DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF BARGE SLIP
MOBILE RIVER, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

The Corps of Engineers received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). This notice is being distributed to all known interested persons to assist in developing facts on which a Corps decision can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Oil Recovery Company of Alabama (ORCA)
Post Office Box 1803
Mobile, Alabama 36633

LOCATION: Mobile River south of I-10, Blakeley Island at 200 Dunlap Drive, Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama. See Mobile 7.5 minute quadrangle map: Latitude 30° 41' 14" North, Longitude 88° 1' 55" West

WORK: ORCA proposes to construct 160 feet of sheet-pile bulkhead 8 feet above mean sea level along the east slip boundary and maintenance dredge by clam bucket 5,333 cubic yards of silty sand from the 100- by 320-foot barge slip from -8.5 to -13 feet (msl). About 6,400 square feet of river bottom and riprap slopes would be backfilled with 3,000 cubic yards of dredged material, perimeter gravel cap, and sandy loam, and then grassed. The remaining dredged material would be contained in an upland area on site and/or trucked to an approved disposal area. Future phased work would include constructing 200 feet of bulkhead along the north slip boundary and backfilling 8,000 square feet of river bottom and riprap slopes with 4,000 cubic yards of dredged material, gravel, and loam, and then grassed. Maintenance dredging for 5 years is proposed. Drawings furnished by ORCA.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposal on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and use of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors and their cumulative effects relevant to the proposal will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, property ownership, and in general the needs and welfare of the people.

To evaluate the impacts of this proposal the Corps is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for

support or opposition. Comments will be considered to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit. To make this decision, an Environmental Assessment is prepared in accord with the National Environmental Policy Act; impacts are assessed on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this proposal. Requests should provide in writing, within the specified comment period, detailed reasons for a hearing.

This notice is being sent to appropriate state and federal agencies, including State Historic Preservation Officer and U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services. No properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places is known to exist which would be affected by the proposal. Comments are requested regarding the potential or existence of cultural resources which may be affected. Impacts from dredge and fill activities will be evaluated by applying Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. The U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposal will not affect listed species, or their critical habitat. Preliminary consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service indicates the impacts to Essential Fish Habitat of estuarine species would not be meaningful. After review of public comments, Alabama Department of Environmental Management will determine if the project complies with and will be operated or maintained in a manner consistent with the Clean Water Act and the Coastal Zone Management Program.

Comments should be received within 30 days of the public notice date. For information or comment, e-mail the project manager, lawrence.r.godwin@usace.army.mil or phone (251) 690-2658, and refer to public notice number **SAM-2006-1949-LRG.** Mail comments to the District Commander, c/o Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001; comments will be forwarded to Alabama Department of Environmental Management, 4171 Commanders Drive, Mobile, AL 36615 and/or P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, AL 36130-1463.

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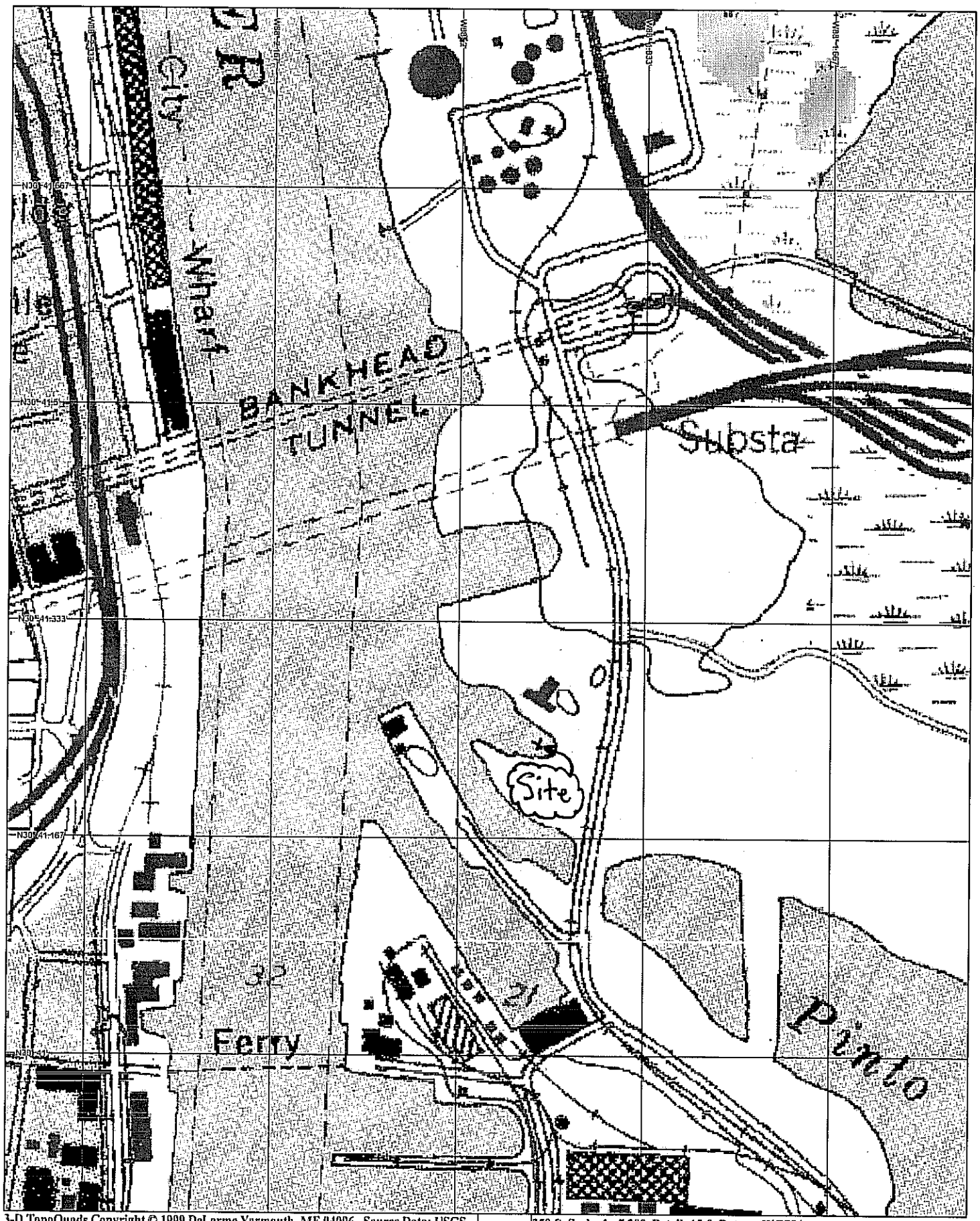

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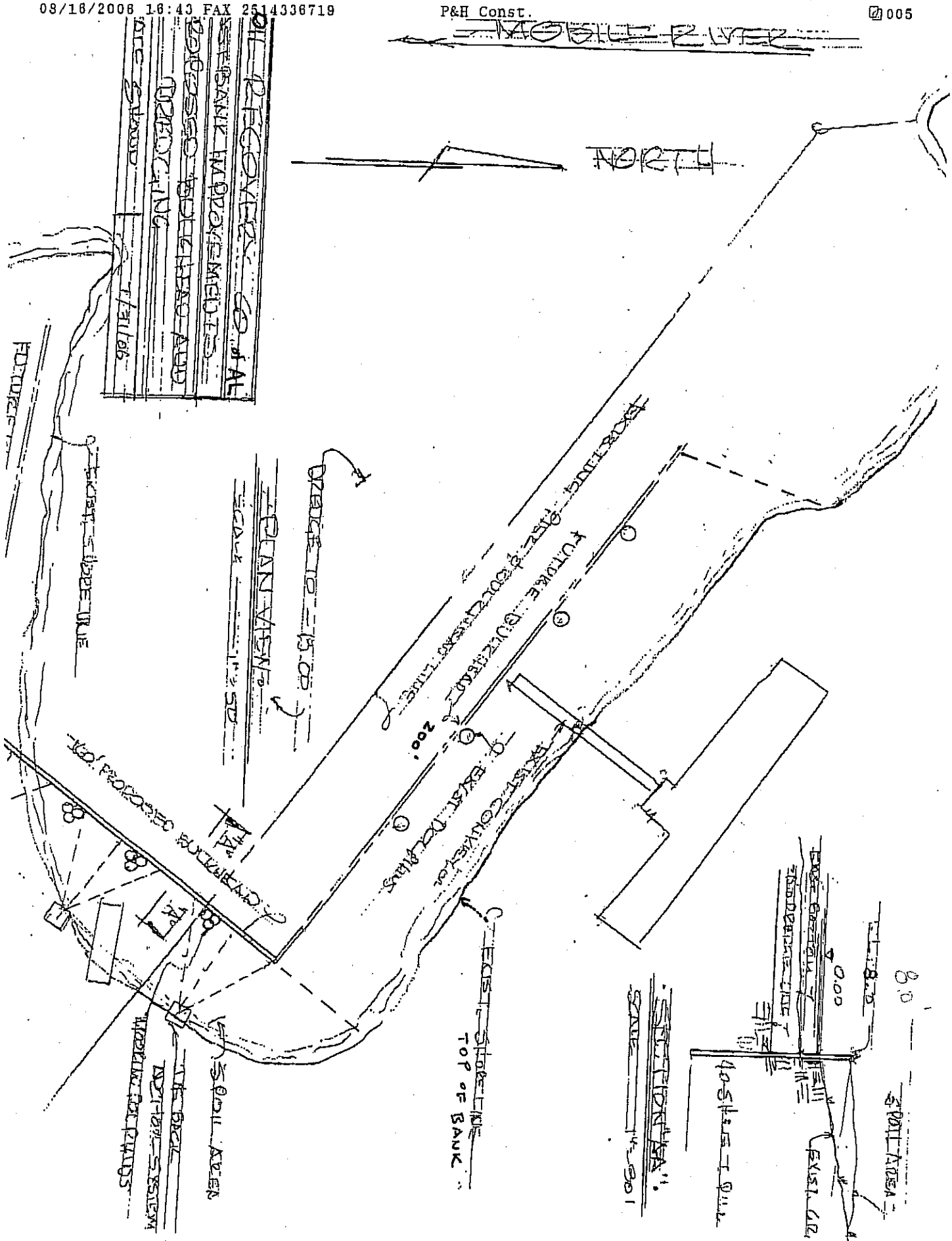
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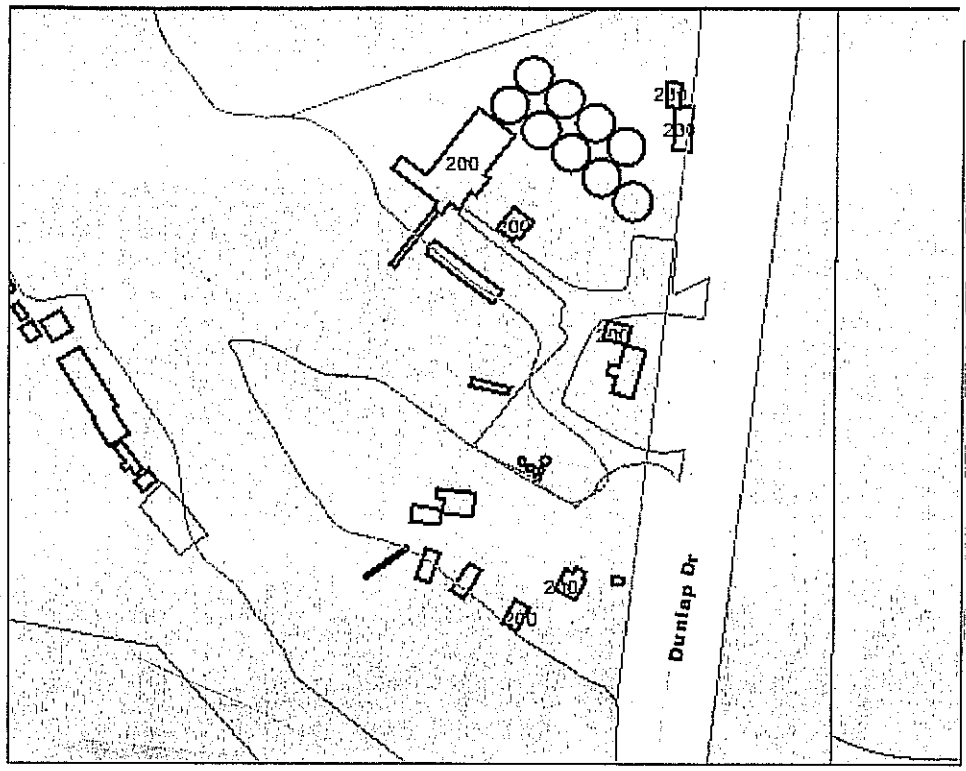

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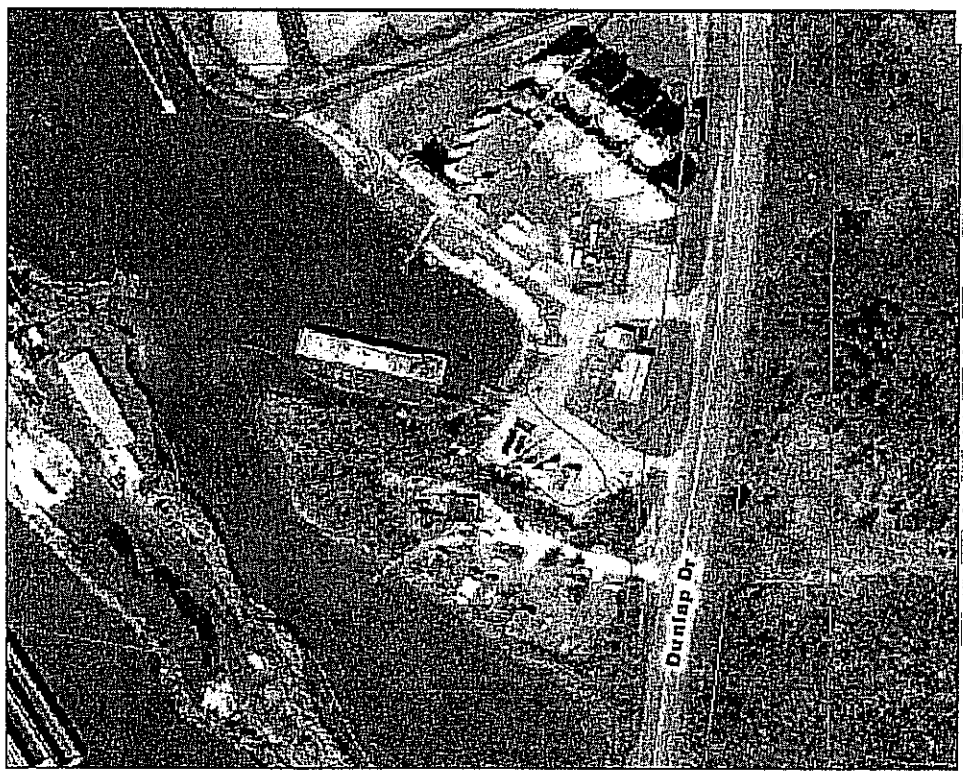

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