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June 7, 1995

The Honorable Gary Gill, Director Office of Environmental Quality Control 220 South King Street, 4th Floor State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Gill:

JEREMY HARRIS

## CHAPTER 343, HRS <u>Draft Environmental Assessment</u>

Recorded Owner/

Applicant : Hopper Limited Agent : J. A. Schmit

Location : 1162 and 1164 Nuuanu Avenue, Chinatown,

Oahu

Tax Map Key : 1-7-4: 08

Request : Chinatown Special District Permit

Proposal : Construction Of A Third Story On An

Existing Historic Building

Determination : A Negative Declaration Is Issued

We are transmitting copies of documents which we wish to file as a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the above named project. Although the current design may impact cultural resources, we expect project modifications to be developed during processing of the Special District Permit which will mitigate these impacts. As such, we have determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The Honorable Gary Gill, Director Page 2
June 7, 1995

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four (4) copies of the FEA. If you have any questions, please contact Ardis Shaw-Kim of our staff at 527-5349.

Very truly yours,

PATRICY T. ONISHI Director of Land Utilization

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cc: Mr. James A. Schmit

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## 1995-05-23-0A-FEA- Peggu Hopen revolution of July 23 1995 Historic Bldg in Chintown Special District

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Applicant Name: Pegge Hopper dba Hopper LTD.

Pegge Hopper Gallery

1162 and 1164 Nuuanu Ave Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

B. Recorded Fee Owner: Same

C. Agent:

J.A.Schmit

250 N. Beretania #400

Honolulu, HI. 96817

D. TMK:

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E. Lot Area:

1746 SF

F. Agencies Consulted in Making Assessment: DLU

#### II. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION</u>

- A. General Description:
  - 1. We propose to add a third floor Artists Studio to the existing Pegge Hopper Gallery.
  - 2. The project is not within the SMA.
  - 3. Location map: see Map attached.
  - 4. Approval is required Chinatown Special District.
- B. Technical Characteristics:
  - 1. Use: Commercial
  - 2. Physical characteristics see attached plans.
  - 3. Construction characteristics see plans.
  - 4. Utility requirements All utilities existing no change
  - 5. Liquid waste disposal Municipal sewer system already connected.
  - 6. Solid waste disposal City and County at Nuuanu curb side.
  - 7. Access to site From Nuuanu Ave sidewalk (pedestrian)
  - 8. There is no other pertinent info.
- C. Economic and Social Characteristics:
  - 1. The cost of construction is estimated to be \$100,000 and should take approximately four months.
  - 2. Chinatown needs the support shown by this expansion both socially and economically.
- D. Environmental Character:
  - 1. No soil is present except under the structure.
  - 2. No topography exists
  - 3. There will be no change in any drainage.

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- 4. There are no geological hazards. The Federal FIRM zone, LUO Flood Hazard District is zone X.
- 5. There is no other pertinent to the Special Management Area.

#### III. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

- A. A two story building completely covers the site. It is adjacent to the sidewalk on the east side, public parking on the west side and an adjacent building on the south side and 1/2 sidewalk 1/2 adjacent building to the north. North, east and west sides border properties with 200' height limits. General and Development land use designations are Commercial zoning BMX 4. There are no Unique features.
- B. There is no relation to publicly owned or used beaches parks and recreation areas; rare, threatened, or endangered species and their habitats; wildlife and wildlife preserves; wetlands, lagoons, tidal lands and submerged lands; fisheries and fishing grounds; other coastal/natural resources.
- C. The site is in Chinatown Special Design District which has historic and cultural impact on the site. The building has no historic listing.
- D. There are no coastal views affected by the project.
- E. There will be no effects on any receiving waters or ground water.
- F. Maps and photos included.

#### IV. PROJECT IMPACTS:

The project will have no impact relative to coastal zone or SMA guidelines.

#### V. MITIGATION MEASURES:

No mitigating measures are needed.

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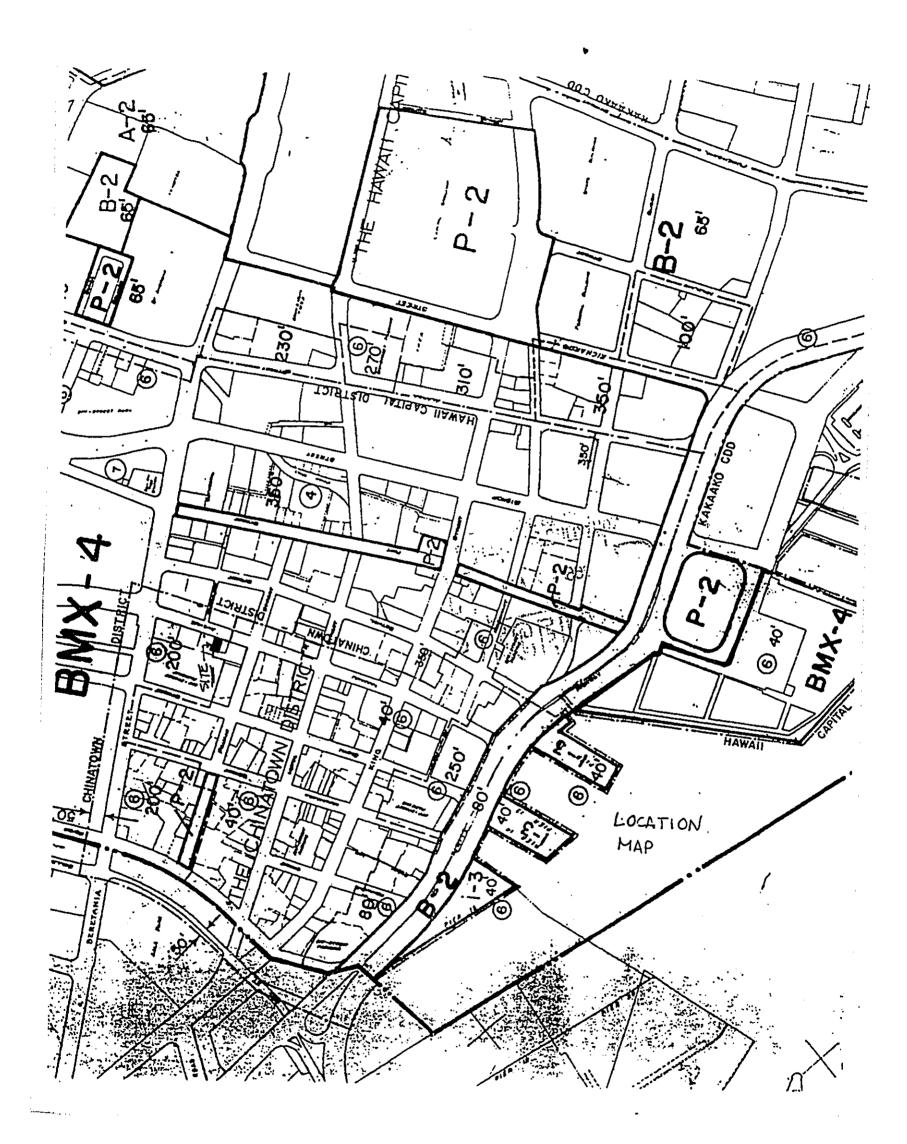
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#### STATE OF HAWAII

## DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION 33 SOUTH KING STREET, 6TH FLOOR HONOLULU, HAWAII 98813

December 22, 1994

Mr. Donald A. Clegg
Department of I and Utilization
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Clegg:

KETH ARUE, CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE PARKS WATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

LOG NO: 13492 DOC NO: 9412TM23 ARCHITECTURE

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment
Hopper Limited

TMK: 1-7-04:008, Chinatown, Oahu

Thank you for your letter regarding the above proposed project. The subject building is a contributing building in the Chinatown Historic District which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, contrary to what is stated in the Environmental Assessment. As an integral part of the district, we feel that the visual impact of an additional floor will have an adverse effect on the historic character of the district at this location. Unlike the typical Chinatown building which is mainly viewed from the front facade, this building is exposed at two faces. The view from the north is of particular concern as it will have the greatest visual impact to the public that drives or walks makai on Nuuanu Avenue. An additional floor will impose on the neighboring low buildings, especially the small stone building to the makai of the Hopper building. Greater consideration should be given to the building's context within the Chinatown Historic District.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions, please call Tonia Moy at 587-0005.

Very truly yours

DON HIBBARD, Administrator
State Historic Preservation Division

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LORETTA K.C. CHEE

Acting Director
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January 11, 1995

Mr. James A. Schmit 250 North Beretania, Suite 400 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Mr. Schmit:

Draft Environmental Assessment for the Pegge Hopper Gallery Addition

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We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Pegge Hopper Gallery Addition and offer the following comments:

1) The building (Bo San Tan Building) is historically significant and is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The DEA should be revised to disclose this information and describe the impacts that the project will have on the historic attributes of the building and surrounding historic district.

Specifically, the DEA must describe the elements of the existing structure which will be demolished, identify steps to be taken to preserve the existing brick walls, and explain how the proposed second story addition is appropriate for this area.

Construction drawings are not sufficient for describing the technical characteristics of the project. A narrative description should also be provided.

2) Because of the historical significance of the building, it is essential that the design and character of the building be preserved.

A Major Special District Permit will be required. During the processing of that permit, the Urban Design Branch may recommend greater setbacks from the Nuuanu Street facade to minimize the visual impact to the existing structure and streetscape, and also greater setbacks from the side and rear walls of the existing structure to preserve the existing brick walls. Demolition or plastering of these walls will not be permitted.

Mr. James A. Schmit Page 2 January 11, 1995

If you have any questions, please contact Ardis Shaw-Kim of our staff at 527-5349.

Very truly yours,

LORETTA K.C. CHEE

Acting Director of Land Utilization

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PATRICK T. ONISHI

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February 22, 1995

Mr. James A. Schmit 250 North Beretania, Suite 400 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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Dear Mr. Schmit:

Project Name

: . Pegge Hopper Gallery Expansion

File No.

94/ED-9

Tax Map Key

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We are forwarding copies of all comments we have received during the 30-day public comment period for the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the above referenced project.

The issues raised in those comments relate primarily to the effect the proposed expansion may have on the historic character of the building and the Chinatown District. Prior to our determination on whether or not to require an Environmental Impact Statement, Chapter 343, HRS requires the following:

- Your written response to the enclosed comments.
- Preparation and submittal of a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), including enclosed comments and your responses, as well as revised text, if appropriate.

In determining whether or not to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), we must consider the significance criteria outlined in Title 11, Chapter 200, Section 11-200-12. Generally, if the proposal involves substantial degradation of a natural or cultural resource, then it shall be determined to have a significant effect on the environment and an EIS shall be required.

Based on the reviews by our department and the State Historic Preservation Division, the proposal appears to adversely affect the historic character of the structure and the Chinatown Historic

Mr. James A. Schmit Page 2 February 22, 1995

District. We recommend that the proposal be modified to mitigate this impact.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, please contact Ardis Shaw-Kim of our staff at 527-5349.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK 7. ONISHI Director of Land Utilization

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bcc: Urban Design Branch

May 8, 1995

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Mr. Patrick Onishi
Director of Land Utilization
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Mr. Onishi,

Regarding your letter of February 22, 1995, I disagree with Don Hibbards conclusions and do not believe an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

A. This design will not substantially degrade a natural or cultural resource.

B. This design will not have an adverse visual impact on the historic character of the District at this location.

Sincerely;

J.A Schmit A.I.A.

May 20, 1995

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DEPT OF LAND UTILIZATION CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Mr. Patrick Onishi
Director of Land Utilization
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Onishi,

Regarding Mr. Hibbard's letter of December 22, 1994, I am in complete disagreement with his conclusions. The Environmental Assessment does not state that the Pegge Hopper Gallery Building is not a contributing building in the Chinatown Historic District nor does it state that Chinatown is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It does state the district has historic and cultural impact on the site and that the building has no historic listing. The State Historic Preservation Division has been unable to back up their claims with any documentary evidence.

Mr. Hibbard is wrong in his analysis when he states an additional floor (regardless of design) will have an adverse visual impact on the historic character of the district at this location. The district at this location includes far more than three buildings on one side of Nuuanu. Rather than "impose on" "the small stone building to the makai" ,the gallery will present an improved backdrop by somewhat screening the highrise building to the north.

Great consideration has been given to the building's context within the district. Our intent is to design a structure that will be completely in character with the district.

Regarding Loretta K.C. Chee's letter of January 11, 1995, in which you state you have reviewed the draft environmental assessment for the Pegge Hopper Gallery.

You state that the Bo San Tan Building is historically significant. It is not. In fact it is not even a contributing building in the Chinatown District because according to the federal documents provided by the State



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Historic Preservation Division "due to alterations disturbances, additions, or other changes, it no longer possesses historic integrity or is capable of yielding important information about the period;". It was at some time shown on a map as having preservation value but no longer some that test. Because we all wish it were historically significant, meets that test. Because we all wish it were historically significant, however, we intend to do everything possible to make this addition even more successfull than our 1985 renovation which you are trying to preserve.

You state that the Bo San Tan Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Again, I disagree. It absolutely is not listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. I believe you are missreading Mr. Historic Places

You state that the DEA must include the following: The only portion of the building to be demolished will be the roof and skylights added in 1985 to the non original cmu lean to at the rear. As shown on the drawings, the existing brick walls are to remain. The second floor addition was approved in 1985. We are now asking for a third floor addition which is appropriate because there are many three story buildings throughout the district.

You state the construction drawings are not sufficient for describing the technical character of the project and that a narrative description of what is in the drawings should be submitted. I disagree. They are more than adequate. This is not a construction permit submittal.

You state that the design and character of the building must be preserved because of the building's historical significance. It has no historical significance. You are requiring us to preserve the design and character of a building which I designed in 1985. The only remaining portion of the original building is the brick walls ,which for the most part portion of the original building is the brick walls ,which for the most part were never intended to be viewed as finished surfaces, but which we will nevertheless preserve.

You state that the Urban Design Branch (during processing) may recommend greater setbacks to minimize visual impact from Nuuanu Street. Because ,as Mr. Hibbard states, Pegge's building, "unlike the typical Chinatown building which is mainly viewed from the front facade" is exposed to the North where "it will have the greatest visual impact to



the public" the new floor should not step back from the facade as this would create an appearance totally out of character with the typical Chinatown building. Any setback will only serve to emphasize the modern nature of the resulting addition. This building is in fact viewed from an infinite number of vantage points and we would like it to look proper from all sides.

You state also that you may impose additional setbacks from the side and rear walls to preserve the brick and that demolition or plastering of these walls will not be permited. It is inappropriate to suggest design changes to plans which have not been accepted for review and it is equally inappropriate to make firm decisions regarding primary structural elements when in the same letter you claim the plans are not sufficient for describing the technical characteristics of the project.

Everything Pegge wants to do with her building will provide a viable, active, positive change to a Chinatown that is either continuing to deteriorate physically and economically or becoming sterilized by the elimination of creative design for fear of disturbing a district which developed without the layers of control with which we now must contend.

Please let me know how you would like these responses incorporated in the final environmental assessment and I will submit it at once.

Sincerely;

A. Schmit Architect

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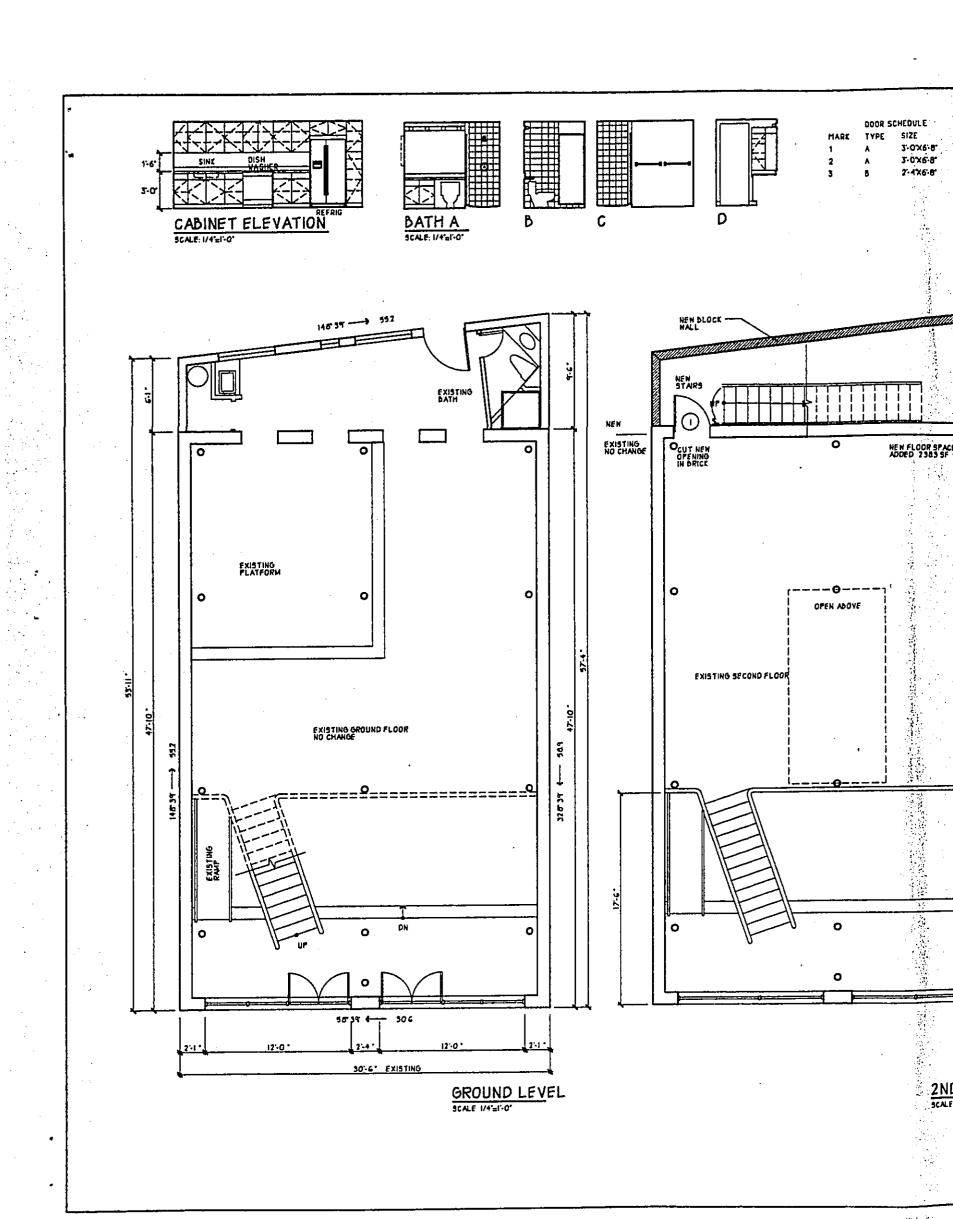
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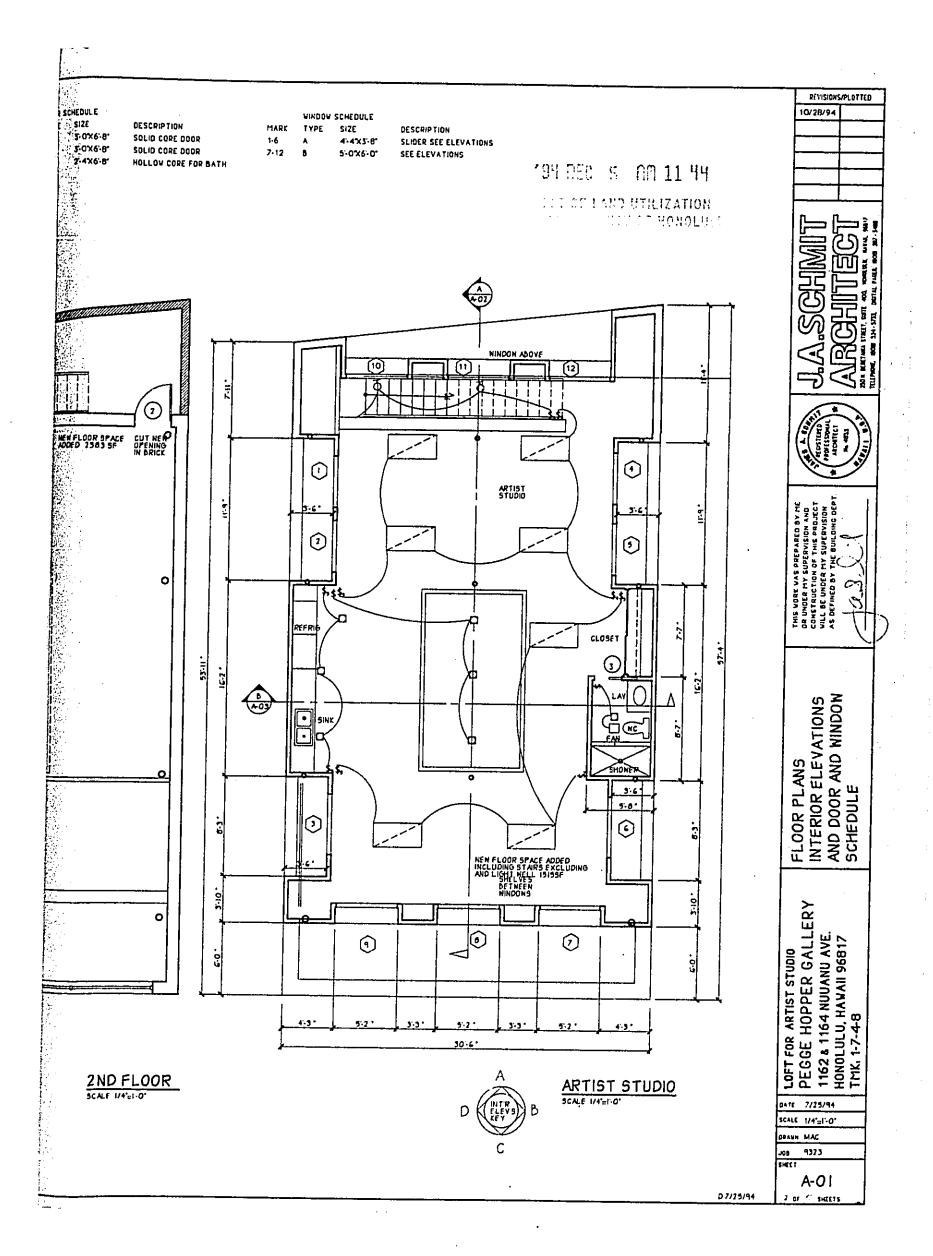
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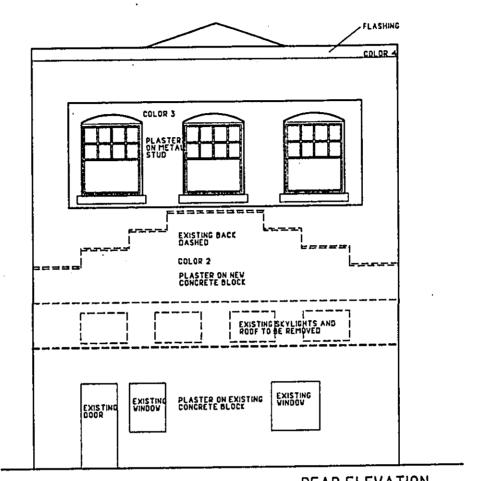
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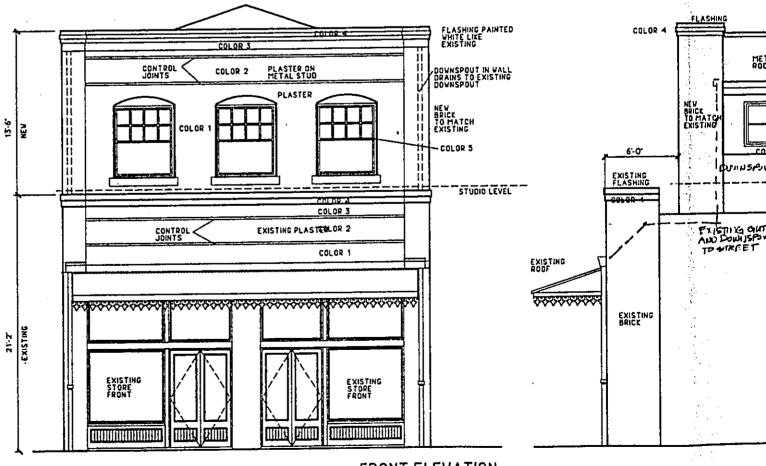
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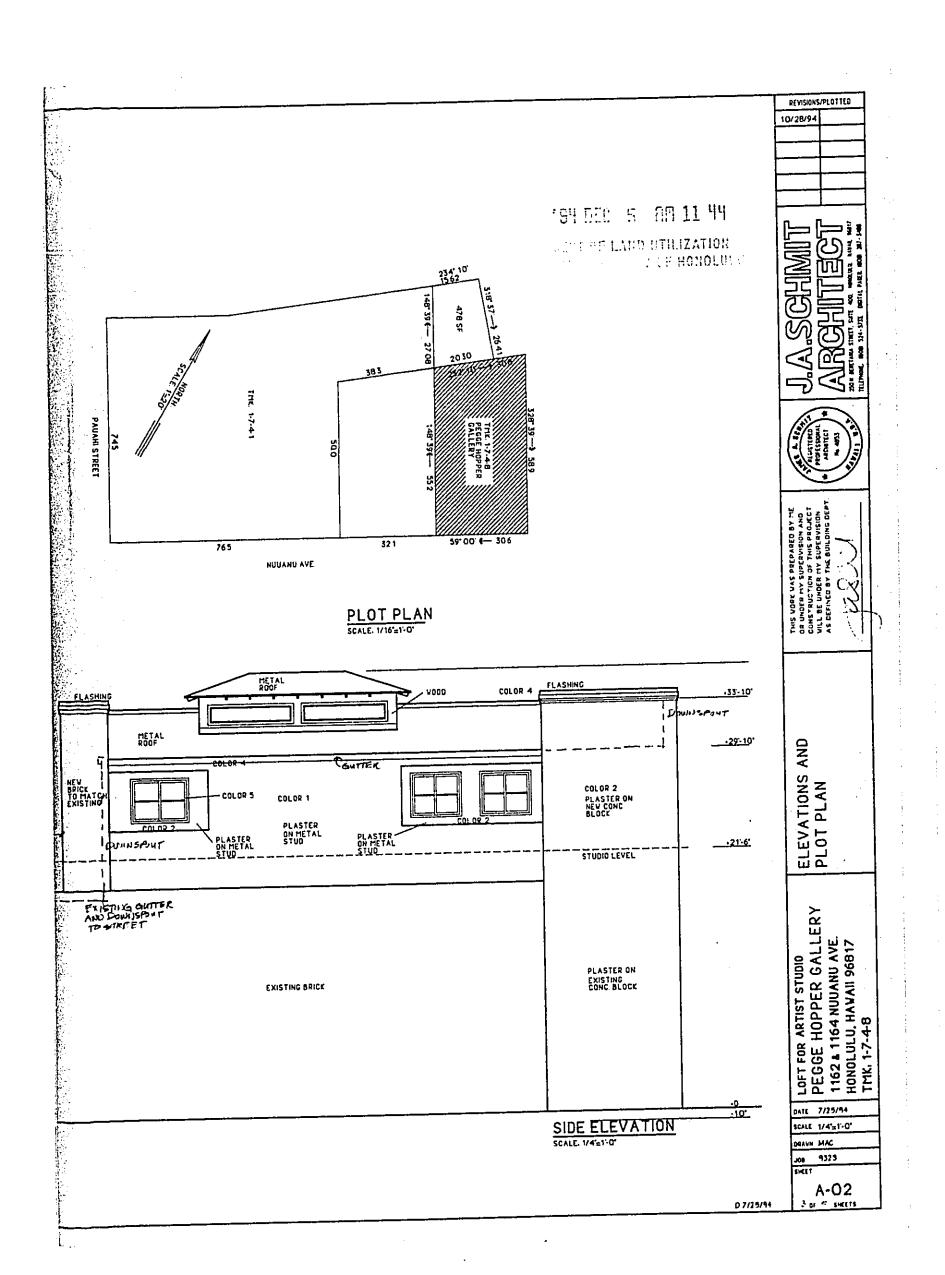


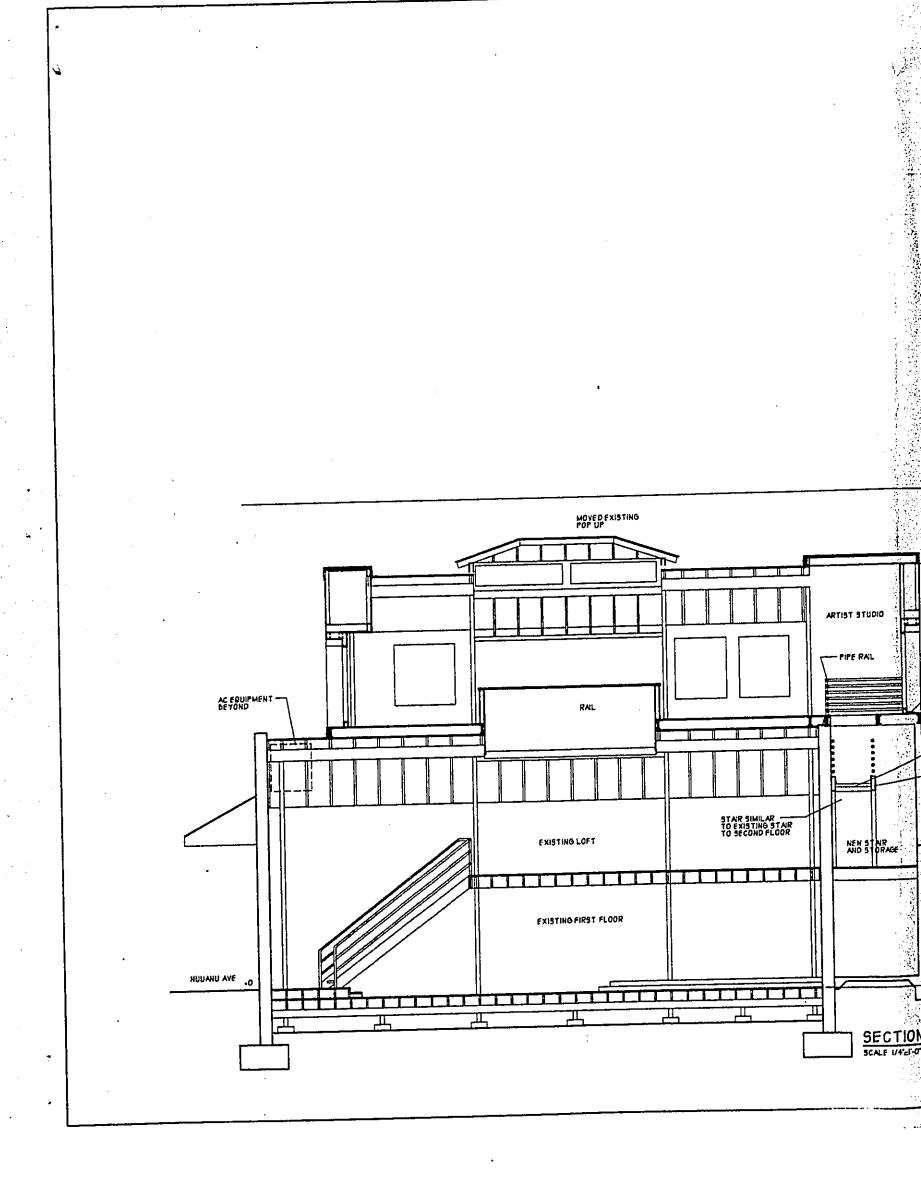


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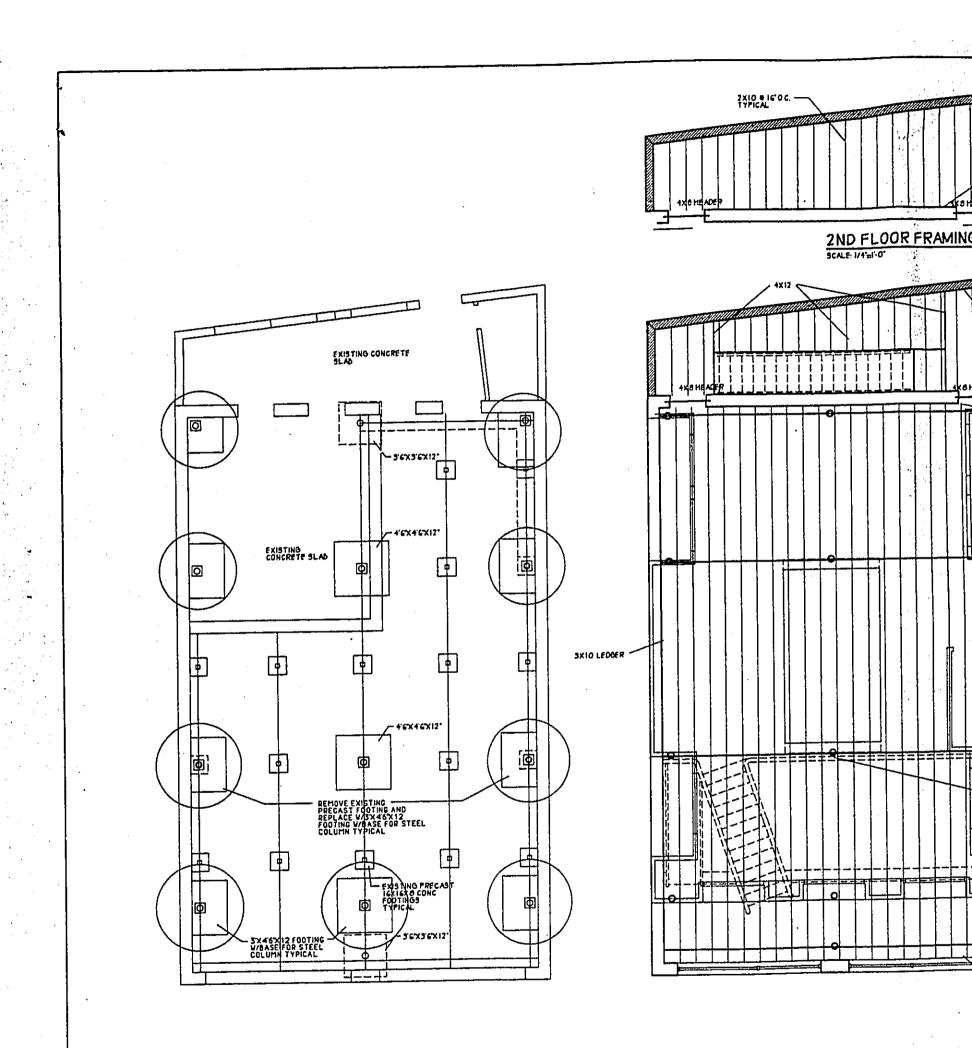


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