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Mr. Gary Gill, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Negative Declaration for Maui Religious Science Center, Tax Map Key:
3-9-48, Ka Ono Ulu Estates, Kihei, Maui.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division's Land Management Branch and Maui Religious Science Center has not received any comments during the thirty (30) day public review period which began on January 23, 1997 for the subject project. Accordingly, it has been determined that this project will not have a significant environmental effect and a negative declaration has been issued. Please publish this notice in your next scheduled OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four (4) copies of the final environmental assessment. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Maui District Land Office at (808) 984-8100.

Aloha,

"Hawaii, Earth's Best!"

Gilbert S. Coloma-Agaran
for MICHAEL D. WILSON, Chairperson
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cc: Maui District Land Board Member
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FINAL

Revocable Permit for the Use, Pending Acquisition of
a Remnant Portion of Kenolio Road, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

Prepared for:

Maui Church of Religious Science,
Science of Mind Center and
Joseph Sugarman

Prepared by:

Howard Murai
(808) 848-2377

March 21, 1997

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

This Environmental Assessment is submitted to the Maui District Office of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, as part of an application for a Revocable Permit for the use, pending acquisition, of a remnant portion of a roadway owned by the State of Hawaii, and originally known as Kenolio Road, situate in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, as shown on the Location Maps attached as Exhibits A and B.

Subject Parcel: Approximately 11,600 square feet of land, previously a part of Kenolio Road, owned by the State of Hawaii, and which was created as a result of roadway improvements constructed as a part of the Ka Ono Ulu Estates Subdivision. The roadway remnant is not identified by a Tax Map Key Number but is located between the Maui Lu Resort (TMK (2) 3-9-01: 86) and a residential lot (TMK (2) 3-9-048: 109) within the Ka Ono Ulu Estates Subdivision, as shown on the composite Tax Map attached as Exhibit C. It is defined by existing property lines along its sides; and by curbs, gutters and side-walks of Alulike and Kaonoulu Streets at both ends as shown on the Construction Drawing attached as Exhibit D. The remnant is located in Kaonoulu (Kihei), Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.

Applicants: The Maui Church of Religious Science, Science of Mind Center, a Hawaii non-profit religious organization which has a leasehold interest in the adjoining property identified by Tax Map Key No. (2) 3-9-048: 109; and Joseph Sugarman, a member of the Church and its owner; are the Applicants.

Questions regarding this Environmental Assessment should be directed to Howard Murai at 2072 Main Street, Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793, Telephone (808) 242-0030 and Facsimile (808) 242-5277.

Approving Agency: Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii.

Other Agencies Consulted: The following state and county agencies have been consulted as either a part of preparing this Environmental Assessment or in connection with applications submitted for a County Special Use Permit and a Special Management Area Review authorizing the use of the adjoining property as a church.

Department of Public Works and Waste Management, County of Maui

Planning Department, County of Maui

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Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Maui

Fire Department, County of Maui

Police Department, County of Maui

Department of Housing and Human Concerns, County of Maui

Department of Water Supply, County of Maui

Maui District Health Office, Department of Health, State of Hawaii

Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii

Land Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii

Historic Preservation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii

Maui District Office of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii

Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Department of Education, State of Hawaii

Land Use Commission, Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism, State of Hawaii

Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture

Maui Electric Company, Ltd.

GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company, Ltd.

None of the agencies consulted had any comments relative to the use of the remnant roadway except the Department of Public Works and Waste Management, County of Maui, which specified that a minimum of 18 parking spaces would be required.

Existing Site Conditions: The roadway remnant is long, narrow and curvilinear in shape, consisting of approximately 11,600 square feet. It is defined by existing property lines along its sides; and by the curb, gutter and sidewalk of what is now Alulike Street

at one end and Kaonoulu Street at the other.

The remnant was originally a part of Kenolio Road, a major portion of which was widened, improved and renamed Alulike Street during the construction of the Ka Ono Ulu Estates Subdivision in 1989. These improvements included elimination of a curved section of Kenolio Road which, as shown in Exhibits C and D, resulted in the creation of this roadway remnant. Until that time, it was in constant use as a public roadway from at least 1915 when it was acquired by the Territory of Hawaii.

Its topography is mostly flat with a gradual upward slope toward the end abutting Alulike Street. Asphalt paving approximately 20 feet wide, runs through its center along its entire length. Access to the parcel is limited by a drive-way apron on Alulike Street and the paved surface ends abruptly at its Kaonoulu Street end. An existing power pole is located within the "shoulder" area near its south west end.

Overgrown horse cane, grass, weeds and kiawe trees were recently removed as a part of a clean-up effort conducted by the Applicants to improve its appearance. There are no ornamental plants, shade trees, or any other improvements within the remnant which is located approximately one-half mile from the shoreline.

General Objectives

1. To provide the Applicants with an area for off-street parking which is a requirement and condition for use of the adjoining property as a church. This would provide a means of minimizing the use of existing on-street parking and related impacts on the surrounding community.
2. To provide for the maintenance, up-keep and security of the remnant roadway which would otherwise be unsightly and a secluded area conducive to illicit or nuisance activity. It has no other use or benefit to the surrounding community and would be potential source of liability for the State and the County of Maui.

Technical Description of the Planned Use

The roadway remnant will be used to provide off-street parking for a small neighborhood church located on an adjoining property (TMK (2) 3-9-048: 109).

The 11,600 square foot area within the remnant roadway is large enough to provide for a number of parking stalls that will exceed the minimum required by the County of Maui; and easily can accommodate the entire congregation. A total of twenty-one vehicles can be parked within the remnant and an additional four vehicles can be parked within the church property itself.

Improvements will be made to the roadway remnant to comply with the regulations and standards of the County of Maui applicable to parking areas and to ensure traffic safety. This may include some additional paving, striping, posting of signs and similar requirements. A drive-way apron will also be installed along Kaonoulu Street which would permit a one-way traffic flow as a means of improving safety and minimizing traffic congestion. A small amount of grading is also planned to provide vehicular access to the adjoining church property.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC EFFECTS

Due to its small size, the improvement and use of the remnant off-street parking will have no social or economic effects of any significance.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Traffic and Air Quality

The church has relatively small congregation of about fifty members, a portion of which are couples and children. The most heavily attended function is the Sunday morning worship service which normally generates approximately twenty vehicles. Much smaller gatherings for religious guidance and instructional purposes, usually involving ten to fifteen people, are held in the evenings.

The small amount of additional traffic generated will occur during off-peak hours and have no significant effect on traffic flow or facilities or air quality in the area. Use of the remnant as off-street parking ensures that street congestion is minimized and that sufficient on-street parking continues to be available within the neighborhood.

Noise

Due to the low intensity of use, traffic and other noise would remain at low levels and would be further minimized by the location

of the remnant behind the church, away from neighboring homes and adjacent to an open-space area of the Maui Lu Resort, as shown by Exhibit C.

Flora and Fauna

The remnant was a part of a public roadway that has been in continuous, active use from at least 1915. Most of the area within the remnant is paved, however, the shoulder abutting the Maui Lu Resort, had been overgrown with horse cane, grasses, weeds and kiawe trees; which were recently cleared by the Applicant as a part of an overall clean-up effort. It is not a habitat for rare or endangered native plants or animals.

Archeology; Historic Preservation

As noted above, the remnant was a part of a public roadway that has been in continuous active use since at least 1915 when it was conveyed to the Territory of Hawaii. Previous archeological survey and evaluation work conducted on the adjacent Ka Ono Ulu Estates Subdivision property, indicated there were no surface sites or findings of any significance in the area mauka of South Kihei Road which would warrant any further investigation or study (Joseph Kennedy, 1988).

Water Quality

Use of the remnant for parking purposes, particularly at the low intensity level planned, is substantially similar to its previous use as an active public roadway but would have a lesser effect on the environment. In addition, it is not adjacent to the ocean or any natural drainageway to the ocean. The planned use would therefore have no effect on water quality.

Aesthetic Qualities

Regular clean-up and maintenance of the roadway remnant to be provided by the Applicant, will improve both its aesthetic qualities, and increase the security of the neighborhood by preventing it from again becoming an overgrown and secluded area used for criminal or nuisance activity requiring regular police attention.

This, together with the activity generated by the use of the remnant will discourage loitering, dumping of trash, and other types of similar problems which inevitably occur whenever an area has the appearance of being abandoned and is left unused.

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DETERMINATION

The small size of the parcel and the low intensity level of the planned use, together with its past use and present condition, no significant environmental impact is foreseen.

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COMMENT

The mandatory 30 day comment period for this project has passed with no comments received from the public by the applicant or the Maui District Land Office on the use of this property for its proposed usage.

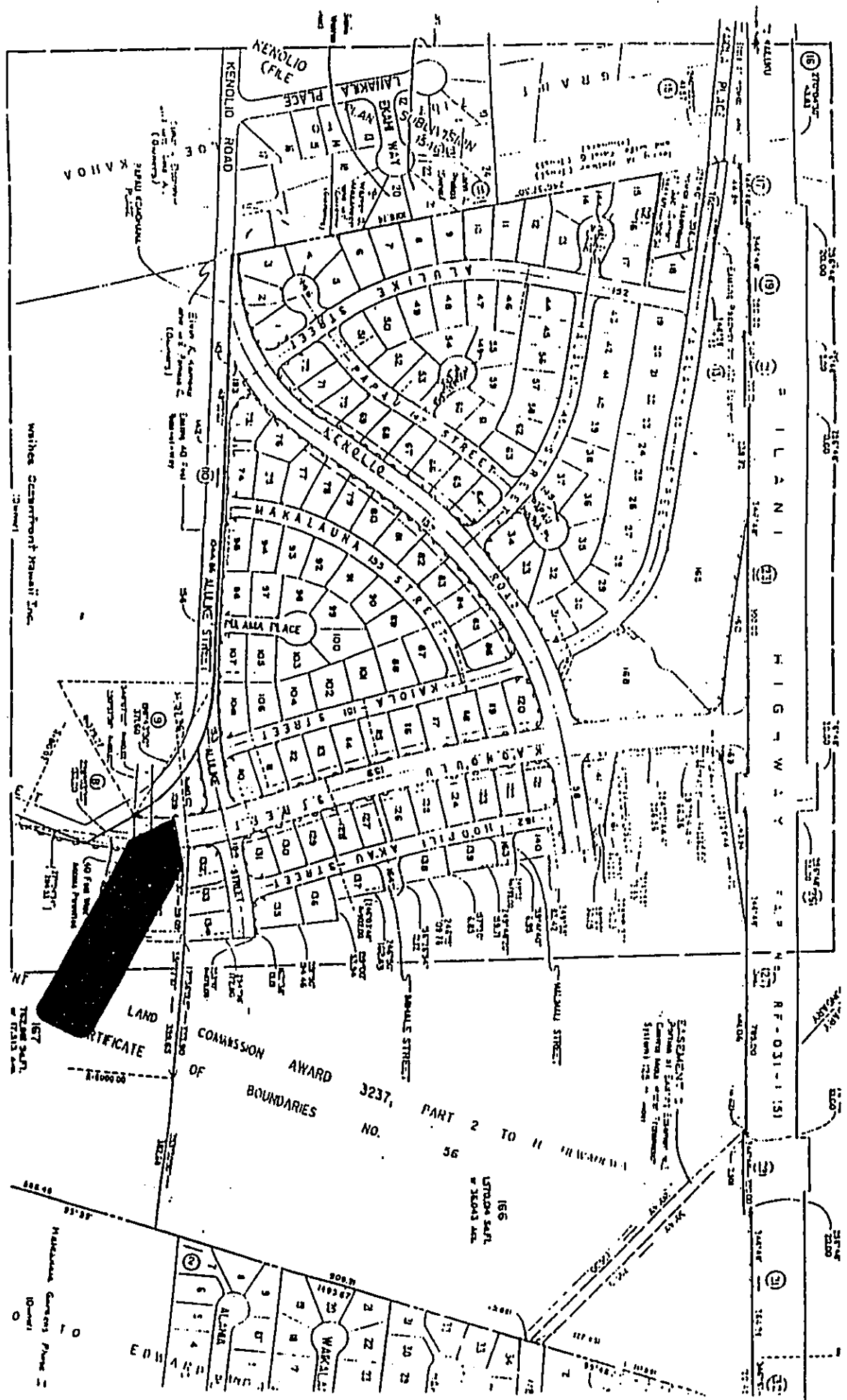
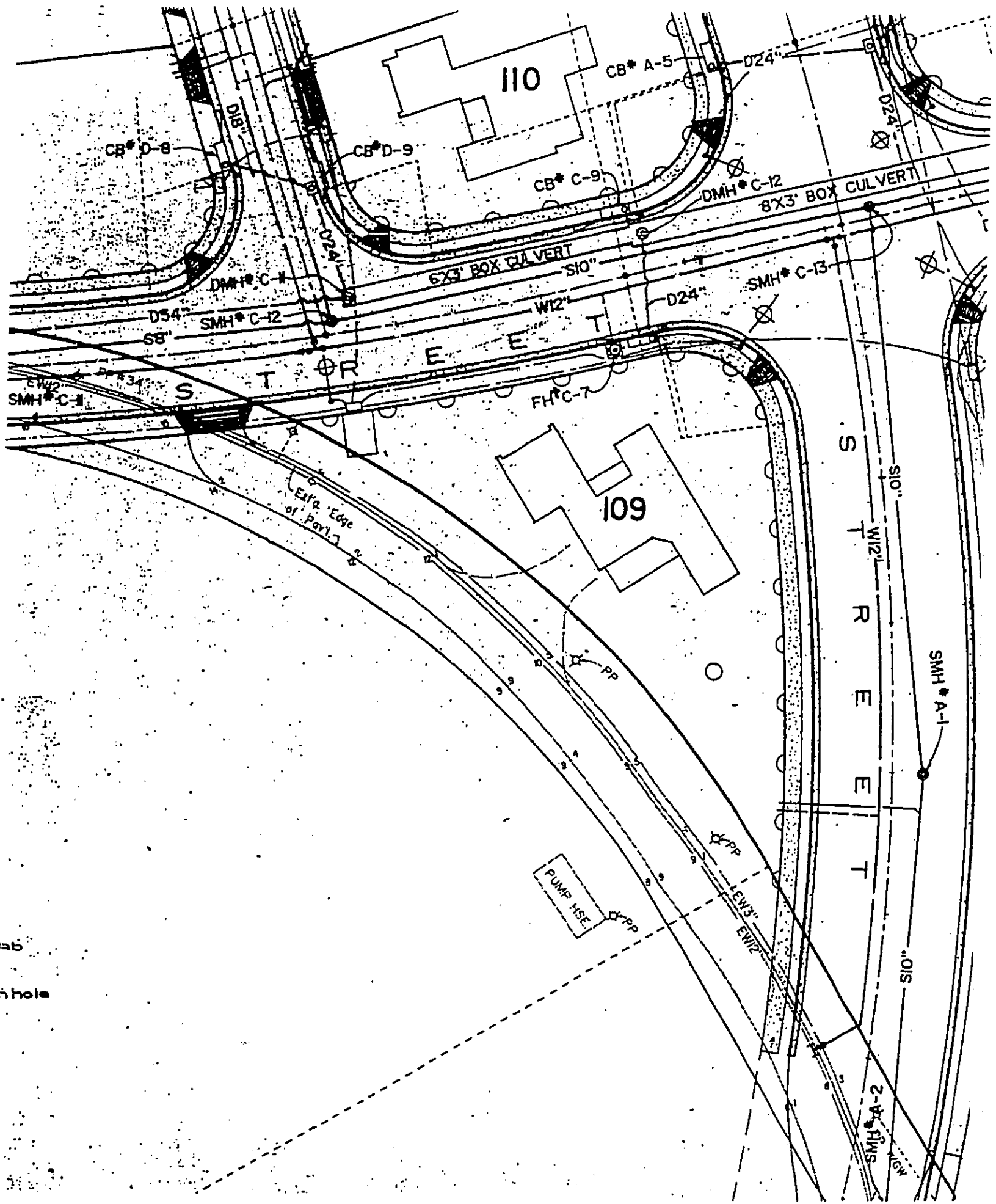


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EXHIBIT D

