ferguson said there is a 5 year Statewide System Plan which determines airport needs. He said the Federal Aviation Administration bases Montana's portion of federal funds on the same five year plan.

Vice Chairman Van Valkenburg (74:B:397) asked what is the term of these loans. Mr. Ferguson said it is a two year program. In the first year the loans are made for a 9 year term and in the second year they are made for an eight year term. Vice Chairman Van Valkenburg asked how the Department of Commerce assesses the applicant's ability to pay back the loan. Mr. Ferguson said the loan agreement is signed by the local municipality. He said they can make payments through local bonding or through airport revenues. He said all the loan payments are current to date and there has never been a loan default and very few late payments.

Representative Thoft (74:B:424) asked Representative Bardanoue if there are funds in the Build Montana Program for this type of project. Representative Bardanoue said he does not know, but it will take \$250,000 to service a 15 year bond. Vice Chairman Van Valkenburg said the bonds in this bill will be self servicing because the local governments make the loan repayments.

Representative Thoft (74:B:480) suggested the sponsor of the bill think of some creative financing for the loan program other than state bonds. Representative Asay (74:B:493) said the present method of bonding always seemed very sound and the most up front way of dealing with the loans. He said other avenues of funding have never really been looked into since this method seems to be the best approach. Representative Asay said with a direct bonding bill the interest on the loans is considerably better. He said Montana has extensive airline services considering the population of the state and these airports need to be maintained and improved.

Representative Thoft (74:B:524) said he thinks DOC and other parties involved should try to work out some source of funding for the bonding program. Representative Asay asked what particular objections are there to the proposal in House Bill 224. Representative Bardanoue (74:B:533) said a bonding program must have a source of revenue in order to pay the bonds off. He said for this bonding program about \$250,000 will be needed to service the bonds.




Vice Chairman Van Valkenburg (74:B:549) asked how DOC advises the Board of Examiners about the ability of local governments to make loan repayments. Mr. Ashley (74:B:559) said there is no General Fund impact for servicing of the bonds for this project. He said local governments tax 2 mills as a revenue source for the loan repayment. The payment is then transferred to DOC, which transfers it to DOA, which transfers it to the paying agent. Mr. Ashley said before DOA advises the Board of Examiners on the bonding program it makes sure the federal match is in place. DOA and DOC then look at the taxing capacity of local governments and make sure the agreements between the cities and DOC are financially viable.

The committee continued to discuss the way the bonding program for the airport loans is executed (74:B:585 to 75:A:004).

In his closing remarks on House Bill 224, Representative Asay (75:A:005) said the loans are approved after going through a very lengthy application process and he feels the means by which the bonds are retired is well documented. He does not feel there is any impact on the General Fund for servicing the bonds.

There being no further business before the subcommittee the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
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ROBERT THOFT, Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL  
LONG RANGE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date March 11, 1985

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Exhibit #1

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DOA

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HB861

INTRODUCED BILL

1. Page 3, line 24.  
Following: "past"  
Strike: "1983"  
Insert: "1985"
2. Page 6, line 20.  
Insert: "Section 14. If this Act and House Bill 12 are both passed and approved, subsection (3) of Section 2 of House Bill 12 is amended to include a reference to Sections 9 and 12 of this Act. If House Bill 12 is not passed and approved, then the reference to Sections 9 and 12 of this act required by this section is void."  
Renumber the following section.



OFFICE	VETERANS
Helena	7015
Butte	11335
Bozeman	10140
Billings	19140
Missoula	16105
Kalispell	12365
Miles City	5470
Wolf Point	6697
Great Falls	19144
Total	107761

Exhibit #3  
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HB 920

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS RICH BROWN AND I AM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS DIVISION.

REPRESENTATIVE MENAHAN HAS OUTLINED FOR YOU THE GENERAL STATISTICS CONCERNING THE VETERAN POPULATION OF MONTANA. I AM HERE TODAY TO ADVISE YOU OF THE IMPACT THESE STATISTICS WILL HAVE ON OUR STATE.

I HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH THE COPIES OF THE CHARTS I AM NOW REVIEWING. THE CHARTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FROM DATA GATHERED DURING THE 1980 FEDERAL CENSUS.

PLEASE NOTE, ON THE FIRST CHART YOU CAN SEE THE NUMBER OF VETERANS IN MONTANA BROKEN DOWN BY AGE GROUP. AGAIN THESE STATISTICS ARE NOW FIVE YEARS OLD. AS YOU CAN SEE MONTANA, LIKE ALL OTHER STATES IN THIS NATION, IS JUST BEGINNING TO FEEL THE IMPACT OF AN AGING VETERAN POPULATION. ACCORDING TO V.A. STATISTICS, THERE WERE 3 MILLION VETERANS 65 AND OLDER IN 1985, 10.5% OF THE VETERAN POPULATION. BY 1990 THE V.A. EXPECTS THIS FIGURE TO RISE TO 7.2 MILLION OR 26.6% OF THE VETERAN POPULATION AND BY THE YEAR 2,000 THE NATION WILL HAVE 9 MILLION VETERANS OR 37% OF THE VETERAN POPULATION OVER THE AGE OF 65. IF YOU TRANSLATE THESE FIGURES INTO OUR STATE POPULATION, THEN YOU CAN REALIZE WHY WE HAVE ONLY BEGAN TO SEE THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. VETERAN NURSING HOME NEEDS WILL DOUBLE BY THE YEAR 1990 AND EXPAND TO ALMOST THREE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE CURRENT NEED BY THE YEAR 2,000.

THE V.A. WILL ALLOW A STATE TO BUILD, WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, UP TO 2.5 VETERAN NURSING HOME BEDS, PER 1,000 VETERANS. IN MONTANA THIS FIGURE TRANSLATES TO ABOUT 270 BEDS VIA OUR VETERAN POPULATION. WITH JUSTIFICATION, WE COULD DEVELOP UP TO 432 STATE NURSING HOME BEDS IN MONTANA OR 4 BEDS PER 1,000 VETERAN POPULATION. AS YOU KNOW WE CURRENTLY HAVE 90 BEDS, ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED AT THE COLUMBIA FALLS FACILITY.

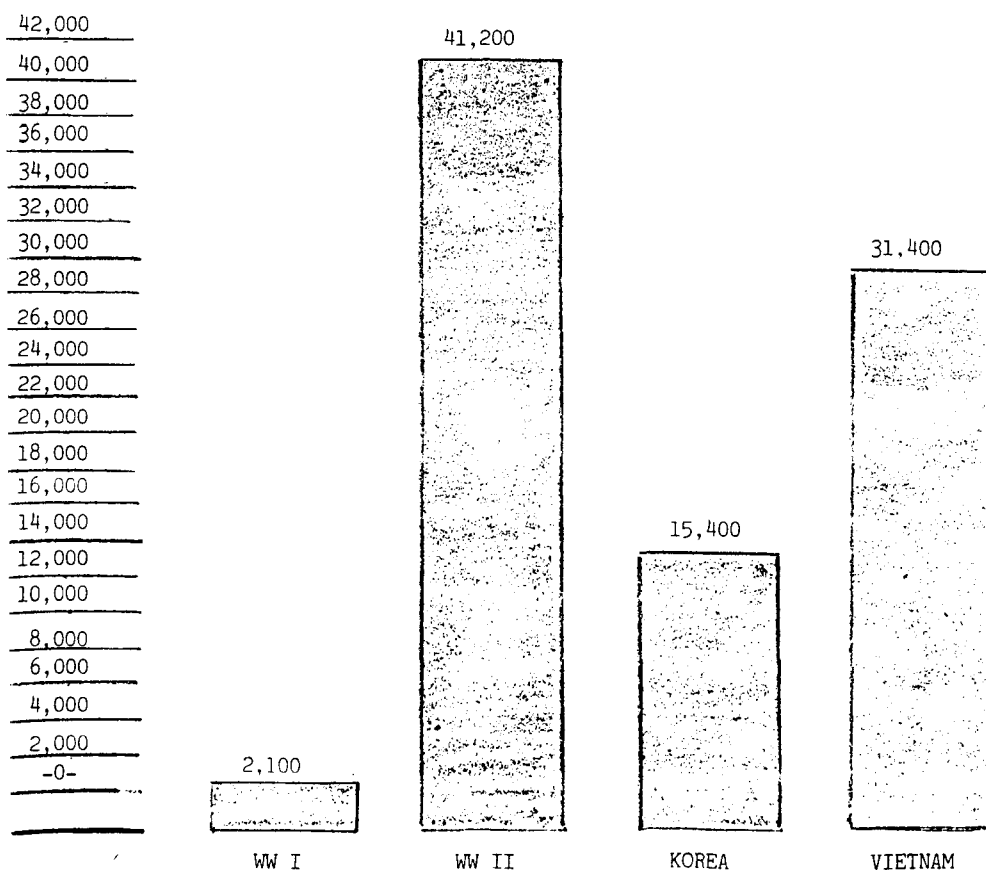
AS YOU ARE ALSO AWARE THE V.A. MAINTAINS AN ADDITIONAL 26 NURSING HOME BEDS AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL IN MILES CITY. REPRESENTATIVE MENAHAN HAS POINTED OUT

TO YOU THE NEED FOR A FACILITY LOCATED IN SOUTHWESTERN MONTANA.

THE NEED FOR NURSING HOME CARE FOR OUR STATE'S 108,000 VETERANS IS MUCH GREATER THAN OUR REQUEST OF THE 48 BEDS IN GALEN. HOWEVER, THE VETERANS OF THIS STATE ARE AWARE OF THE BUDGET PROBLEMS YOU ARE FACING AND ARE ONLY SEEKING WHAT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

THANK YOU AND I WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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Exhibit #6  
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D01

MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL - GALEN CAMPUS  
48 Bed Nursing Wing For Veterans  
1986-87 Biennium

	1986 Fiscal Year	1987 Fiscal Year	Biennium Cost
FTE	37.00	37.00	
Personal Services	\$ 687,719	\$ 687,719	\$ 1,375,438
Operating Expenses	106,974	106,974	213,948
Equipment	10,013	-	10,013
Total Costs	<u>\$ 804,706</u>	<u>\$ 794,693</u>	<u>\$ 1,599,399</u>

Funding:

Third Party Reimbursement	\$ 405,614	\$ 405,614	\$ 811,228
General Fund	399,092	389,079	788,171
Total Funding	<u>\$ 804,706</u>	<u>\$ 794,693</u>	<u>\$ 1,599,399</u>

Notes:

1. Personal Services based on 1985 Pay Matrix step 2 for each classification of employees.
2. Holiday Pay of \$12,503 is included in Personal Services costs each Fiscal Year [Includes benefits].
3. Operating Expenses are based on Montana State Hospital 1984 variable costs [\$6.18 per patient day] and inflated by 4%.
4. Patient Days for Operating Costs and Revenues are at 95% occupancy based on Nursing Wing Occupancy at Montana Veterans Home.
5. Third Party Revenues are based on average collection per patient day from the Nursing Wing at the Montana Veterans Home for 1984 Fiscal Year.
6. V.A. participation was not shown as a source of revenue because of the uncertainty of receiving the per diem participation by V.A. Telephone contact with VA in Washington D.C. disclosed VA participation would be based on an inspection and approval of the facility by V.A. If it is approved there is a waiting period of 30 months before VA will pay per diem and this would be October 1, 1987 or State Fiscal Year 1988.



## LIVINGSTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 22, 1985

TO: Long Range Building Committee  
Montana State Legislature

FROM: Marc Montgomery  
Executive Director  
Livingston Area  
Chamber of Commerce

Dear Committee Members,

Enclosed are some pictures of the current Livingston National Guard Armory, along with some letters of support for the construction of a new Armory in Livingston.

In all fairness, I must say that the Guard was re-arranging rooms when the photos were taken. This accounts for the clutter. However, if you'll note the condition of the building itself, you will agree that the Livingston Guard Unit deserves better than the present facility.

The current Armory is owned by the City of Livingston and due to poor management it has been neglected for approximately 50 years. The city has no funds to repair the building, thus it is inevitable that it will continue to deteriorate. The upstairs has been condemned and the rest of the building is not much better.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Federal Government has already allocated \$818,900 for the construction of a new Armory in Livingston. If the state doesn't allocate its share of the construction money the State is going to lose those Federal Tax dollars that would be returning to Montana.

Livingston is proud of our National Guard Unit. Many members of the Guard use it as the vehicle to get directly involved in the community and its projects. And, of course, the money that the Montana National Guard brings into all the towns in Montana, is a big boost for our economy.

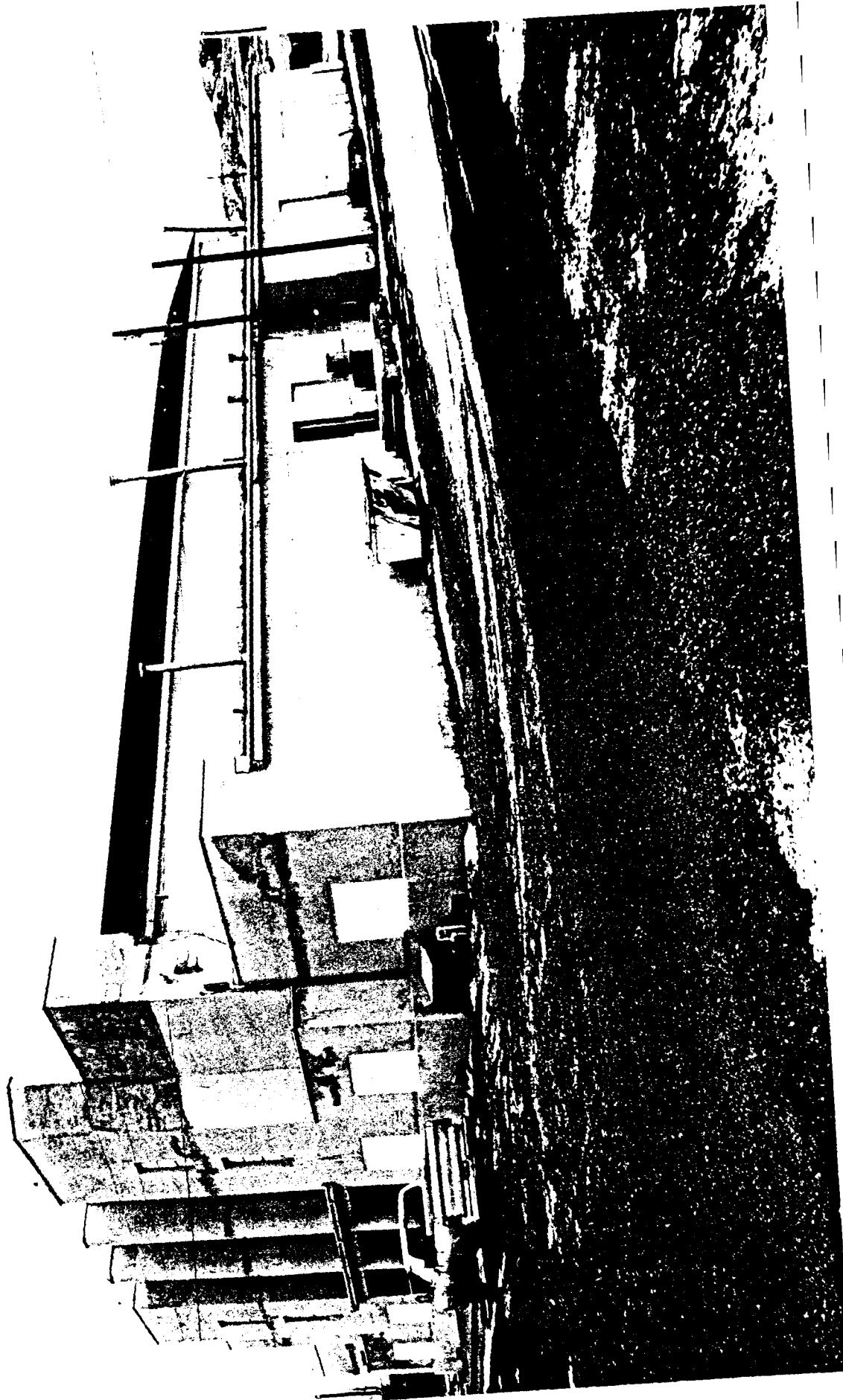
RECREATION FOR ONE AND ALL: WINTER, SUMMER, SPRING AND FALL.

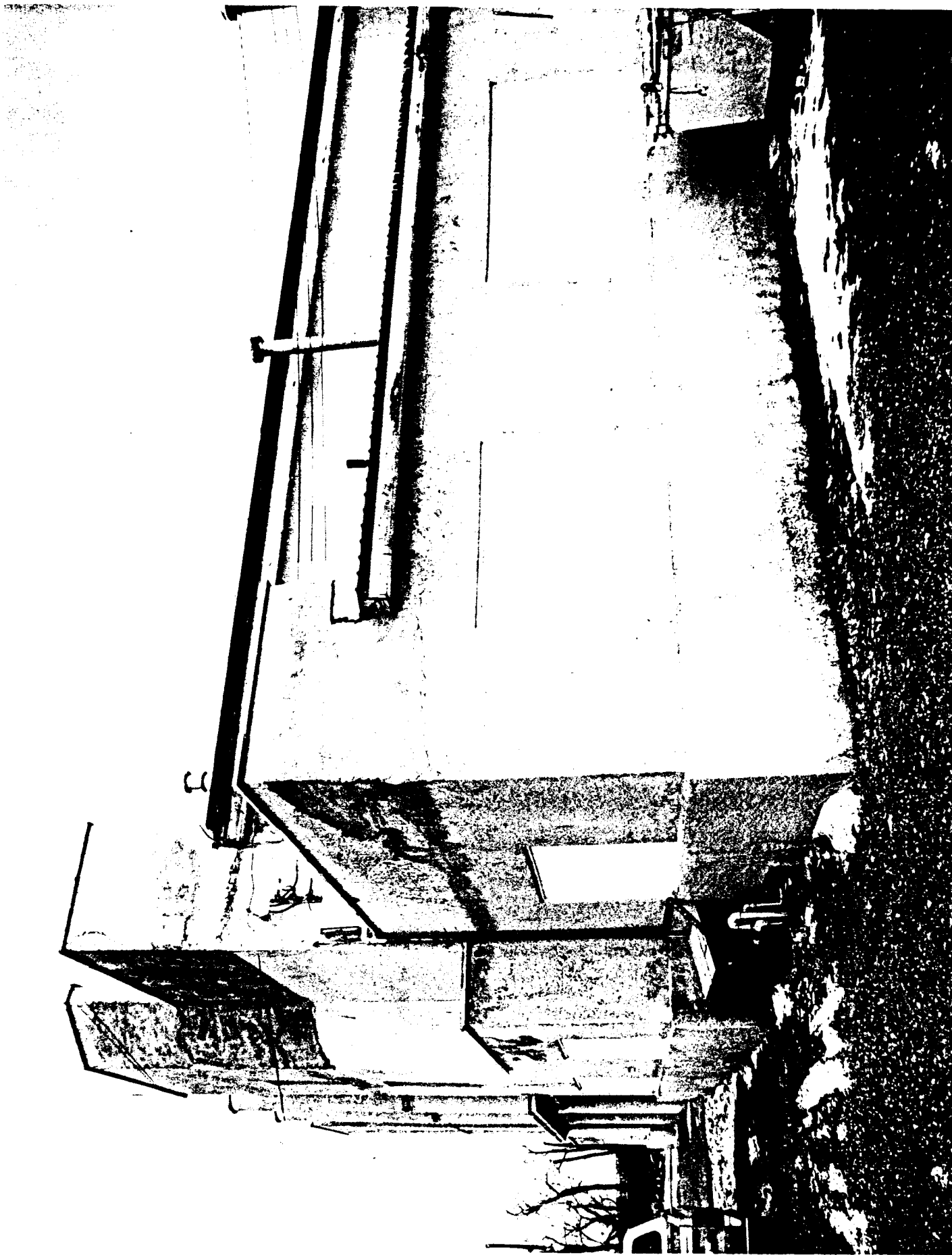
Again, I would like to stress that the present Livingston Armory is literally falling apart, and the men who are expected to help us in the event of a disaster and protect us in the event of war, deserve better than what is presently offered. Bonds should be sold for the construction of a NEW LIVINGSTON NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Marc Montgomery', written in a cursive style.

Marc Montgomery  
Executive Director  
Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce



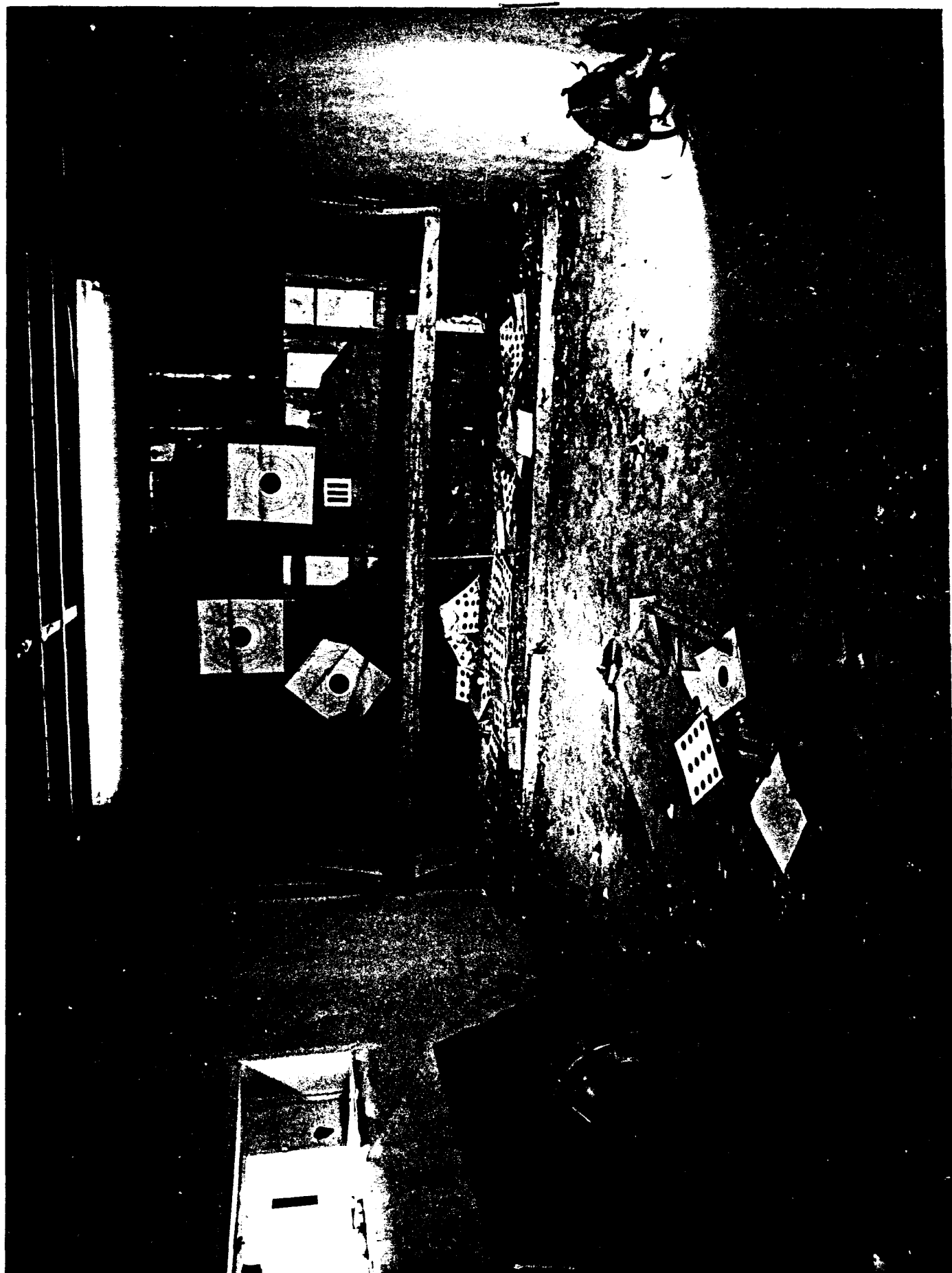




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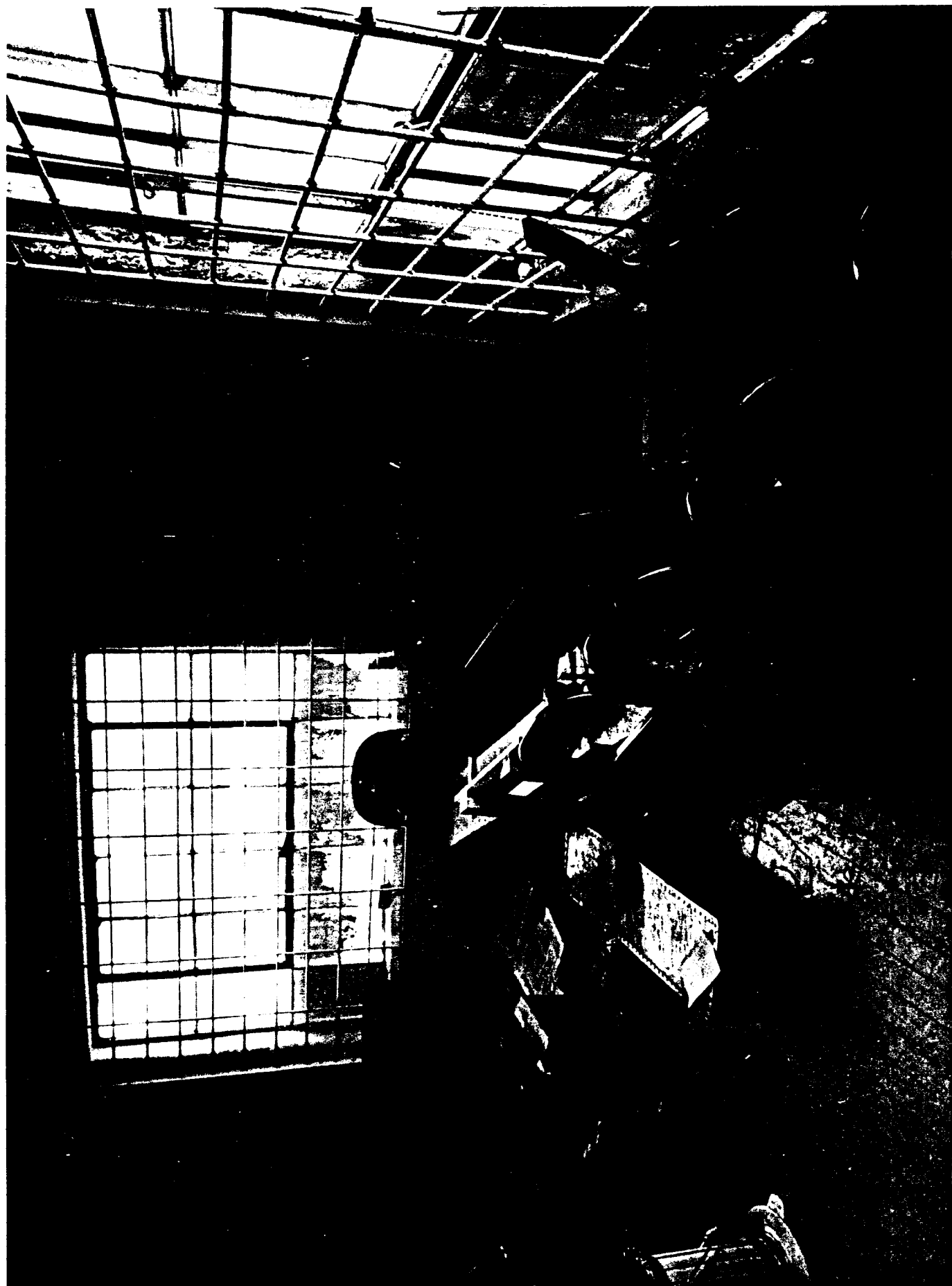


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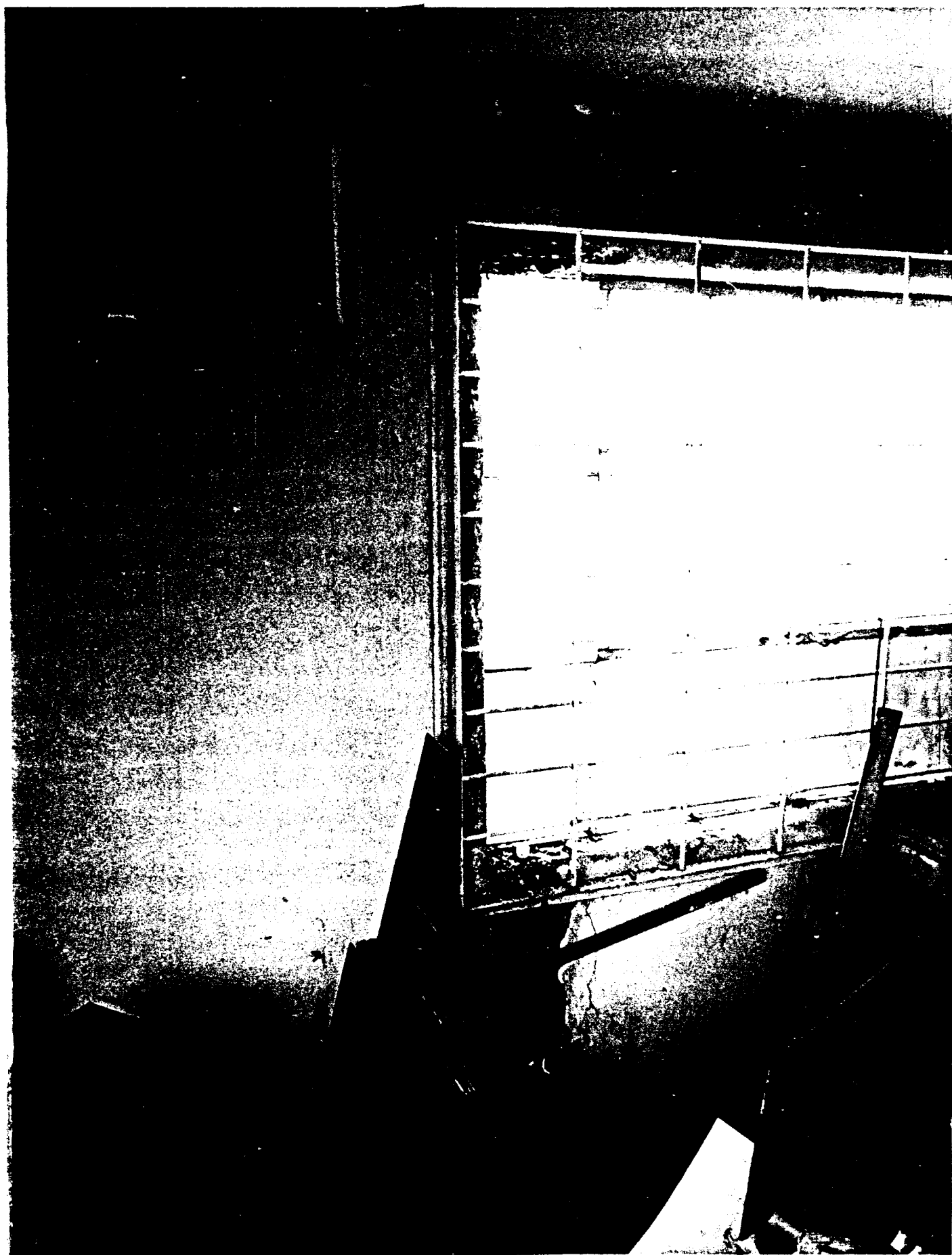
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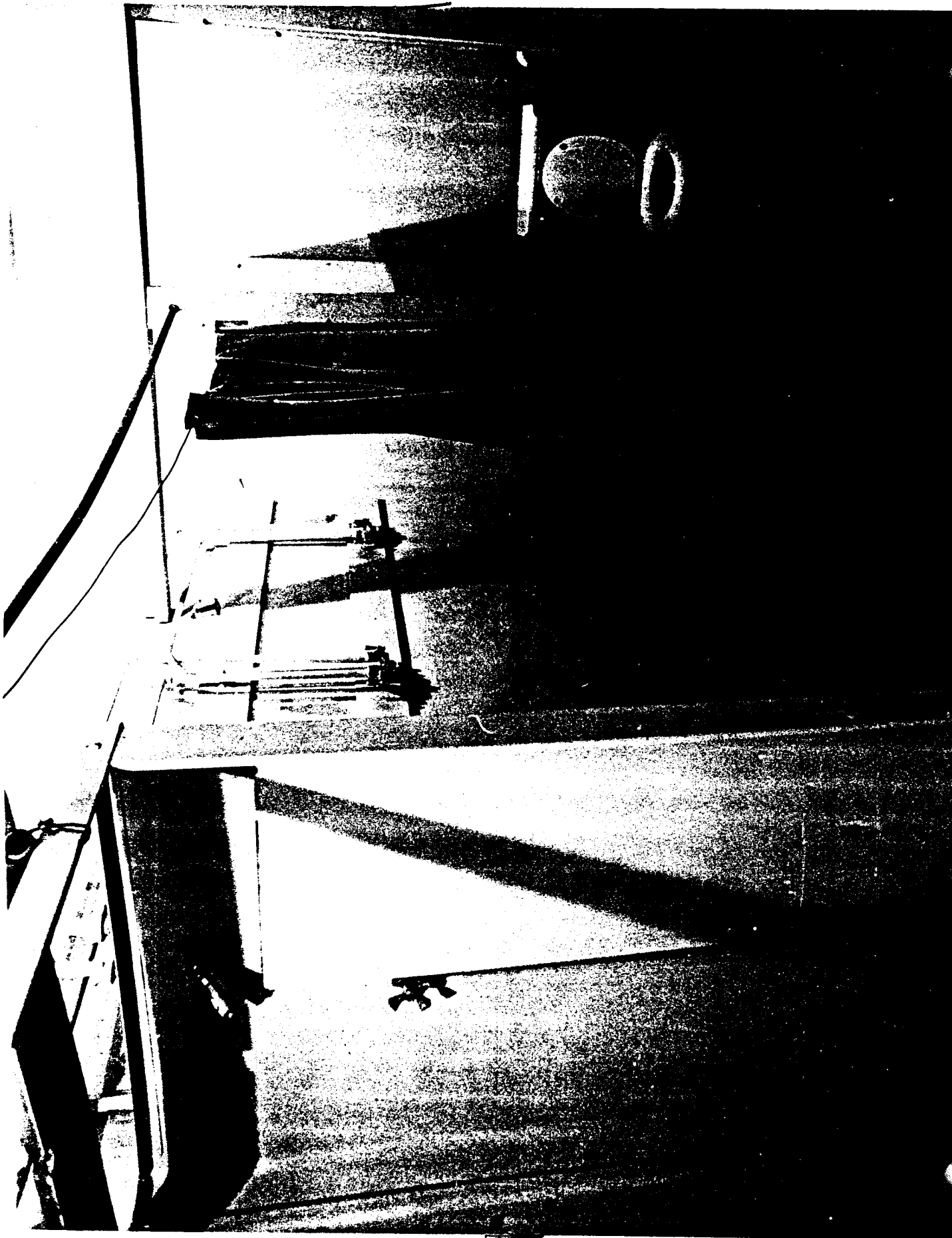
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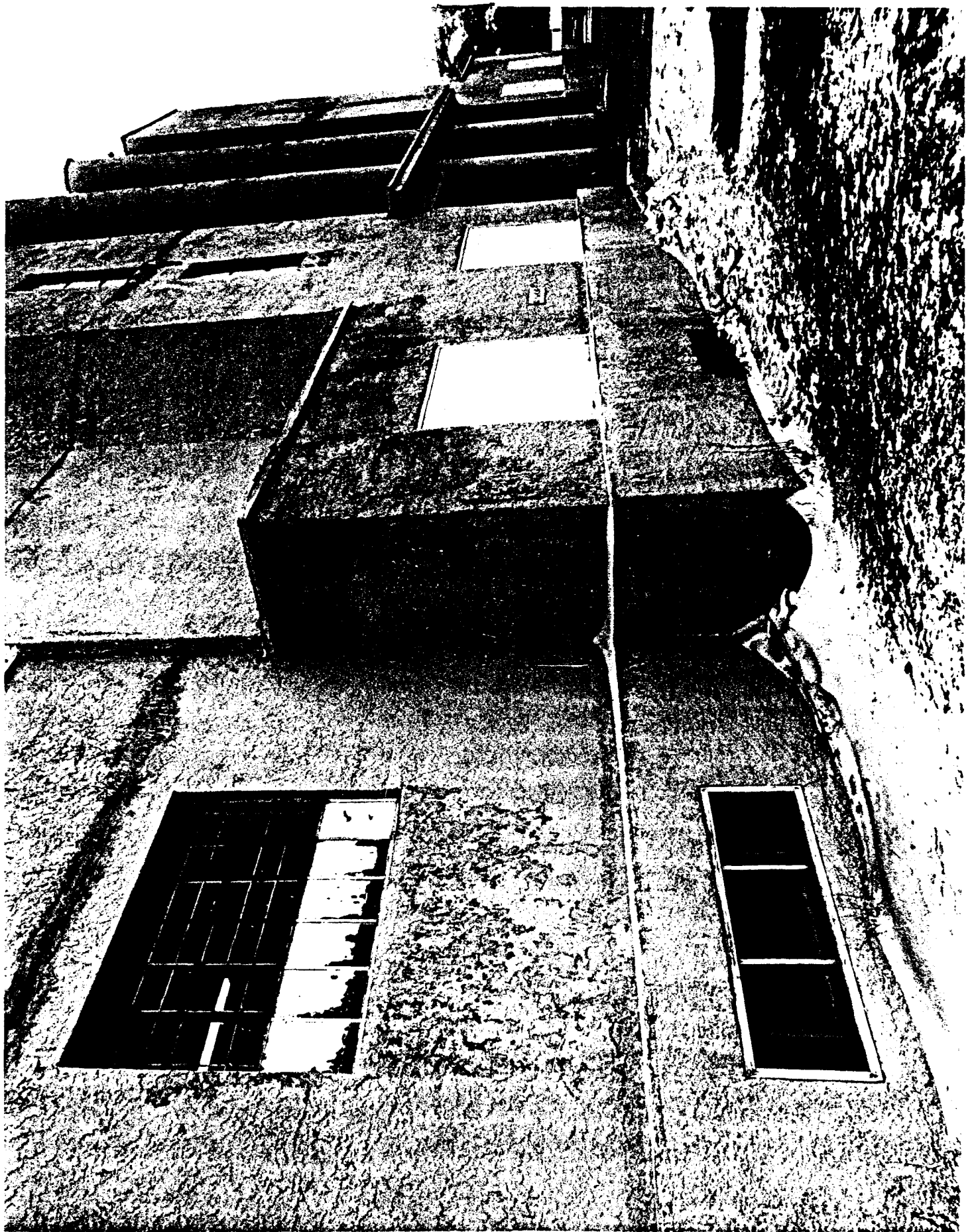


Exhibit # 8

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HB 156

**City of Livingston  
Montana**

FROM THE OFFICE OF

414 East Callender  
Livingston, Montana 59047

MAYOR

March 11, 1985

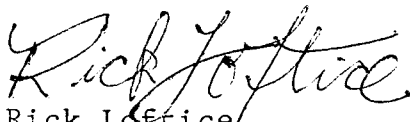
Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce  
Montana State Legislature

RE: Proposed New Livingston National Guard Armory

Dear Concerned Citizens:

This letter is by way of an endorsement and expression of enthusiastic support for the proposed new Livingston National Guard Armory. As you should be aware, the City of Livingston has already gone on record as donating a 5-acre parcel of public land for this purpose, should State matching funds be appropriated by the legislature for available federal funds. We here at the City feel this building would benefit not only the National Guard and Livingston residents, but also the State if you consider the rather deplorable condition of the existing armory.

The Mayor and City Council of Livingston would like to go on record supporting and endorsing consideration by the State Legislature for support of this most worthwhile construction project. If any party should have questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact my Assistant at 222-6120 ext 201. Thanking you for your time and consideration I am sincerely

  
Rick Loftice  
Mayor of Livingston

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Exhibit #9

3-11-85

HB 156

Montgomery

PROPOSED NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

We, the undersigned residents of Park County (Livingston Montana), having an interest in the National Guard program in this area, wish to express our approval and support of the proposed new armory building to house the Engineer Detachment in Livingston.

We feel that the State of Montana and Livingston will benefit from the construction. The present Livingston Armory is far below National Guard standards, and with the planned reorganization of the Montana National Guard, the new Livingston Armory is a necessity.

The Montana National Guard contributes \$241,649 to the Livingston economy each year, 95% of which is federal funds. That's \$229,000 federal tax dollars that the guard brings to Livingston. (With over 30 armories in Montana, the National Guard brings millions of tax dollars into the state of Montana.)

As citizens, we feel our community will derive great benefits from a new National Guard Armory in Livingston. We also believe it will improve the units members' attitude and morale through the knowledge that we support their activities with adequate facilities.

In signing this "Letter of Support" we are telling our local legislators that we are in favor of spending public tax monies for worthwhile projects of this nature, not only for Livingston, but for other cities in the State of Montana who have the same sub-standard facilities that now exist in Livingston.

PRINT NAME

PRINT ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

Ferne Questad	302 E. Callender	Ferne Questad
Janet Cherry	415 1/2 W 3 <sup>rd</sup> Box 1340	Janet Cherry
Don Ross	504 N. Main, Livingston	Don Ross
JAMES A. DURFEY	514 No. B, Livingston	James A. Durfey
Charles A. Durfey	514 E. Hayes, Liv	Charles A. Durfey
Barth J. Dalton	115 S. Yellowstone	Barth J. Dalton
Barth J. Dalton	306 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barth J. Dalton
RUTH M. ELEY	515 North E. Street	Ruth M. Eley
Tom Sands	227 So D	Tom Sands
Mona Burtch	Clyde Park.	Mona Burtch
Jim Poppenberg	522 North "N"	Jeannie Burley
Jeannie Burley	511 N. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jeannie Burley



84-85 BIENNIUM LOAN PROGRAM  
RECAP AS OF 15 JANUARY 1985

Exhibit #10  
3-11-85  
Asay  
HB 224

Authorized:

\$1,300,000

Loans Approved:

Bozeman	\$ 80,000
Great Falls	85,000
Glasgow	105,000
Superior	25,340
Havre	20,000
Kalispell	47,000
Plentywood	35,000
Sidney	50,000
Wolf Point	48,666
Scobey	25,000
Butte	49,156
Billings	125,000
Deer Lodge	37,000
Glendive	25,000
Bozeman	60,000
Great Falls	97,000
Miles City	75,000

TOTAL \$989,162

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BALANCE

\$ 310,838

Requested January Meeting:

Libby	\$ 89,000
Helena	46,667
Butte	47,270
Kalispell	40,820
Bozeman	10,000
Scobey	33,000
Shelby	56,260

TOTAL \$323,017

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NEW BALANCE - PROPOSED

(\$ 12,179)

TOTAL LOANS APPROVED AND REQUESTED THIS DATE: \$1,312,179

Exhibit #11  
3-11-85  
Ashley - DOA  
HB 224

Proposed Amendment to HB224

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Following: Line 15

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**JOB  
SERVICE**



Silent Testimony

3-11-85

HB 156

State of Montana  
Dept. of Labor & Industry  
Job Service Division

1-17-85

To: Bob Raney, State Representative  
From: Dale Siegle, Manager Livingston Job Service  
Subject: Armory Bill HB-156

Bob, I would like to make you aware of my support for the National Guard armory to be built in Livingston and for the passage of HB-156 to make that possible.

As you are well aware of the local economy is in need of help to diversify and grow in as many areas as possible to get on the right road to becoming a less vulnerable labor market. Also any construction will help bolster the local economy directly and indirectly and this project looks as if it may take two or three years to complete. It's clear the National Guard feels Livingston has the worst facility and will be moving eventually. Why not sooner than later? Help out Livingston and see this bill through, Thank You and good luck Bob.

*Dale Siegle*



**Edward D. Jones & Co.**

Members New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

To: Bob Raney  
State Legislature

This letter is written in support of the Legislature allocating \$565,700 for the construction of a new National Guard Armory in Livingston.

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The Livingston National Guard deserves better than the present facility that is offered.

Sincerely,

Mel Kuipers  
Registered Representative

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110 So. B  
PO Box 668  
Livingston

## VISITORS' REGISTER

## LONG-RANGE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

House Bills

BILL NO. 156, 224, 247, 861 and 920

DATE MARCH 11, 1985

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Marc Montross	Livingston MT	✓	
Henry Guetzel	" "		
Rockelle Goodwin	" "	✓	
Debra Holmes	" "	✓	
Edwin Smith	" "	✓	
Dave Cump	Bozeman MT	✓	
Debbie Nelson	Livingston MT	✓	
Margi Jerk	Livingston MT	✓	
Carl Thompson Jr.	Livingston MT	✓	
Morrison Smith	Livingston MT		
Tech Brown	Helena, MT	✓	
MICHAEL E BOLIN	NG ASSOC	✓	
Paula Alario	Libby, MT	✓	
W A Dan Iverson	Livingston MT	✓	
Mike Ferguson	Countryside Aerodynamics	✓	
Steve Story	SD 41 (HB156)	✓	

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR WITNESS STATEMENT FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

