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HB 1329

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1329

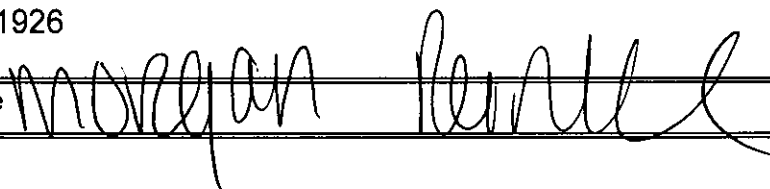
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 19, 2007

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Minutes:

Rep. Vigesaa: Testimony Attached.

Rep. Weiler: Are we talking about just one sight that we want to preserve, or is it more than that?

Rep. Vigesaa: Two sites, one is the control center and a few miles away is the underground missile silo.

Rep. Weiler: There are all kinds of missile sites around the state.

Rep. Froseth: I live right in the middle of the sights that are still active. Is the \$250,000 part of the historical society's budget that they are presenting to appropriations?

Rep. Vigesaa: Yes it was, but it is now taken out. This is going to be above and beyond what is in their budget.

Rep. Boehning: I was under the impression that we had destroyed all the missile sights ourselves, or did they have an agreement that they didn't have to destroy all of them? Is there a treaty problem with that?

Rep. Vigesaa: I know that these two sites have received permission to stay up.

Rep. Froseth: Is the missile itself in the silo head?

Rep. Vigesaa: I believe the missile is gone.

Rep. Owens: *I am a former commander for the missiles. At the height of the Cold War we had close to 1,000 ballistic missiles. There were 100 launch facilities controlling those missiles. President Bush Sr. eliminated the Minute Men 2's, which took out Ellsworth, Whiteman, and 150 in Montana. There are 450 gone. Next went the 50 Peace Keepers in Wyoming, leaving them with 150 Minute Men 3. Then there were 150 in Grand Forks, 50 in Montana, and 150 in Wyoming. When they were commissioned, the air force base moved those missiles. This is a unique site in missile history, the one in Cooperstown. Outside of this there are only five in existence in Montana, and they are still very much operational. The only other one that we know of that is being added is the Boeing Capsule off of I-90.*

Rep. Haas: Did I hear you say that that site is being preserved by the National Parks?

Rep. Owens: Yes it was turned over to the national parks now but nothing has happened with it.

Merl Paaverud: Testimony Attached

Rep. Haas: Are you going to try and do some oral history with this project?

Merl Paaverud: Yes, it is a benefit that will be above and beyond this site.

Rep. Haas: Rep. Vigesaa mentioned something about the end of December this year, what are the implications of that deadline?

Merl Paaverud: We have worked with the Air Force to keep the site from demolition December of 2007, after that it will be demolished unless we take it.

Rep. Froseth: Have you done any projections on what it would cost to maintain the site on an annual basis?

Merl Paaverud: We would probably charge for access to the site just to help out with that. We also take donations as well. We look at operating the sites. It won't be that cheap but we will

minimize it with the updating. We are hoping we can put in some programs, have people mow it, keep it at a minimum, and provide a good program.

Rep. Schneider: Is this \$250,000 the top priority from the Historical Society?

Merl Paaverud: I think this is very close to the top priority and if we don't do it it's going to slip away and that always brings the priorities up.

Becky Meidinger: *North Dakota played a lead role in safeguarding our nation during the Cold War era. There are many missile sites located in the state. It is likely to imagine what an experience it was for the children who lived through this time period and how frightened they were during the times of these drills they had to practice in case of a nuclear war. WE have an opportunity to secure a very important piece of that part of our history with this legislation.*

Oscar 0 missile site is located near Cooperstown and is still in excellent condition. It is one of the very few sites that can still be toured. The groups that I represent and other are working with the state historical society for the education of our future leaders and for the memories of those who experience the Cold War years. We have begun fundraising efforts to secure the sight from the air force before they close the doors and demolish this important piece of history. These fund raising efforts include securing donation from people at local places, including the 125th celebration of Cooperstown. We are also in contact with the air museum in Fargo to determine ways to raise donations and bring more awareness to this project. Additionally we are working to get grants.

Rep. Froseth: The air force owns the property, the land, and the sites? Are they going to maintain ownership, or turn it over to the Historical Society?

Becky Meidinger: It is my understanding that they will turn over the ownership to the state historical society once we have the funds.

Mike Williams: One of my construction jobs in the past was going out to those missile silos and sandblasting and painting them. It would really be a neat thing for our citizens to see this. It's just amazing. I think everyone should have the opportunity to see them.

Rep. Boehning: The question I've got is what is it going to cost to upgrade these?

Merl Paaverud: What we are looking at is probably \$100,000, and that would be everything including the electrical part of it.

Rep. Haas: Is there any more testimony on HB 1329? If not we will close the hearing on HB 1329.

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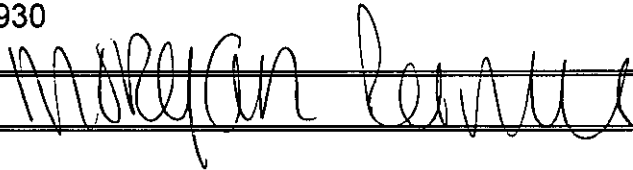
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 25, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 1930

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Minutes:

Rep. Kasper: This is a one time opportunity for our state. I know it has an appropriation on it and I think we should send it over there with a strong recommendation of a do pass.

Rep. Haas: I think that is a good point. I think it's also noteworthy that they are talking about raising a total of one million dollars and the state would be contributing about 25% of that money.

Rep. Froseth: I disagree when you say its our last chance. There are still 50 active operating missiles in ND in the northwest corner. We have two of these facilities in my county. We have 50 silos surrounding that immediate area. I think this is a type of museum that people like. Hopefully we'll be able to have another one and expand it.

Rep. Haas: Are the ones active in your area the same type as in Cooperstown?

Rep. Froseth: Not quite the same but a multiple warhead. I think this is a great museum and piece of history for ND.

Rep. Schneider: What I think he meant by one time opportunity is that the as of now the feds will match that, but if we wait, they won't.

Rep. Potter: I would move a do pass and re referred to appropriations.

Rep. Wolf: I second that.

Rep. Haas: Is there any further discussion? If not we will take a roll call vote on a Do pass and re referred to appropriations on HB 1329. The motion passes 12-0-1.

Rep. Weiler: I'll carry this bill.

Date: 1-25-07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Click here to type Bill/Resolution No."

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HB 1329

Action Taken DO PASS + REFEREE TO APPROP.

Motion Made By Rep Potter Seconded By Rep. Wolf

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C.B Haas Chairman	X		Rep. Bill Amerman		
Rep. Bette Grande V.P	X		Rep. Louise Potter	X	
Rep. Randy Boehning	X		Rep. Jasper Schneider	X	
Rep. Stacey Dahl	X		Rep. Lisa Wolf	X	
Rep. Glen Froseth	X				
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Jim Kasper	X				
Rep. Lisa Meier	X				
Rep. Dave Weiler	X				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Weiler

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 25, 2007 12:56 p.m.

Module No: HR-17-1202
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1329: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1329 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

2007 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1329

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1329

House Appropriations Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 5, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2786

Committee Clerk Signature

Holly N. Sand

Minutes:

Chm. Svedjan opened the hearing on HB 1329.

Rep. C. B. Haas, Government and Veterans Affairs Chairman: This bill asks for \$250,000 to make it missile site a tourist area. The Historical Society would do this work. These types of sites have proven to be very popular attraction in other states. Total cost is \$1 million.

Historical Society is asking for an appropriation of \$250,000 which is to match a grant from the Save America's Treasures Organization, a federal organization. This grant has been approved at the federal level. It's a one-time expense. The remaining funds will be raised. GVA passed it out of committee unanimously.

Rep. Kempenich: What needs to be done?

Rep. Haas: This is the only site left that could be restored. The window of opportunity is until Dec. 31. If it's not in place by then, the site will be imploded. A lot of work is required to make it a tourist attraction.

Rep. Monson: These are still the property of the U.S. Government, right? Are we sure we can do this?

Rep. Haas: Yes. That piece of property will be deeded to the ND Historical Society.

Rep. Ekstrom: This tourist attraction will be a hole in the ground? I don't like this one at all. Do they get to go down to a command center?

Rep. Haas: That's correct. They are very popular as a relic of the Cold War.

Rep. Ekstrom: I have trouble glorifying a chapter of history that we should not be that proud of.

Chm. Svedjan: Did you discuss making this contingent on raising the remaining \$500,000?

Rep. Haas: We did not, but I think that would be appropriate. Our Committee (GVA) asked Merlan Paaverud, Jr., Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota, what the maintenance costs would be. The response is reflected in this handout (Attachment A). This handout indicates that it would cost approximately \$200,000 per year to keep the site up.

Rep. Wald: Was there any discussion of FTEs to run this attraction?

Rep. Haas: The handout (Attachment A) describes 2 FTEs and volunteer help.

Rep. Klein motioned for a Do Pass. Rep. Carlisle seconded the motion.

Rep. Kempenich: I think we should at least put this contingent on the raising of the \$500,000 extra.

Rep. Gulleason: I can see where we could make it contingent on the \$250,000 match to make sure they secure that Save America, but if you add that \$500,000 this probably won't happen. They'll lose the federal one because that has to be matched in this year. That will make it tough for that community.

Rep. Haas: That's accurate. It's necessary to have the \$250,000 match so they can guarantee the Save America Organization that they've got that. They may or may not have the other \$500,000 by the end of December. They were confident that they would not have difficulty raising that money.

Chm. Svedjan: So the contingency would have to be on the \$500,000. That's what they're raising locally, is it not?

Inaudible: No.

Chm. Svedjan: I understand.

Rep. Kempenich: If I understand this right, that \$250,000 would hook that other \$250,000p right off the bat and then to move forward would be contingent on the local match.

Rep. Klein: This isn't unusual. A lot of people go to these things.

Rep. Skarphol: Rep. Kempenich neglected to say that after that it's \$408,000 per biennium, minimum in general fund money to operate it.

The Do Pass motion failed by a roll call vote of 11 ayes, 11 nays and 2 absent and not voting.

Rep. Skarphol motioned for a Do Not Pass to HB 1329. Rep. Ekstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 12 ayes, 10 nays and 2 absent and not voting. Rep. Skarphol was designated to carry the bill.

Date: 2/5/07
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1329

House Appropriations Full Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken De Pass

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Carlisle

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan		✓			
Vice Chairman Kempenich		✓			
Representative Wald		✓	Representative Aarsvold	✓	
Representative Monson	✓		Representative Gulleson	✓	
Representative Hawken	✓				
Representative Klein	✓				
Representative Martinson	✓				
Representative Carlson		✓	Representative Glassheim	✓	
Representative Carlisle	✓		Representative Kroeber	✓	
Representative Skarphol		✓	Representative Williams		✓
Representative Thoreson	✓				
Representative Pollert		✓	Representative Ekstrom		✓
Representative Bellew		✓	Representative Kerzman		
Representative Kreidt		✓	Representative Metcalf		
Representative Nelson	✓				
Representative Wieland		✓			

Total (Yes) 11 No 11

Absent 2

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

motion fails

Date: 2/5/07
 Roll Call Vote #: 2

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1329

House Appropriations Full Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Skarphol Seconded By Ekstrom

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan	✓				
Vice Chairman Kempenich	✓				
Representative Wald	✓		Representative Aarsvold		✓
Representative Monson	✓		Representative Gulleon		✓
Representative Hawken		✓			
Representative Klein		✓			
Representative Martinson		✓			
Representative Carlson	✓		Representative Glassheim		✓
Representative Carlisle		✓	Representative Kroeber		✓
Representative Skarphol	✓		Representative Williams	✓	
Representative Thoreson		✓			
Representative Pollert	✓		Representative Ekstrom	✓	
Representative Bellew	✓		Representative Kerzman	---	
Representative Kreidt	✓		Representative Metcalf	---	
Representative Nelson		✓			
Representative Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 10

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Skarphol

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 5, 2007 3:36 p.m.

Module No: HR-24-2191
Carrier: Skarphol
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1329: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (12 YEAS, 10 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1329 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1329

HB 1329
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
January 25, 2007

Testimony by Merl Paaverud, Director
State Historical Society of North Dakota

Introduction

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Merl Paaverud and I am the director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The mission of the State Historical Society of North Dakota is to identify, interpret, preserve and promote the heritage of the people of North Dakota. We have a colorful and important story to tell our children, our families, our neighbors, and visitors from around the world. We are always looking for new ways to provide information about our history and we feel that this bill will help to accomplish this mission goal. The opportunity I am referring to is the acquisition and development of two Minuteman Missile System operational sites located near Cooperstown, North Dakota.

Project Overview

A number of states are beginning to consider their Cold War sites as potential historic sites that should be preserved. We have visited with the State of Arkansas Historical Society about their efforts to save the early ICBM sites as they are very interested in securing them for future use. The State of South Dakota has the Minuteman II National Historic Site has been operated by the National Park Service for several years. We have been in touch with them about their program and they have experienced great interest and support for the site. There have also been discussions on local and national levels about establishing a national Cold War Heritage Corridor that would highlight sites from this period of our history.

We have the opportunity to preserve two sites from the deactivated 321st Missile Wing VI that were operated out of Grand Forks Air Force Base. Our current operation includes a number of sites which have direct connections with earlier military periods including Fort Abercrombie (1859-1877) to Fort Buford (1866-1895). (Other outposts in the state include Fort Totten, Fort Rice, and Fort Abraham Lincoln which is operated by ND Parks and Recreation.) These were the early outposts of military significance that assisted in exploration, European settlement and development of Dakota Territory and, finally, the formation of the State of North Dakota.

The two Cold War sites are our state's recent military outposts. Included are a Missile Alert Facility (MAF) with the designation of O-0 or "Oscar-Zero" and a Launch Facility (LF) designated as N-33 or "November thirty-three." I have included photographs of both sites as attachments to my testimony and invite you to look them over. The 321st Missile Wing was installed between 1964-66 and included 15 MAF's and 150 LF's. I have also provided copies of a brochure that was developed by the US Air Force as part of the mitigation for decommissioning and demolishing 14 of the MAF's and 149 LF's. The total potential number of warheads in this Wing would have been 450 (150 ICBM's x 3 warheads each). The last alert

took place on July 17, 1997 and ended at 13:15 or 1:15 pm local time. This date and time recorded on the wall next to the launch control center module blast door by the last crew. Their names are written there as well. The bottom line is written in Latin "In Aquilae Cura" which translates to "In the Care of Eagles". A fitting message for this site and the people who spent so much of their time in service is," The ICBM was the ultimate expression and final instrument of Cold War deterrence; a virtually unstoppable delivery system of absolute destruction that maintained a strategic balance of power with the Soviet Union."

Budget Summary

The inclusion of these two sites will be a considerable undertaking for the State Historical Board and the State Historical Society. With this in mind, the Board and Society concluded that \$1 million dollars must be raised to support site development and operation. We have been very fortunate to receive a \$250,000 grant from Save America's Treasures, which is a federal program to support the preservation of historic sites that are important to understanding of the history of the United States. In this bill, we are asking for a legislative appropriation of \$250,000 to match the SAT funds which is a requirement for receiving the SAT grant. We are also working closely with the local area including the Cooperstown EDC and the Griggs-Steele Empowerment Zone to raise additional funds for the sites.

Conclusion

I believe that this project will be a positive addition to the state historic sites collection. It also has great potential to assist the local area in its efforts to boost heritage tourism and economic development. Local officials are hoping that the site will stimulate the expansion of the Sheyenne Valley National Scenic Byway to their area. This Byway currently runs between Fort Ransom and Bald Hill Dam. This would provide an opportunity, for the locality, to blend its recreational, historical, and points of interest with this important Cold War destination site.

I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

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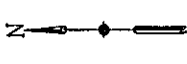
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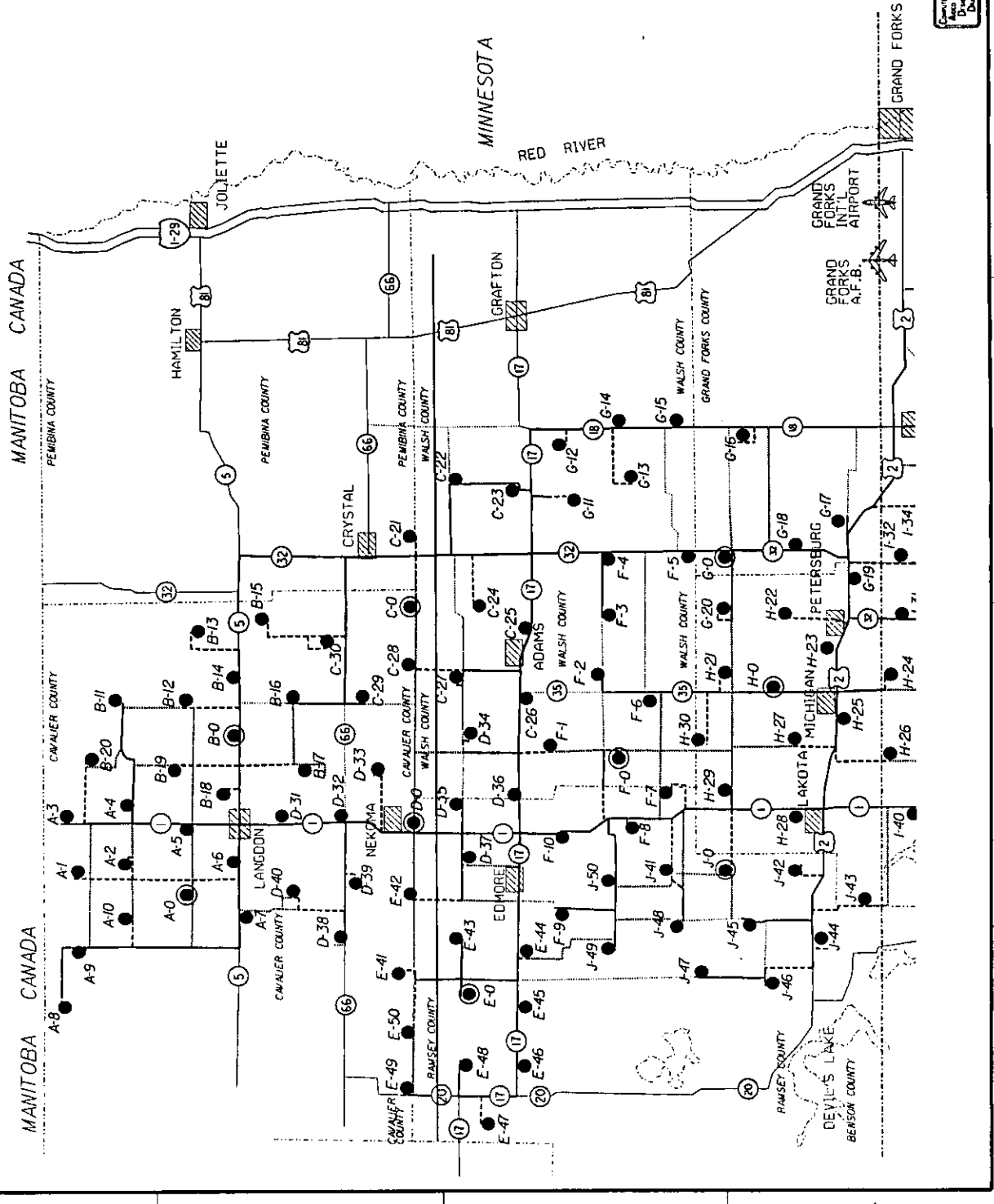
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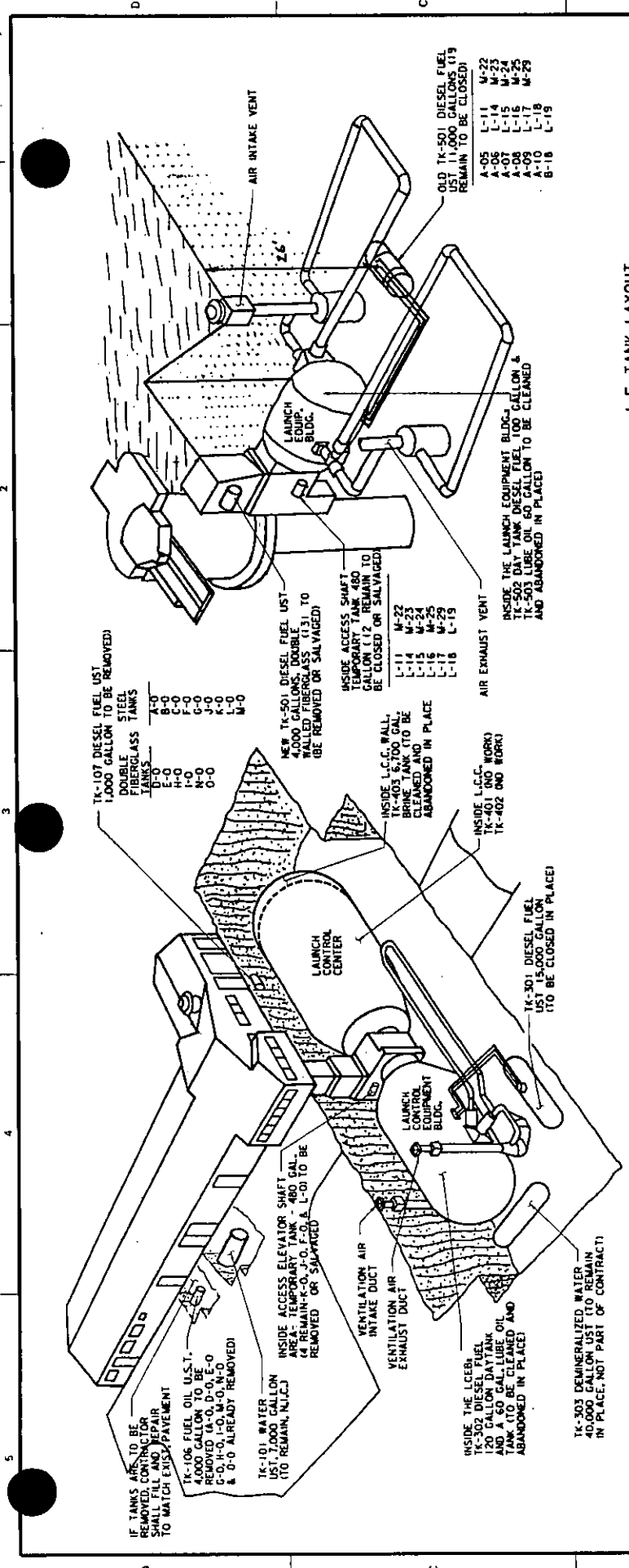
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