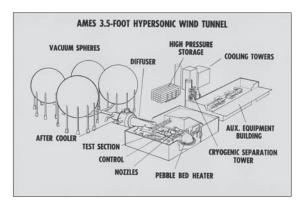
#### N-229: Experimental Fluid Dynamics Facility



N-229, Drawing of Ames 3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel, 6 November 1961 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A-28418)



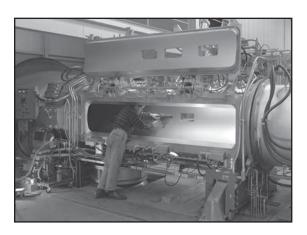
N-229, Aerial photograph, 5 July 1977 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC77-0846-43)



N-229, south facade, main entry (Source: Page & Turnbull)



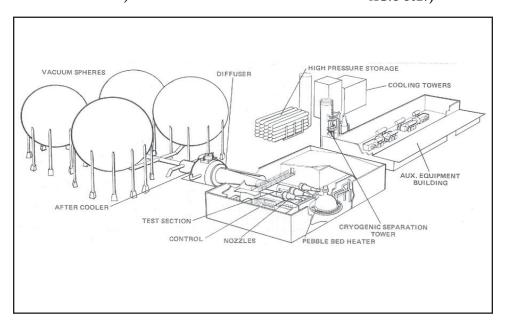
N-229, north facade, vacuum spheres (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-229, M-1 Model of Reentry body in 3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel throat, 21 March 1962 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A-29007)



N-229, Space Shuttle Orbiter Model 140A/B-0A87 testing in 3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel, 19 October 1973 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC73-5027)



N-229, Diagram of 3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (Source: *NASA Ames Facilities Summary*, 1974)

#### Architectural Drawings for N-229

3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel, Test Chamber, Perspective

Architect: John Sardis & Associates, Engineers

Date: 30 October 1958 Sheet: A 112 DO

NASA EDC # 229-5901-A1

3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel, Test Chamber, Plot Plan

Architect: John Sardis & Associates, Engineers

Date: 30 October 1958

Sheet: A 112 D1

NASA EDC # 229-5901-A2

3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel, Test Chamber, First Floor Plan and Schedules

Architect: John Sardis & Associates, Engineers

Date: 20 October 1958

Sheet: A 112 D2

NASA EDC # 229-5901-A3

3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel, Test Chamber, Elevations and Sections

Architect: John Sardis & Associates, Engineers

Date: 30 October 1958

Sheet: A 112 D6

NASA EDC # 229-5901-A7

3.5-Foot Hypersonic Tunnel Office Building, Perspective

Architect: Rosener Engineering Incorporated

Date: 12 June 1958 Sheet: A11262-D1

NASA EDC # 229-5902-A1

3.5-Foot Hypersonic Tunnel Office Building, First Floor Plan and Schedule

Architect: Rosener Engineering Incorporated

Date: 2 December 1958 Sheet: A11262-D2

NASA EDC # 229-5902-A2

3.5-Foot Hypersonic Tunnel Office Building, Second Floor & Roof Plans & Schedule

Architect: Rosener Engineering Incorporated

Date: 2 December 1958 Sheet: A11262-D3

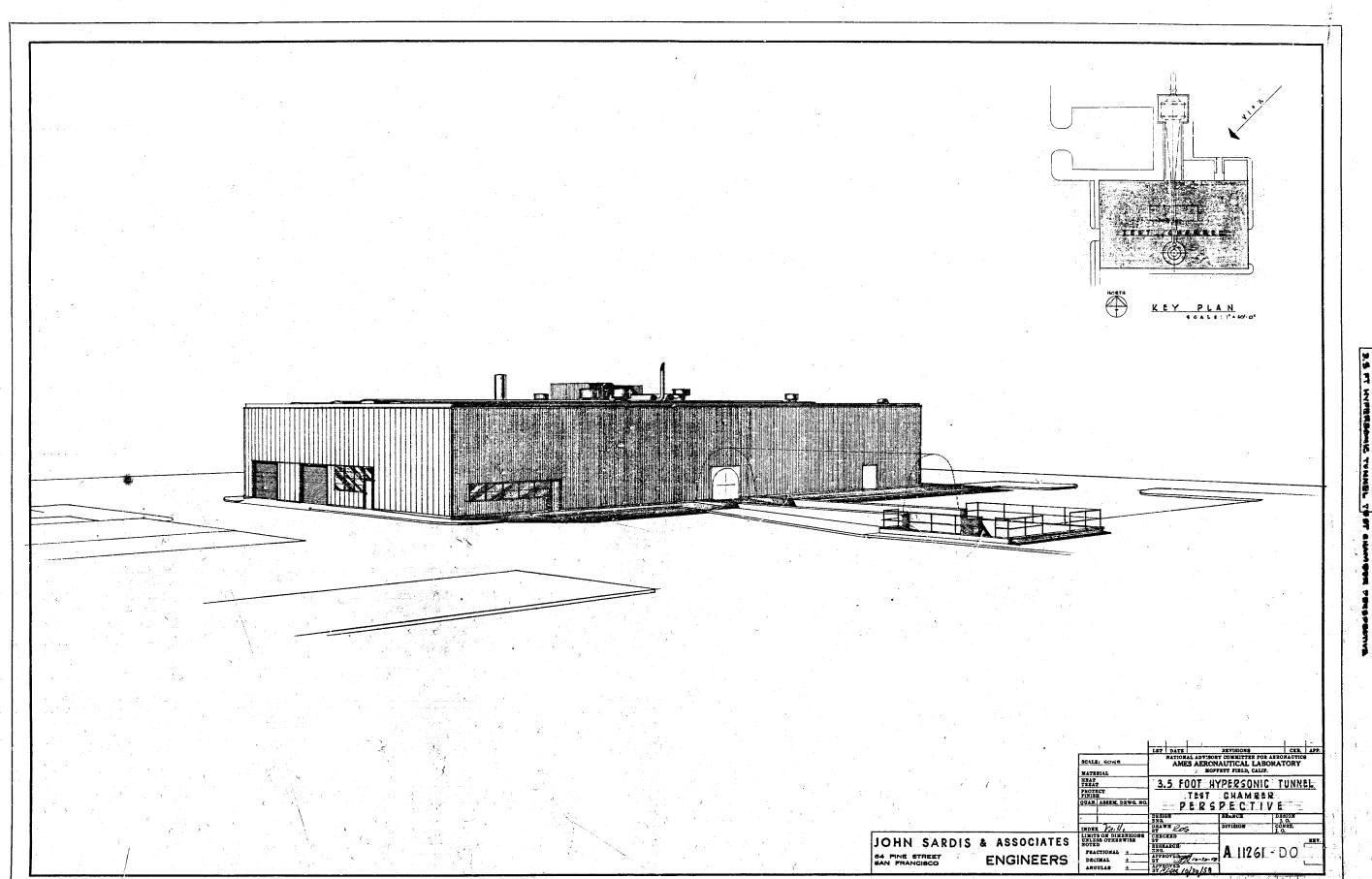
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3.5-Foot Hypersonic Tunnel Office Building, Exterior Elevations and Cross Sections

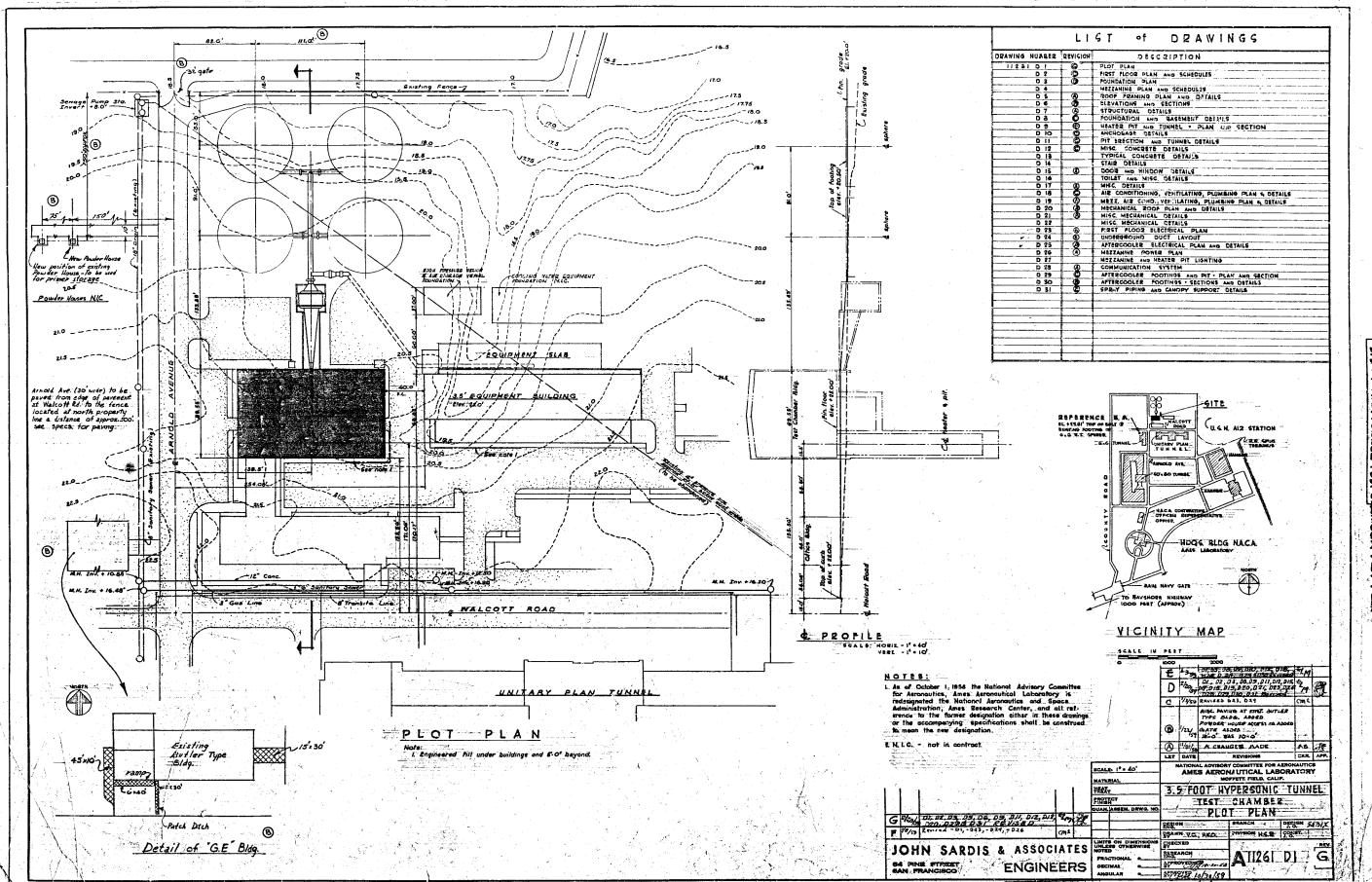
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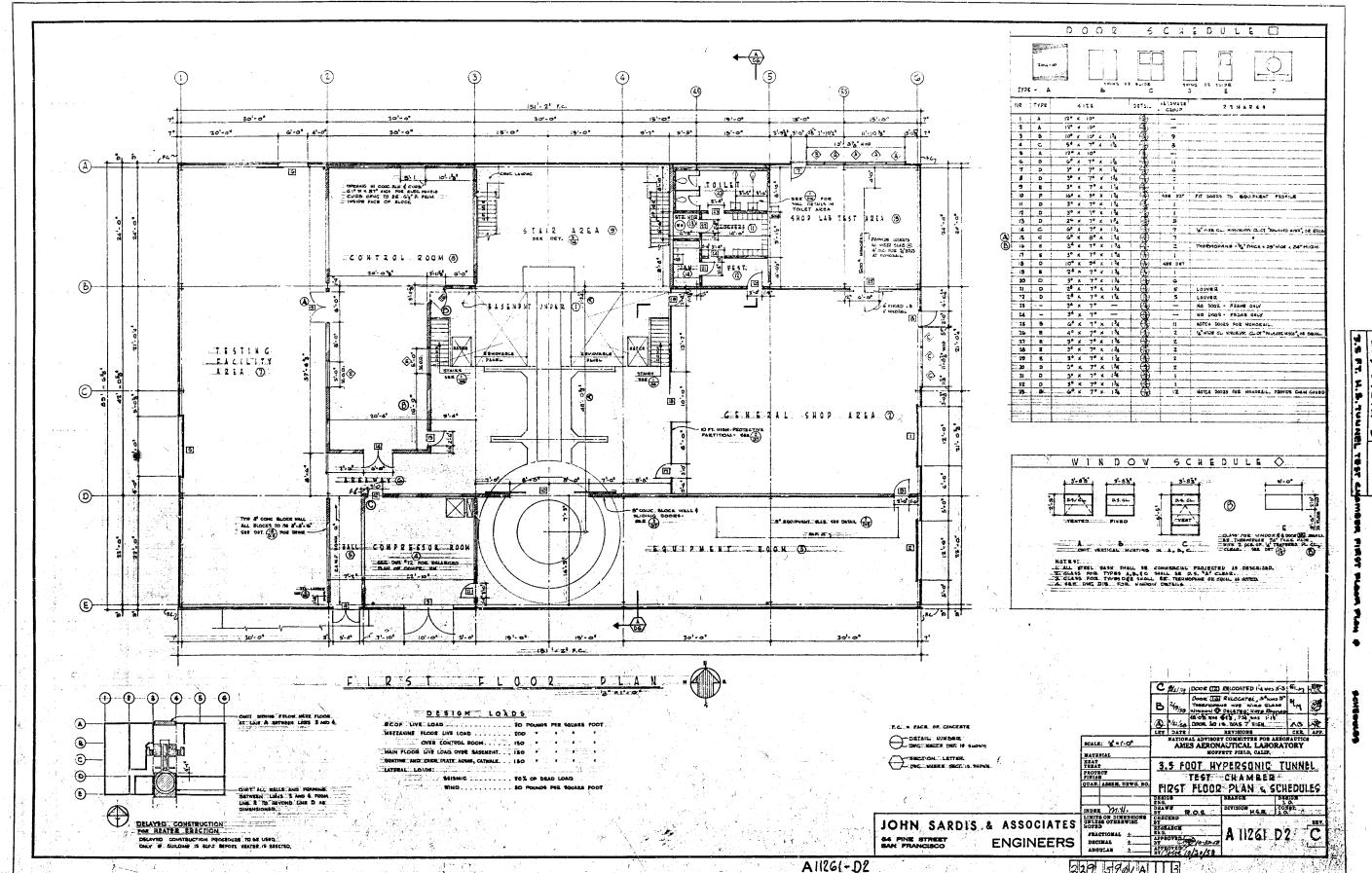
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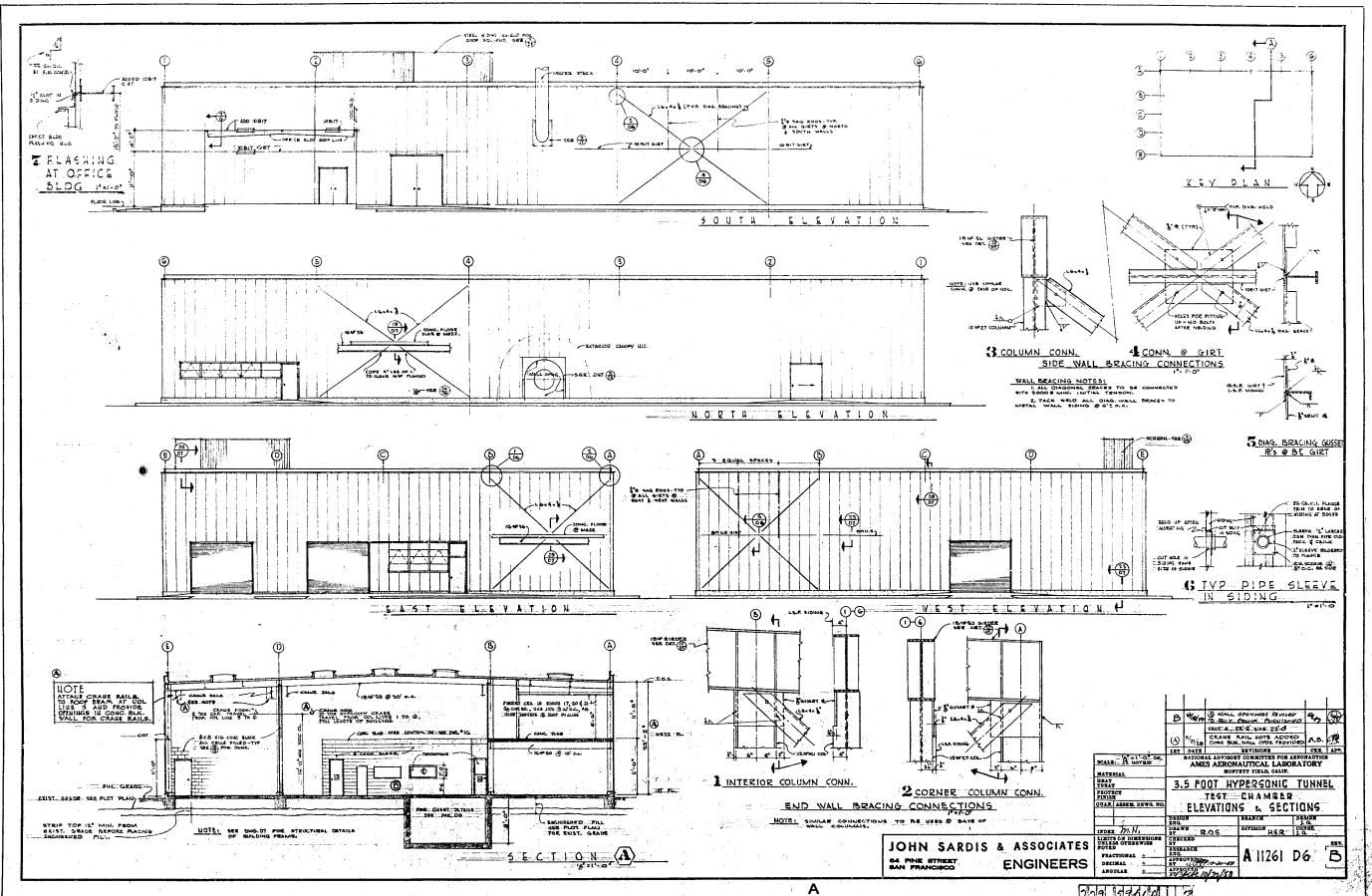
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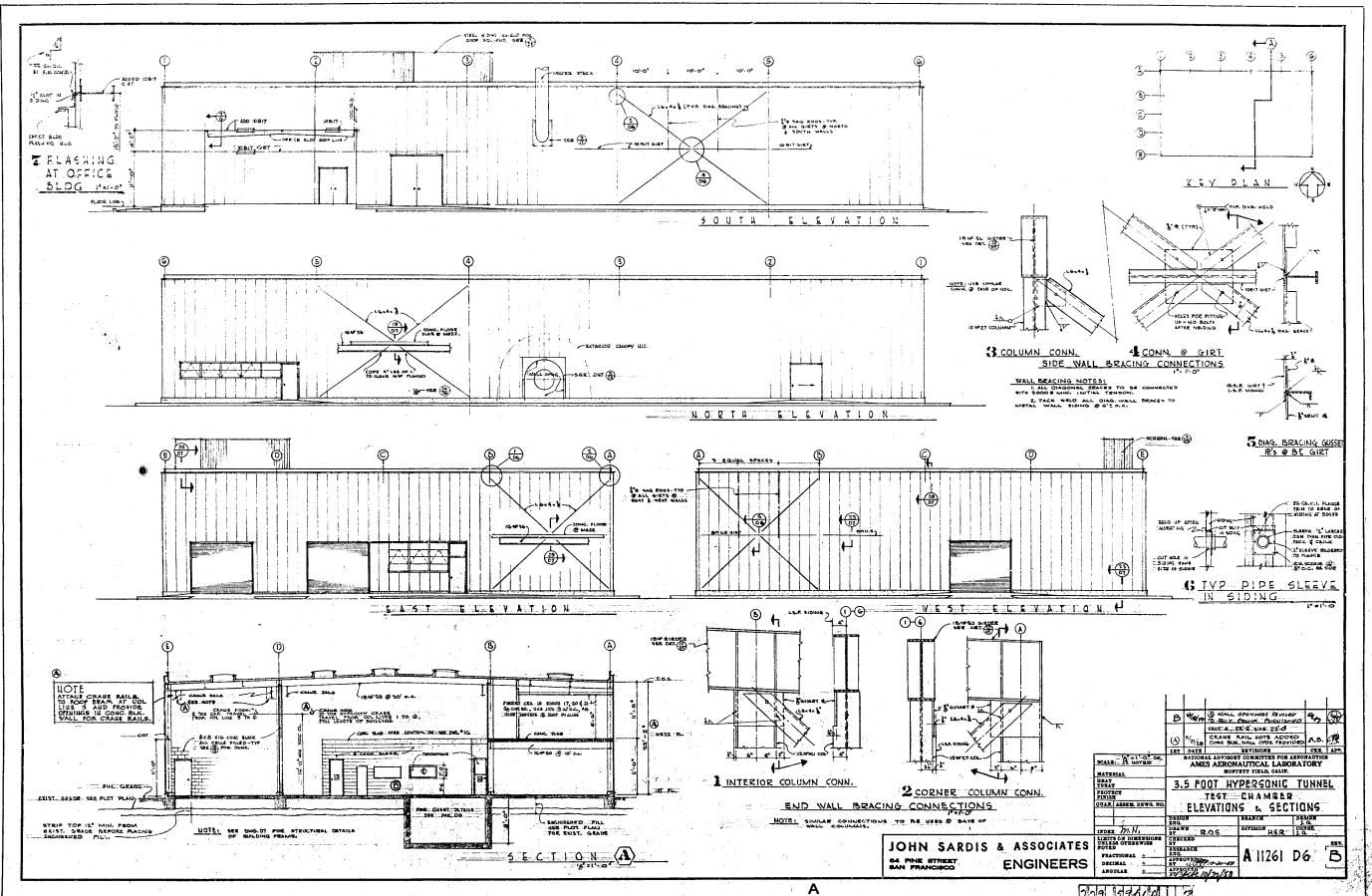
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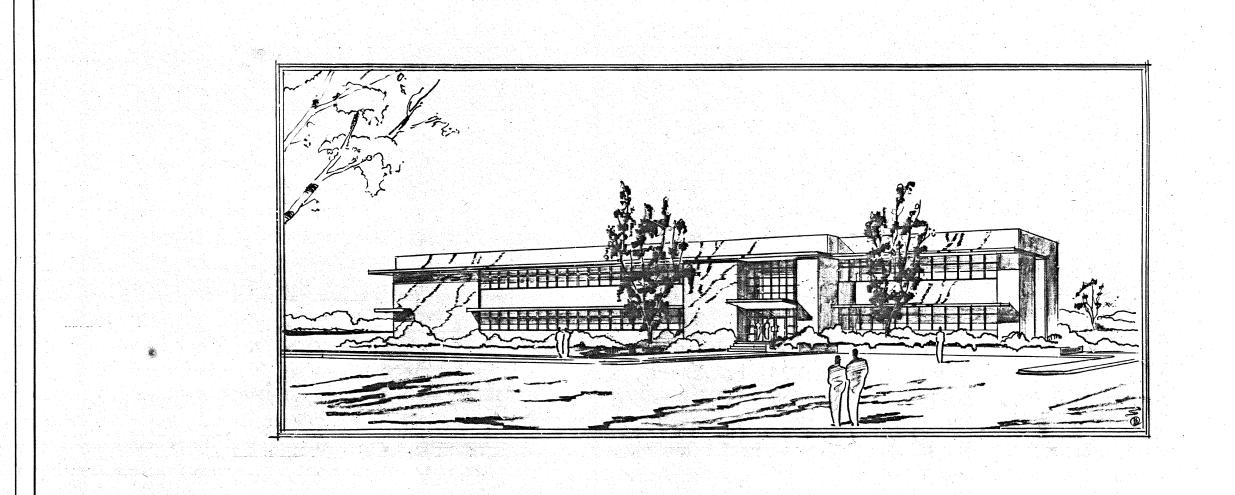
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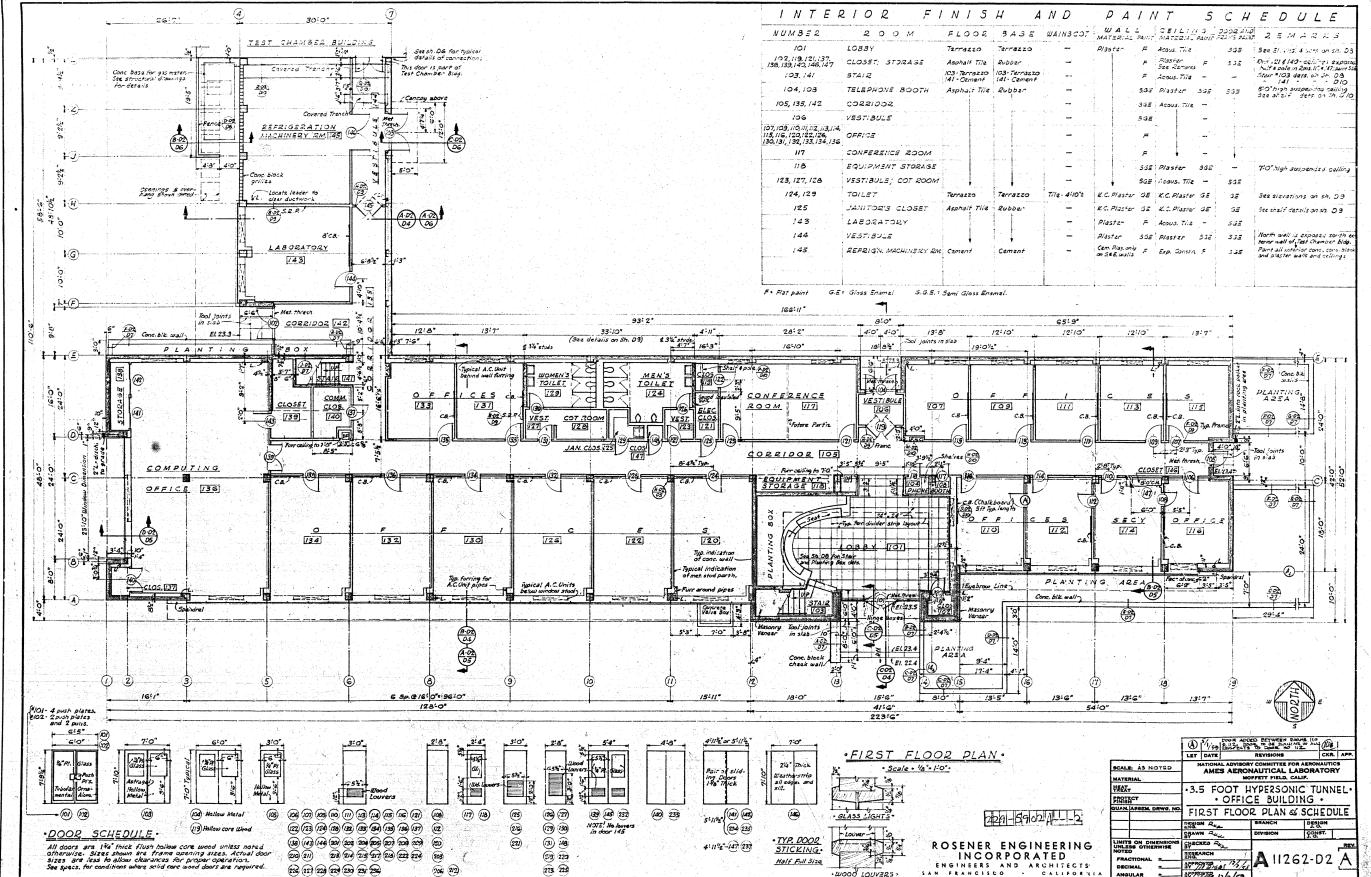


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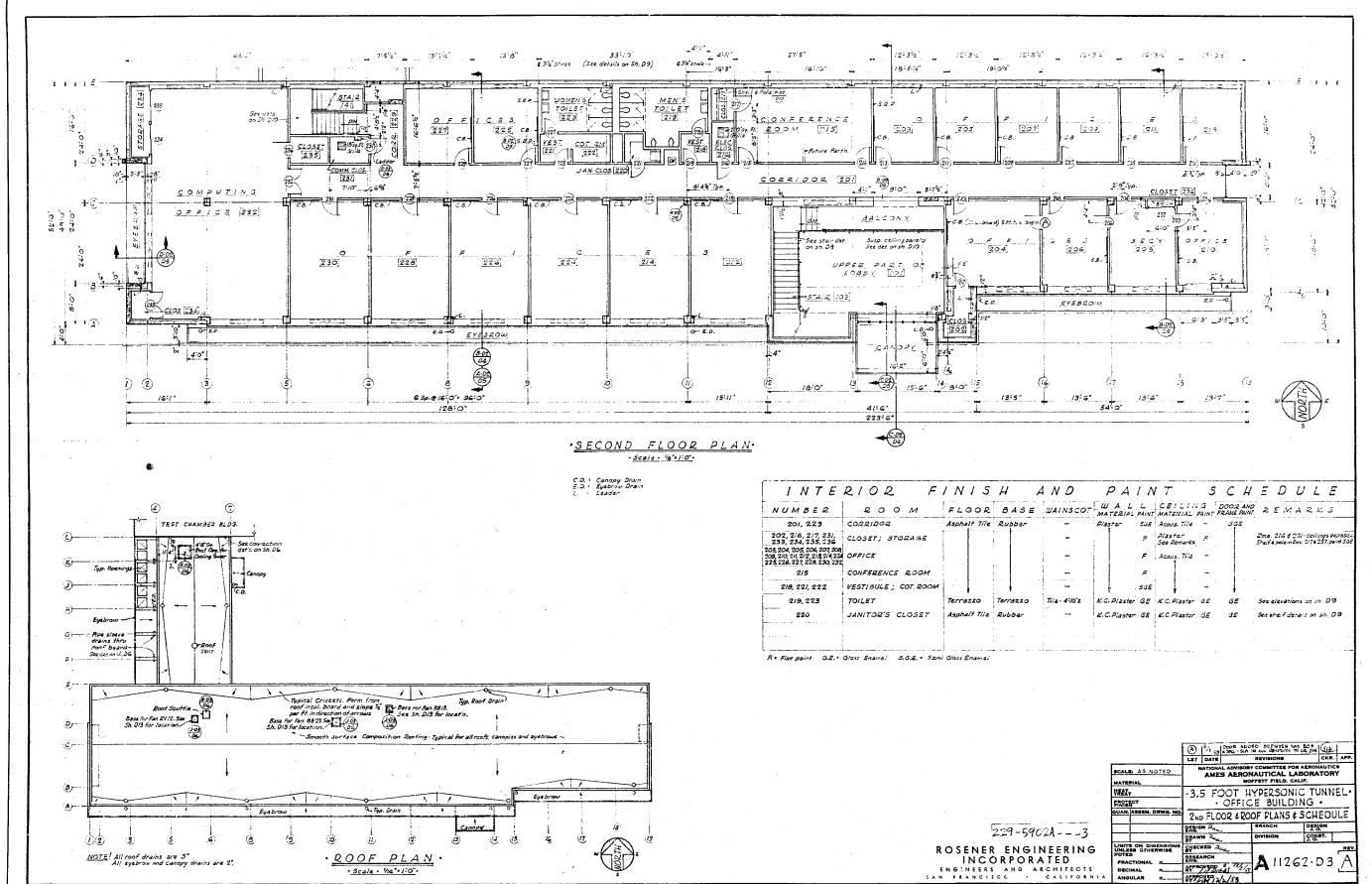
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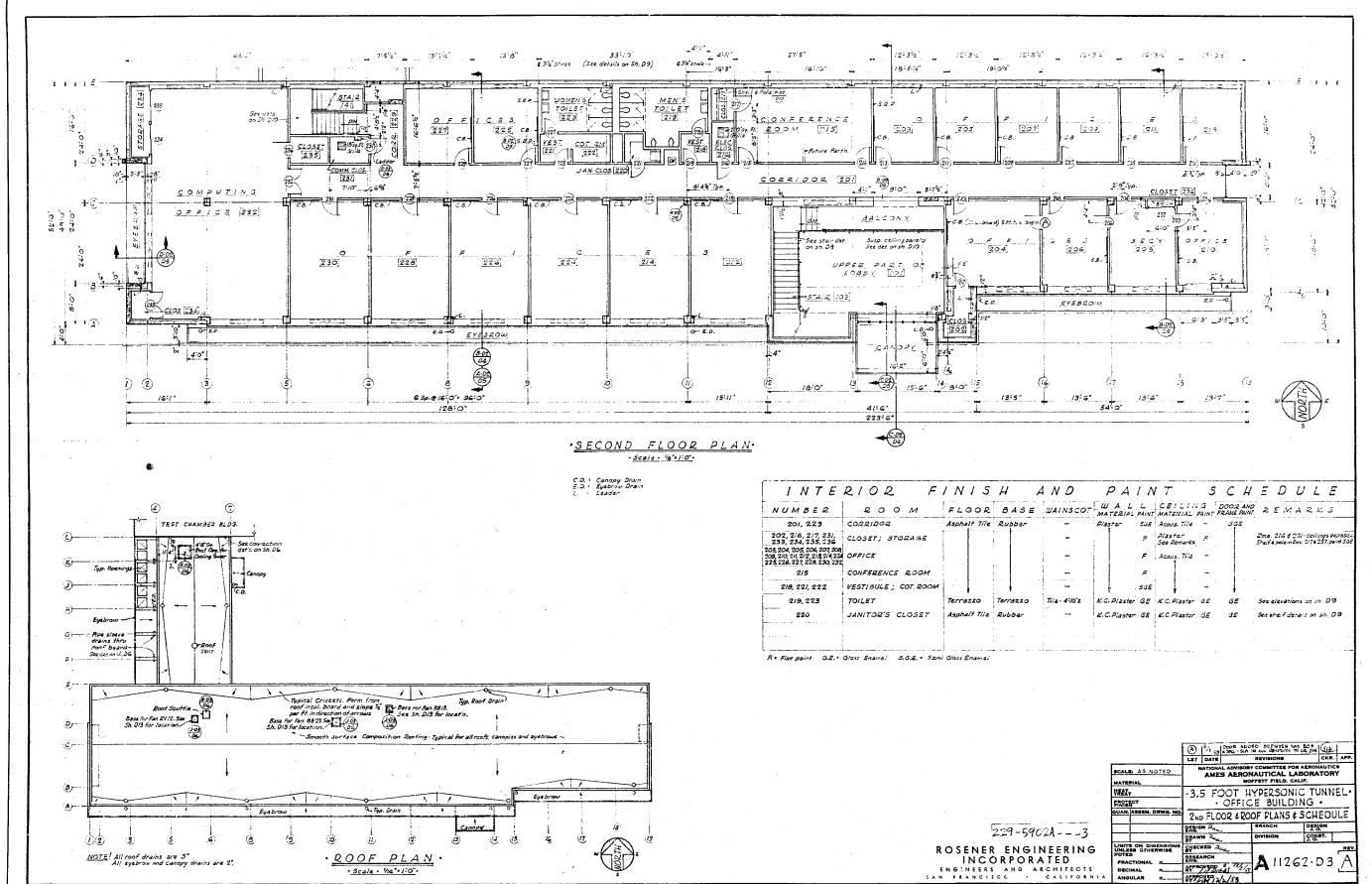
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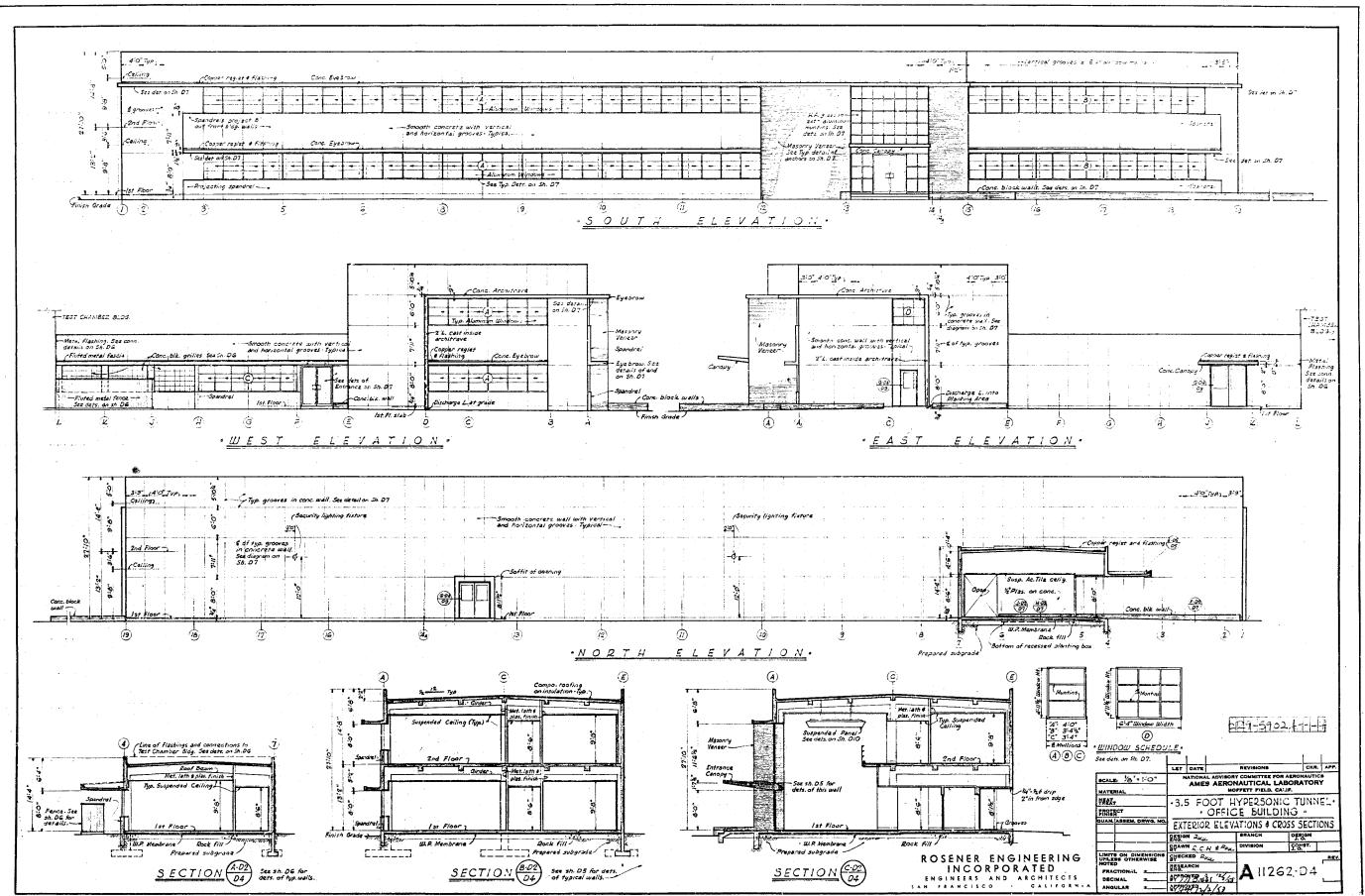








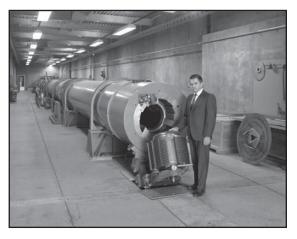




#### N-237: Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility



N-237, interior of Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility, test chamber (Source: Page & Turnbull)



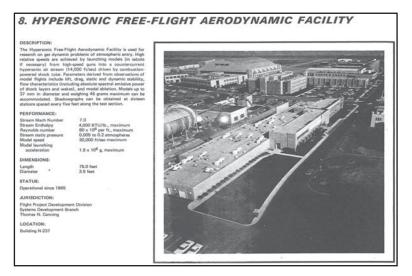
N-237, Thomas N. Canning, Hypersonic Free Flight Branch Chief inspects breech of the counter flow section of the gun, 22 June 1966 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A-37250)



N-237, interior of Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility, test chamber (left) and cameras (right) (Source: Page & Turnbull)

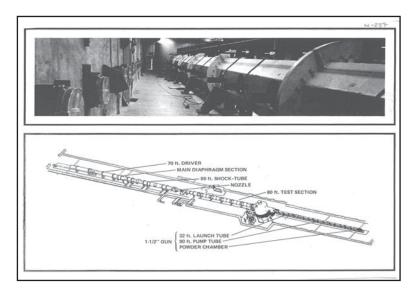


N-237, Aerial photograph, 18 May 1989 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC89-0234-153.1)



N-237, Diagram of Hypersonic Free-Flight Aerodynamic Facility, 1974

(Source: NASA Ames Facilities Summary, 1974)



N-237, Diagram of Hypersonic Free-Flight Aerodynamic Facility, 1974 (Source: NASA Ames Facilities Summary, 1974)

#### Architectural Drawings for N-237

Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, Perspective

Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

Date: 14 December 1962 Sheet: A12082 AR1

NASA EDC # 237-6204-A3

Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, Plot Plan Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

Date: 14 December 1962 Sheet: A12082 AR2

NASA EDC # 237-6204-A4

Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, First Floor Plan - West

Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

Date: 14 December 1962 Sheet: A12082 AR3

NASA EDC # 237-6204-A5

Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, First Floor Plan - East

Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

Date: 14 December 1962 Sheet: A12082 AR4

NASA EDC # 237-6204-A6

Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, Second Floor Plan – East and West

Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

Date: 14 December 1962 Sheet: A12082 5 AR5

NASA EDC # 237-6204-A7

Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, Basement Plan

Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

Date: 14 December 1962 Sheet: A12082 AR6

NASA EDC # 237-6204-A8

Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, Elevations

Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

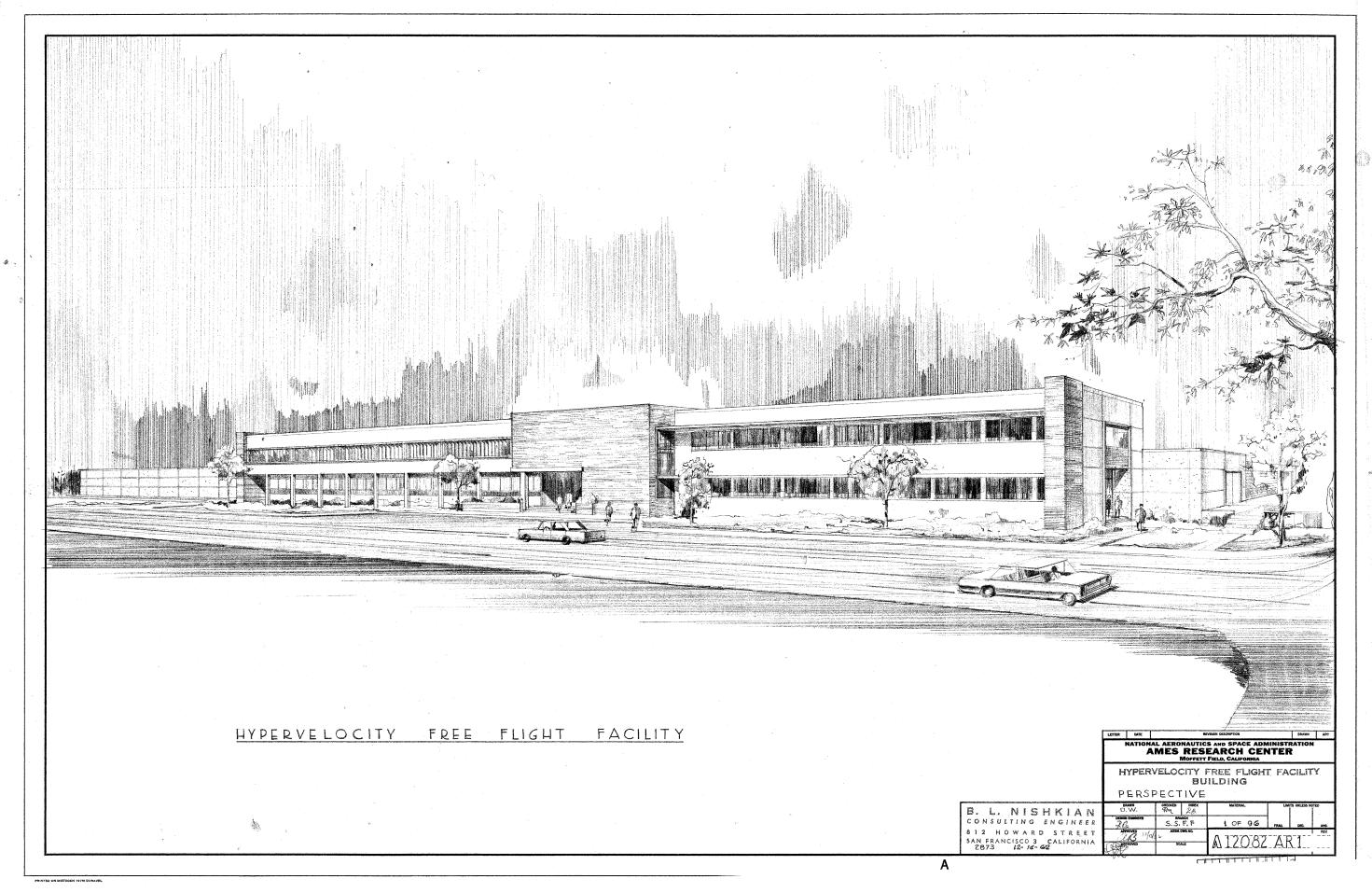
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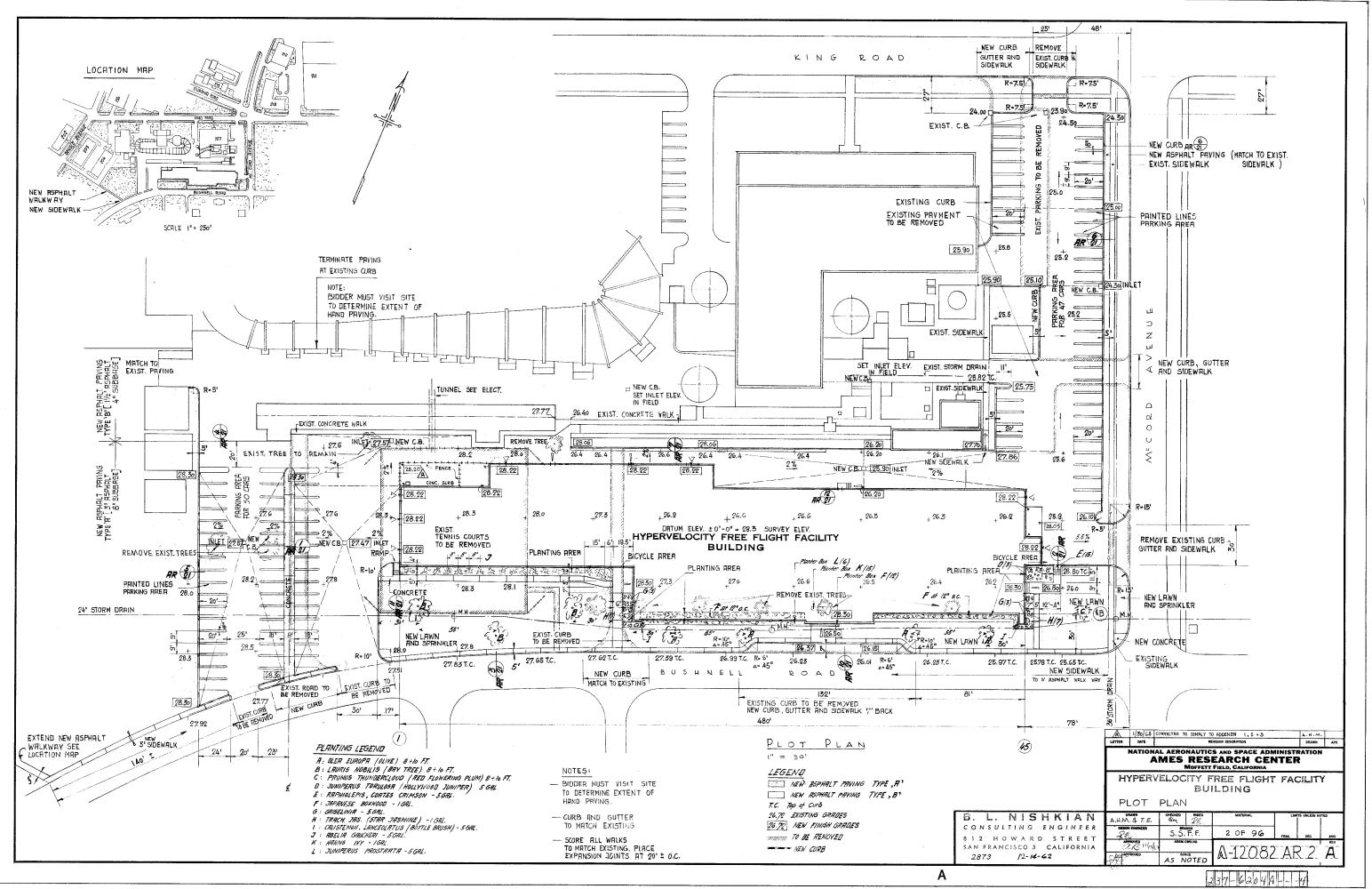
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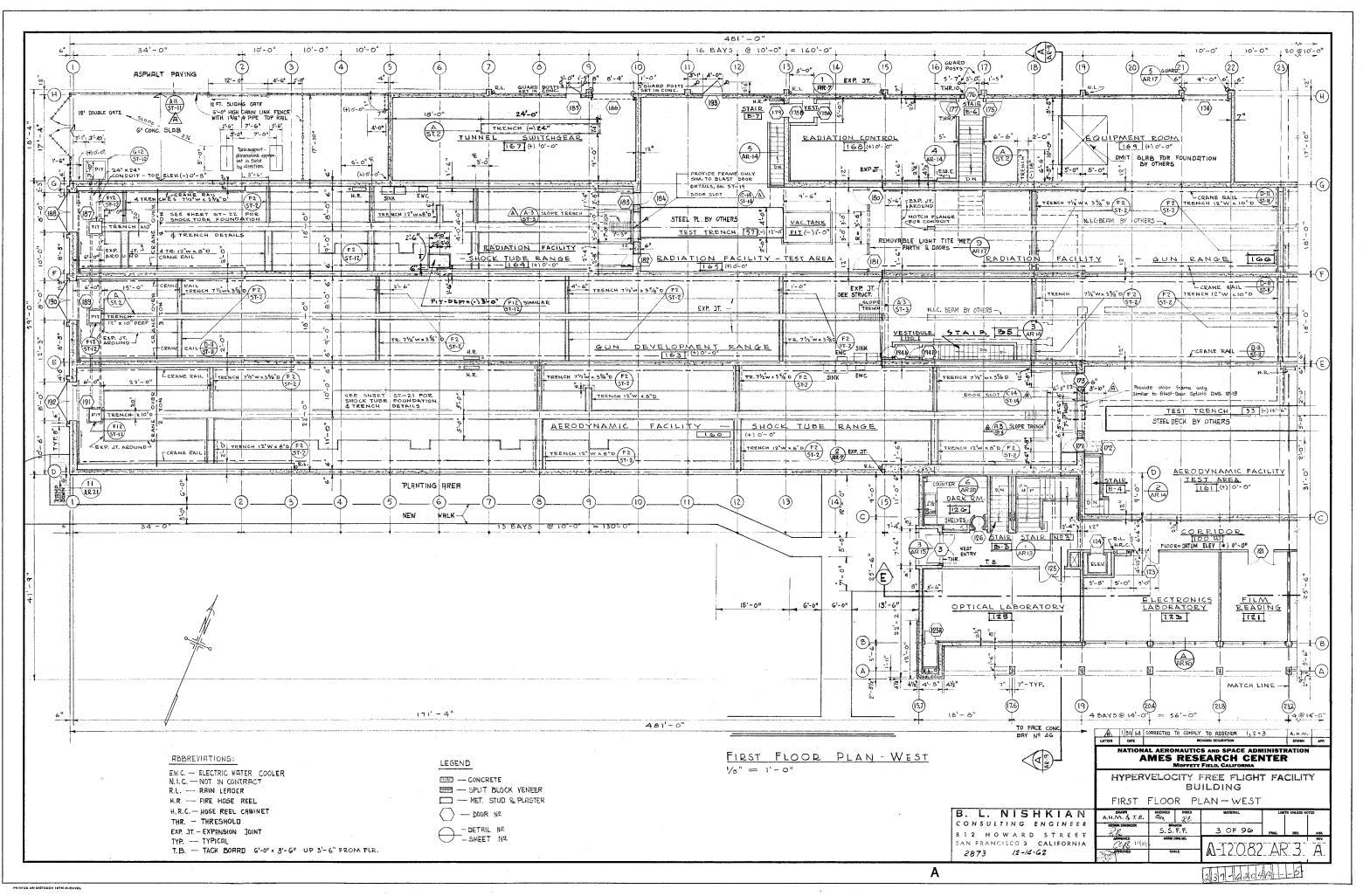
Hypervelocity Free Flight Facility Building, Sections Architect: B. L. Nishikian, Consulting Engineer

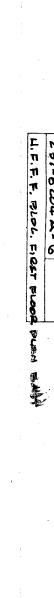
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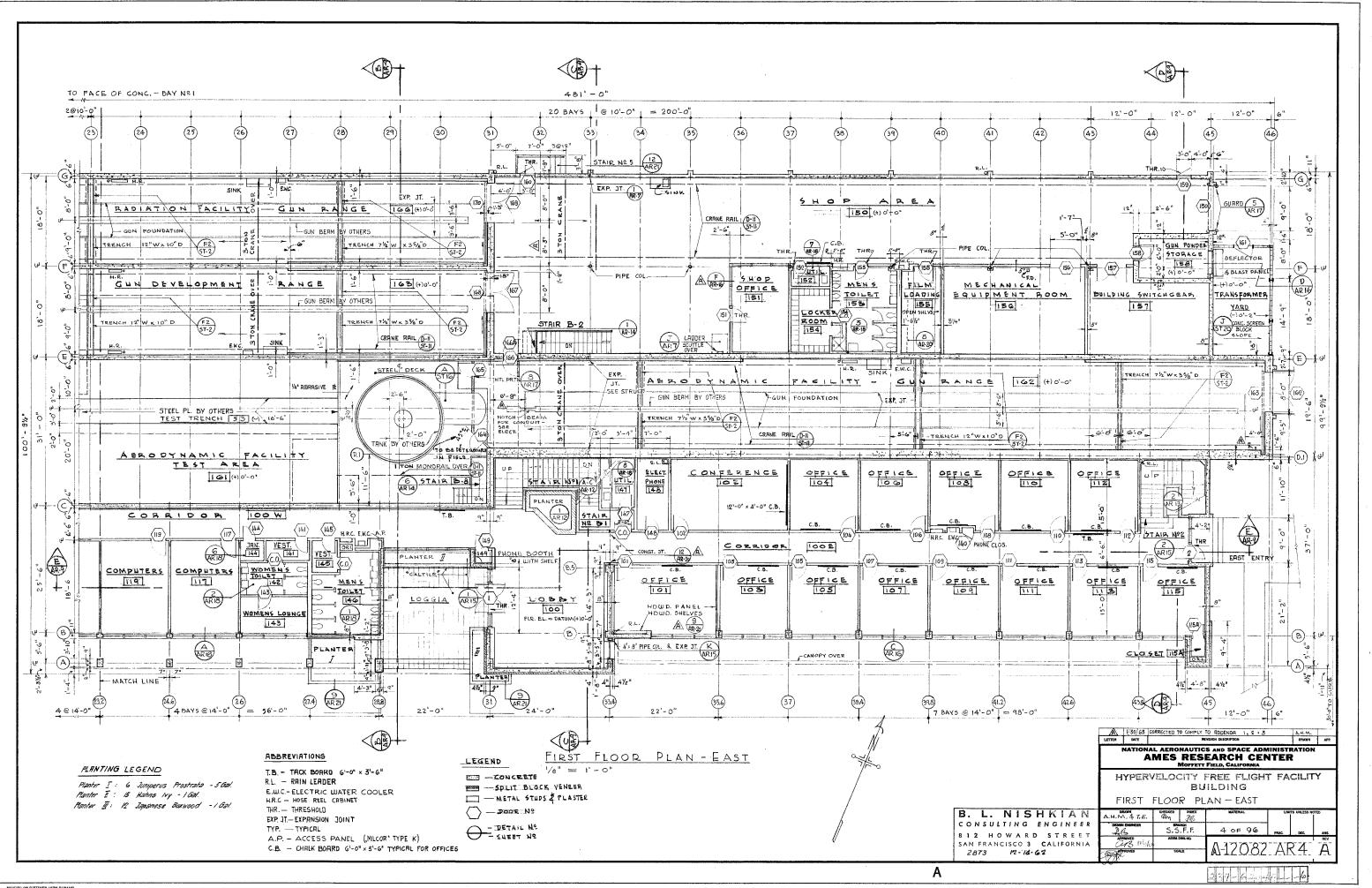
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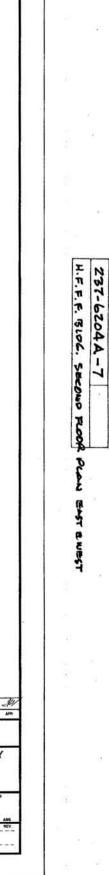


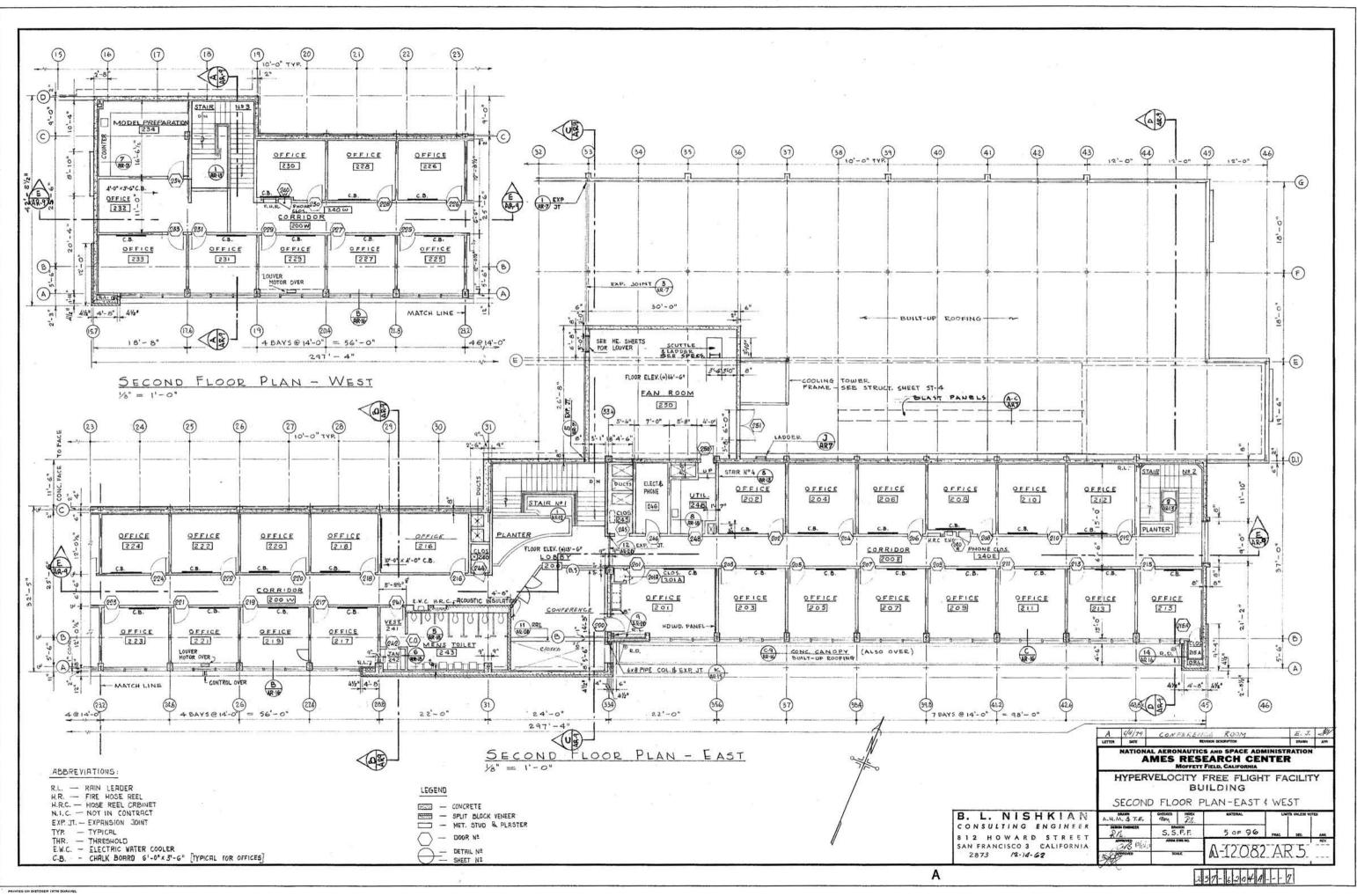




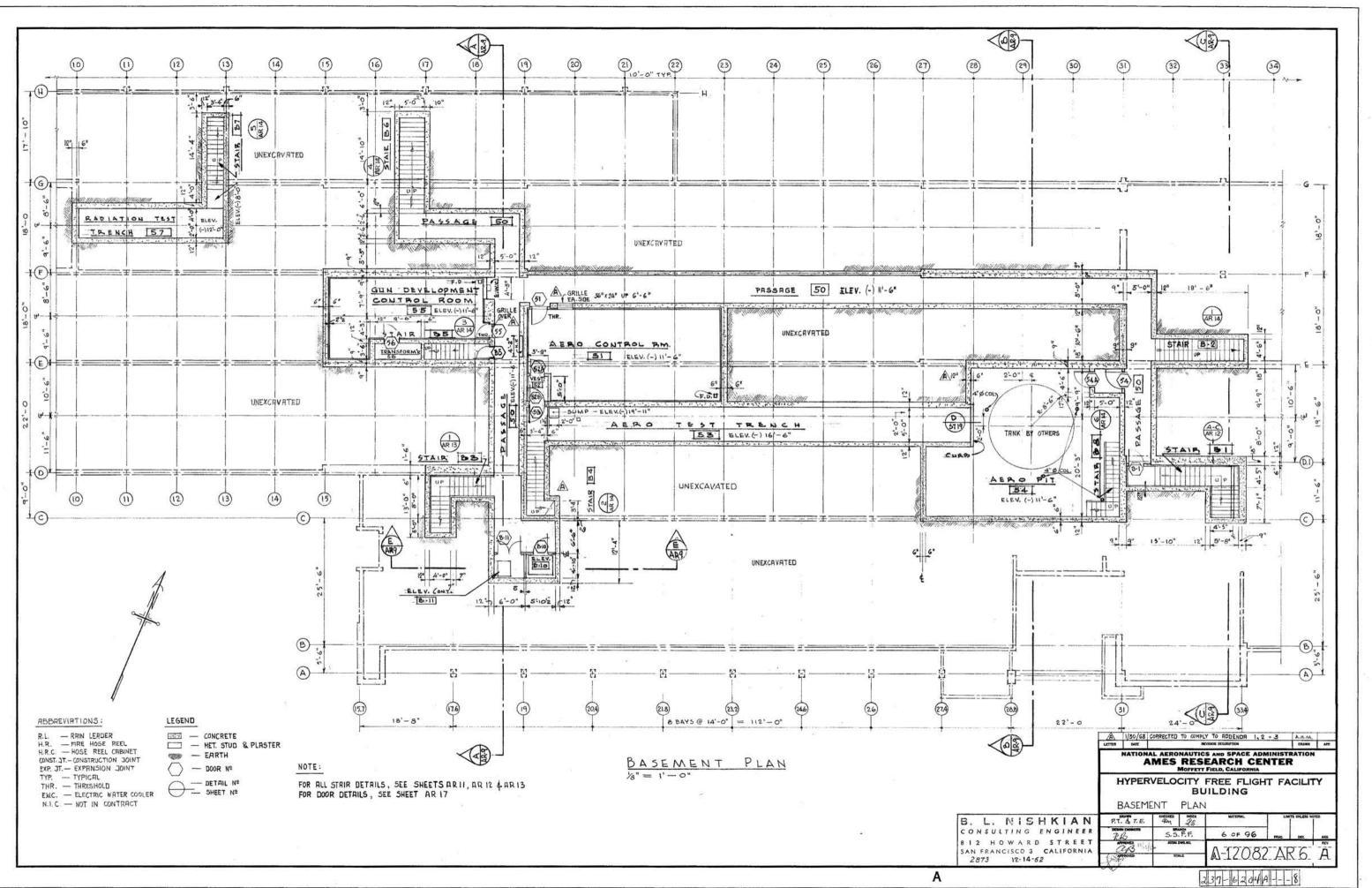


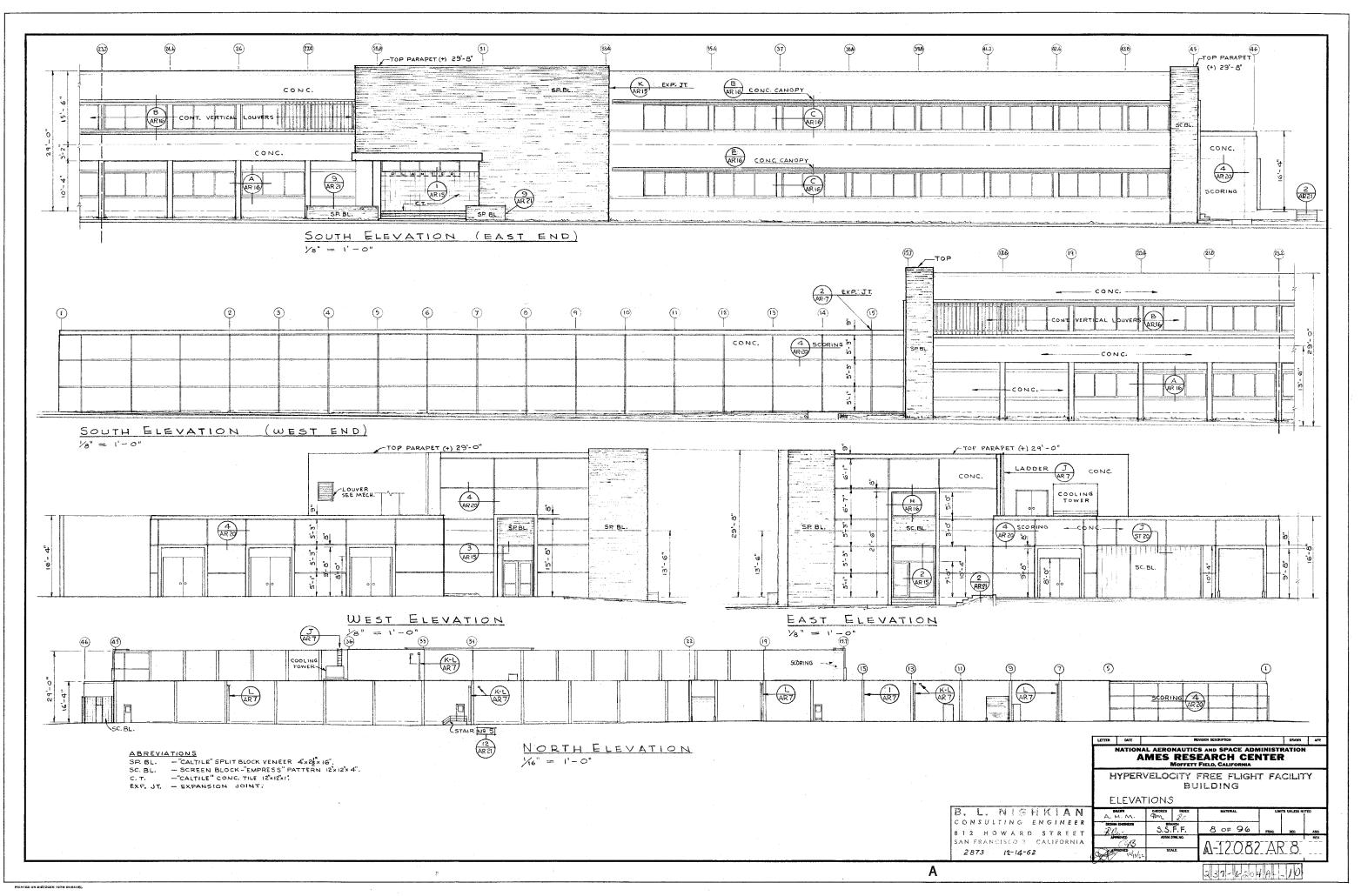


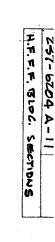


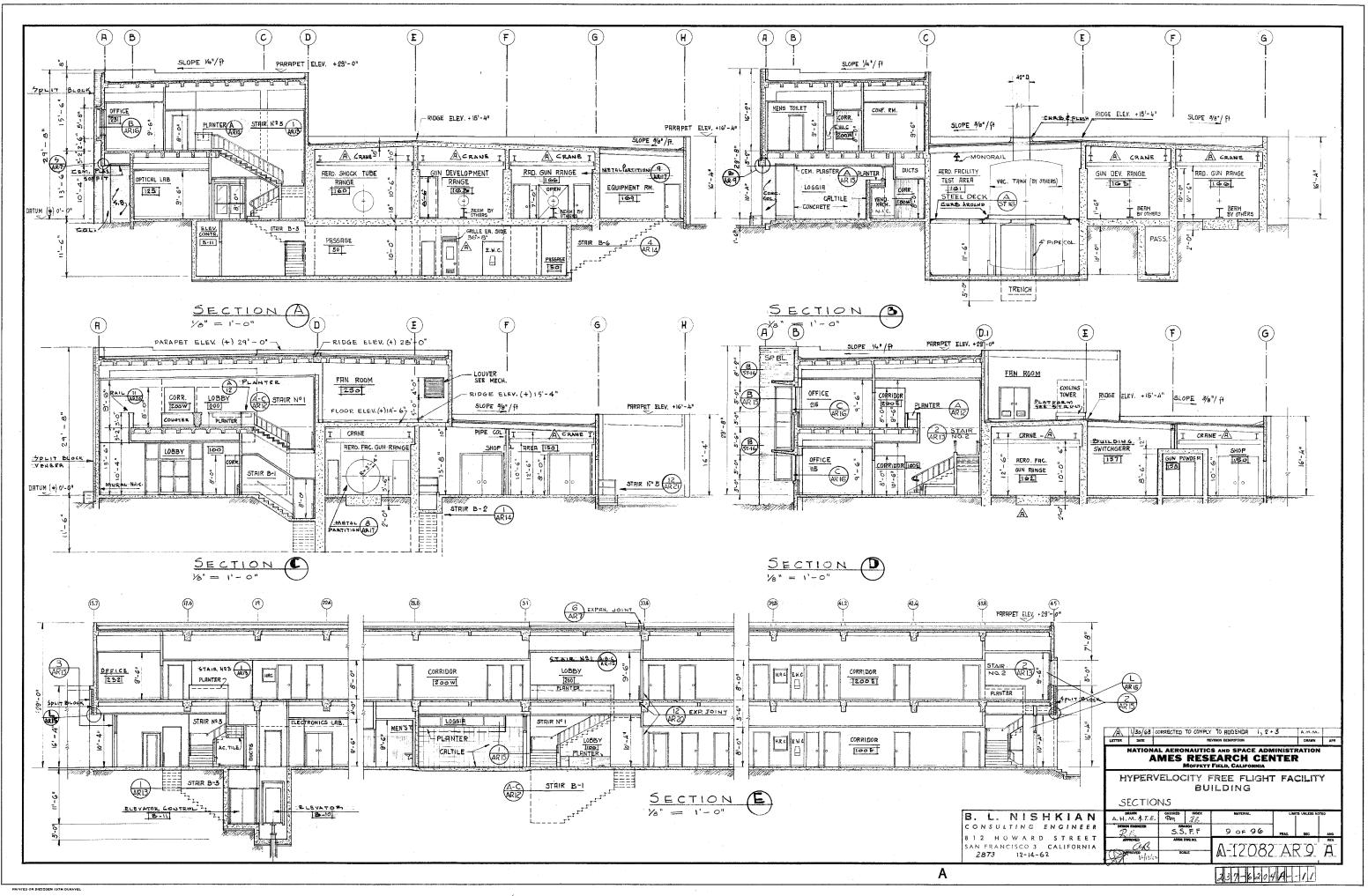








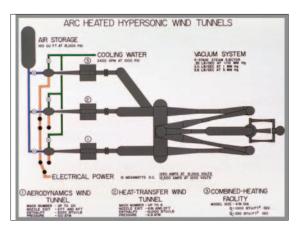




#### N-238: Arc Jet Laboratory



N-238, Aerial photograph, 1964 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A-33038-22)



N-238, Cutaway Illustration of Arc-Heated Hypersonic Wind Tunnel, 8 June 1964 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A-32663-3)



N-238, 60-MGW Interaction Heating Facility, 10 May 1974 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC74-1979)



N-238, Reinforced Carbon-Carbon (RCC)
Johnson Space Center model testing in Ames
Interaction Heating Facility IHF-127
(Source: NASA Ames Research
Center, ACD02-0036-017)



N-238, north facade, main entrance (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-238, interior, control room (Source: Page & Turnbull)



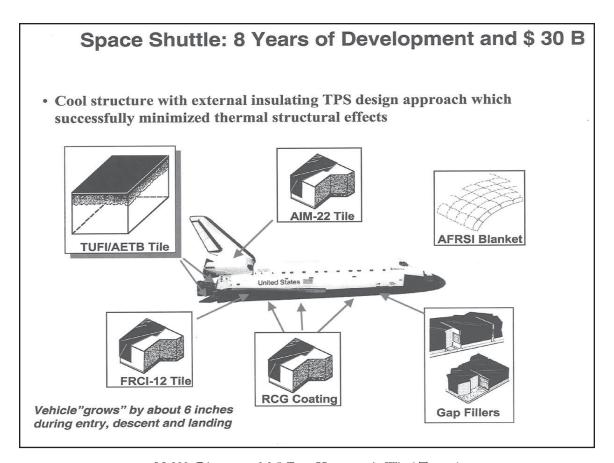
N-238, interior, high-bay and machine shop (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-238, 60MGW Interaction Heating Facility (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-238, interior, ceiling (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-238, Diagram of 3.5-Foot Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (Source: *NASA Ames Facilities Summary*, 1974)

#### Architectural Drawings for N-238

Building N-238 Arc Jet Facility, Architectural Perspectives

Architect: Robert E. Jones, Structural Engineer

Date: 14 January 1963 Sheet: A 238-6200A-1 NASA EDC # 238-6200-A1

Building N-238 Arc Jet Facility, Design Data Architect: Robert E. Jones, Structural Engineer

Date: 14 January 1963 Sheet: A 238-6200A-3 NASA EDC # 238-6200-A3

Building N-238 Arc Jet Facility, Site Grading, Paving, and Landscaping Plan

Architect: Robert E. Jones, Structural Engineer

Date: 14 January 1963 Sheet: A 238-6200A-4 NASA EDC # 238-6200-A4

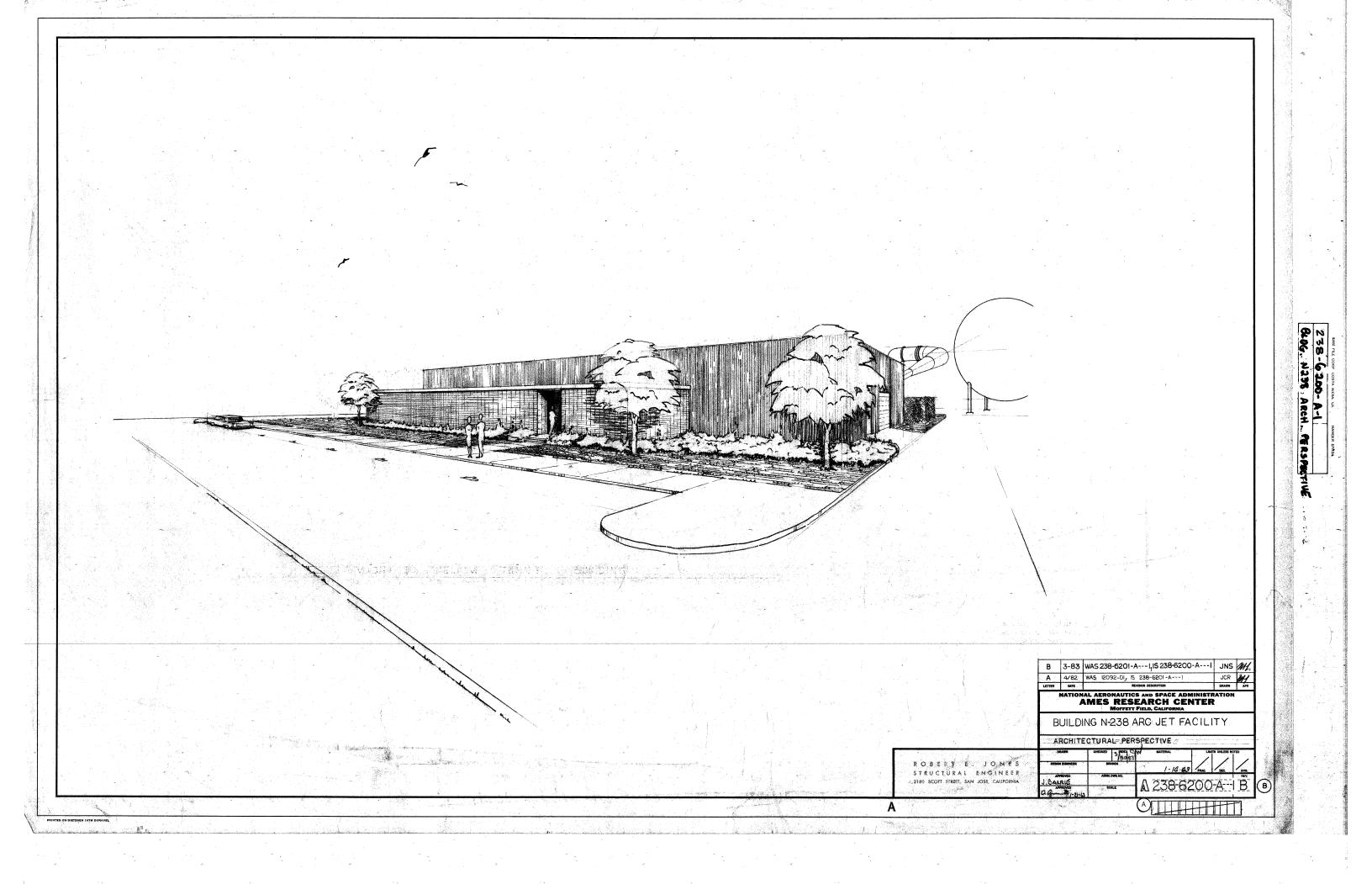
Building N-238 Arc Jet Facility, First Floor Plan Architect: Robert E. Jones, Structural Engineer

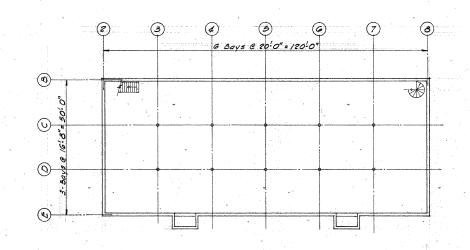
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Building N-238 Arc Jet Facility, Exterior Elevations Architect: Robert E. Jones, Structural Engineer

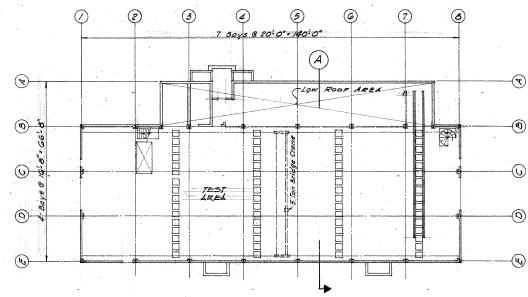
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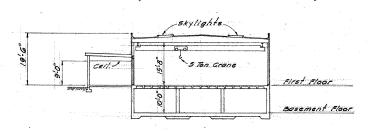






FIRST FLOOR PLAN 6"=1-0"

## BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN 16"=1"0"



LOAD DIAGRAM CO2 TUNNEL

3000 # Thrust-

# CROSS SECTION A

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. FOUNDATIONS

a. Reinforced concrete continuous exterior footings and interior spread footings under columns.

2. FLOOR FRAMING

a. Reinforced concrete slabs on grade.
b. Reinforced concrete waffle slab (8" + 3") over basement area.
c. Dasement slab 12" thick to allow for concentrated tunnel and other loads.

3. WALL CONSTRUCTION
a 12" reinforced concrete basement walls

a. is reinforced concrete bosement walls
b. 8" reinforced concrete blocks around Low Roof Area
(Confrol room, foilets, entrance, etc.)
c. 18 ga. metal siding around High Roof Area (Test area),
steel girts, angles, etc.

4. ROOF FRAMING
a. Tapered steel beams, steel purlins, WF columns, 20 ga.
steel decking.

5. INSULATION
o. 14" rigid roof insulation over steel decking
b. 1" pre-finished insulation board inside of metal siding.

6. ROOFING
a. Three ply built up with mineral surface cap sheet.

7. WATER PROOFING

a. Membrane under slabs on grade. b. External waterproofing on basement walls.

8. CEILINGS

a. Exposed steel decking in Test Area.
b. Acoustic tile in Control Room.
c. Gypsum plaster in Toilet Room.
d. Cement plaster Entry.

9. FLOORING
a. Concrete in Basement and Test Area. b. Vinyl asbestos tile in Control Room, Toilets and Entry.

10.000RS

a. Electric operated steel roll-up.
b. Hollow metal personnel doors.

11. CRANE
a. 5-ton double girder, low headroom, traveling bridge crane.

18. PAVING a. Yard Area: 12" A.C. over 4" base b. Roadways: 3" A.C. over 8" base

DESIGN CRITERIA

1. GENERAL - Uniform Building Code, 1961 Edition.

E. FOUNDATIONS - Dames & Moore Report re/ Addition to Flight Research Hanger.

3. CONCRETE - A.C. 1. 318-56

4. STEEL - A.1. S.C. Code

5. CRANE - 15% vertical impact, 20% lateral & 10% longitudinal forces.

STRESSES

1500 psf D.L. 2000 psf D+LL + Seismic 1. SOIL BEARING!

2. CONCRETE & REINFORCING! Fo : 3000 psi, F = 1350 psi, n = 10
F3 = 20000 psi (4-15 steel)

3. STRUCTURAL STEEL : Per A.I. S.C. for A-7 steel.

4. MASONRY: Mortar and grout f'm = 2000 psi; grade "A"
units: f'm = 1800 psi.

DESIGN LOADS

1. CO. TUNNEL - Sec sketch above. 2. ROOF - 20 psf live load 3. FLOORS a. Test Area - 185 psf L.L. b. Offices - 100 psf L.L.

1 LATERAL

a. Wind: 30 psf.
b. Seismic: 20 % gravity
5. FLUID PRESSURE - Basement walls
Saturated earth - 15 psf.

ELECTRICAL DESIGN CRITERIA

1. POWER REQUIREMENTS

a. "Building Fower"

- 6900 volt 3¢ 60 cycle Primary Supply.

- 480Y/277 volt 3¢ 4W Motors, Lighting, Welders

- 208Y/120 volt 3¢ 4W Motors, Lighting, Outlets

b. "Instrumentation Fower" - 120 / GO volt 10 3W Instrumentation Outlets

2. TRANSFORMERS

0. 500 KVA G000 - 480 Y | 271 volt Building Power

6. 45 KVA 480 - 208Y | 120 volt Day Panel B

6. 45 KVA 480 - 208Y | 120 volt Day Panel C

d 30 KVA 480 - 208Y | 120 volt Night Panel N(i)

d 30 KVA 480 - 208Y | 120 volt Special Instrument 480 - 180 / GO volt Special Instrumentation

3. DAY PANEL'S

a. Upper section of Main Distribution Panel a Upper section of Main Distribution Panel
Fac's Welders and other Day Panels
b. Panel 'A" - Feeds 277 volt "Day" Lighting
c. Panel "B" - Feeds 120 volt "Day" Lighting
Receptacles and small Power Outlets
d. Panel "C" - Same as Panel "B"
e. Panel "ID" - Feeds Instrumentation Outlets

4. NIGHT PANELS

0. Lower Section of Main Distribution Panel feeds Night

1. Reof t, area.

1. Lighting and Heating & Ventilating equip. on 480/277 volts.4, Sump q pump;

6. Fanel N(1) Feeds Night Lighting, Signal Systems & Small Motors

For Heating, Ventilating & Plumbing equip. on 120/208 volts.

5. ILLUMINATION
a. Control Room, Test Area & Toilet Room lighting to be 271 voit Fluorescent Fixtures.

Control Room 75 F.C. minimum Test Area 50 F.C. minimum
b. Basement, Street Lighting & Security Lighting to be 120 volt incandescent Fixtures.

G.COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS
a. Telephone System outlets & 25 pairs of

cable to building.
b. General Code Call Bells and Relays. c. Door Call Button and Bells. d. Fire Alarm Auxiliary Station.

7. GROUNDING

a. Equipment and System Ground Loop.
b. Instrumentation System Ground Loop.

8. DUCT BANK AND MANHOLES

a. As required to extend existing underground facilities to new building.

### HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

1. Cast iran sectional boiler for hot water service to space

heating requirements.

2. Direct expansion, air cooled, roof mounted hir conditioning for cooling Control Room.

G. Galv. sheet metal ducts with internal insulation on supply

a. only steel men and returns.

and returns.

7. Air is supplied at approximately 25 air changes per hour to control room.

PLUMBING

ti Toilet facilities for 15 men.
2. Electric water cooler.
3. Roof 9 area drainage. Lawn sprinkler system.
4. Sump 9 pump for Basement floor drains. Floor drains in Test area

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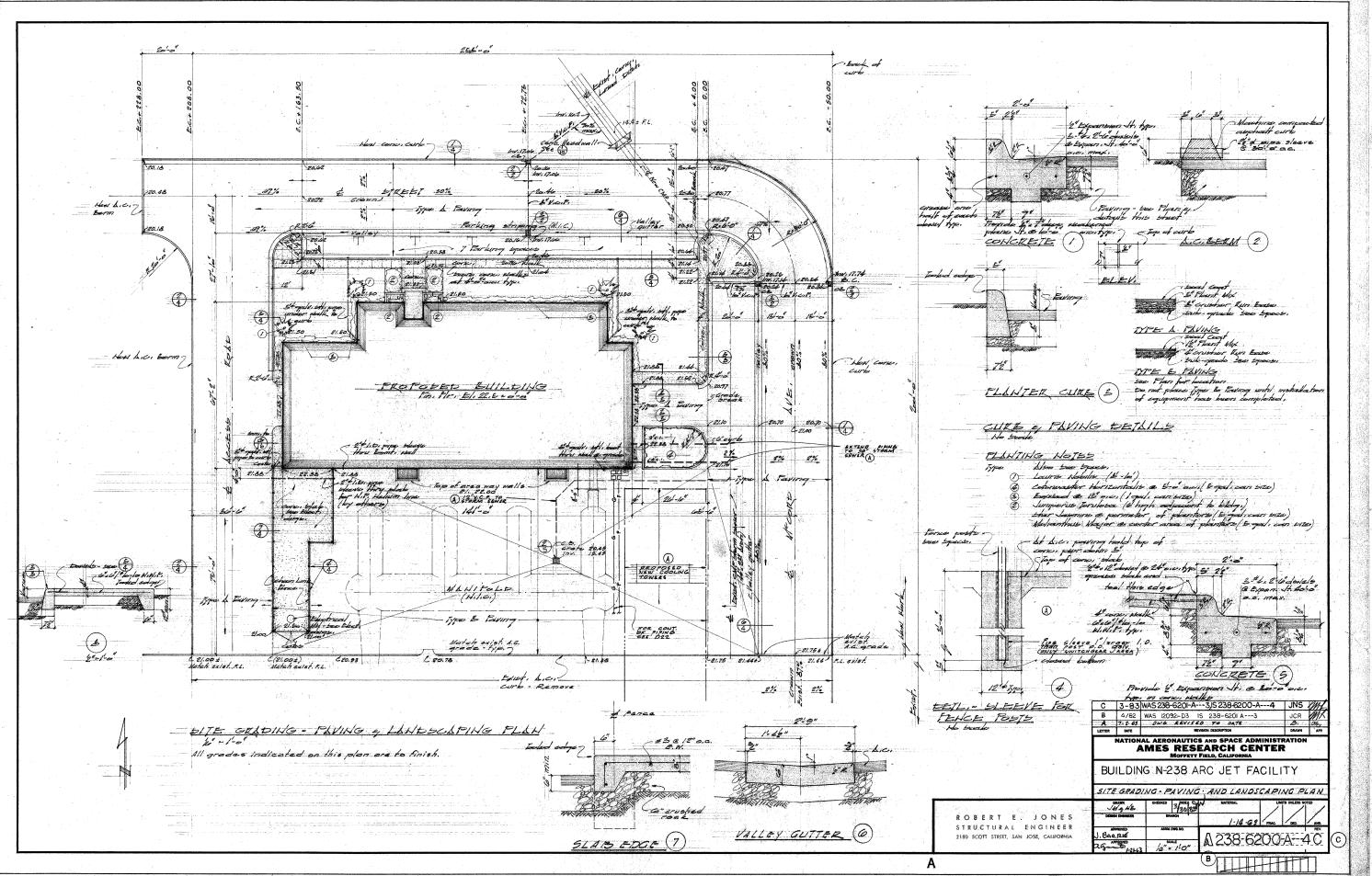
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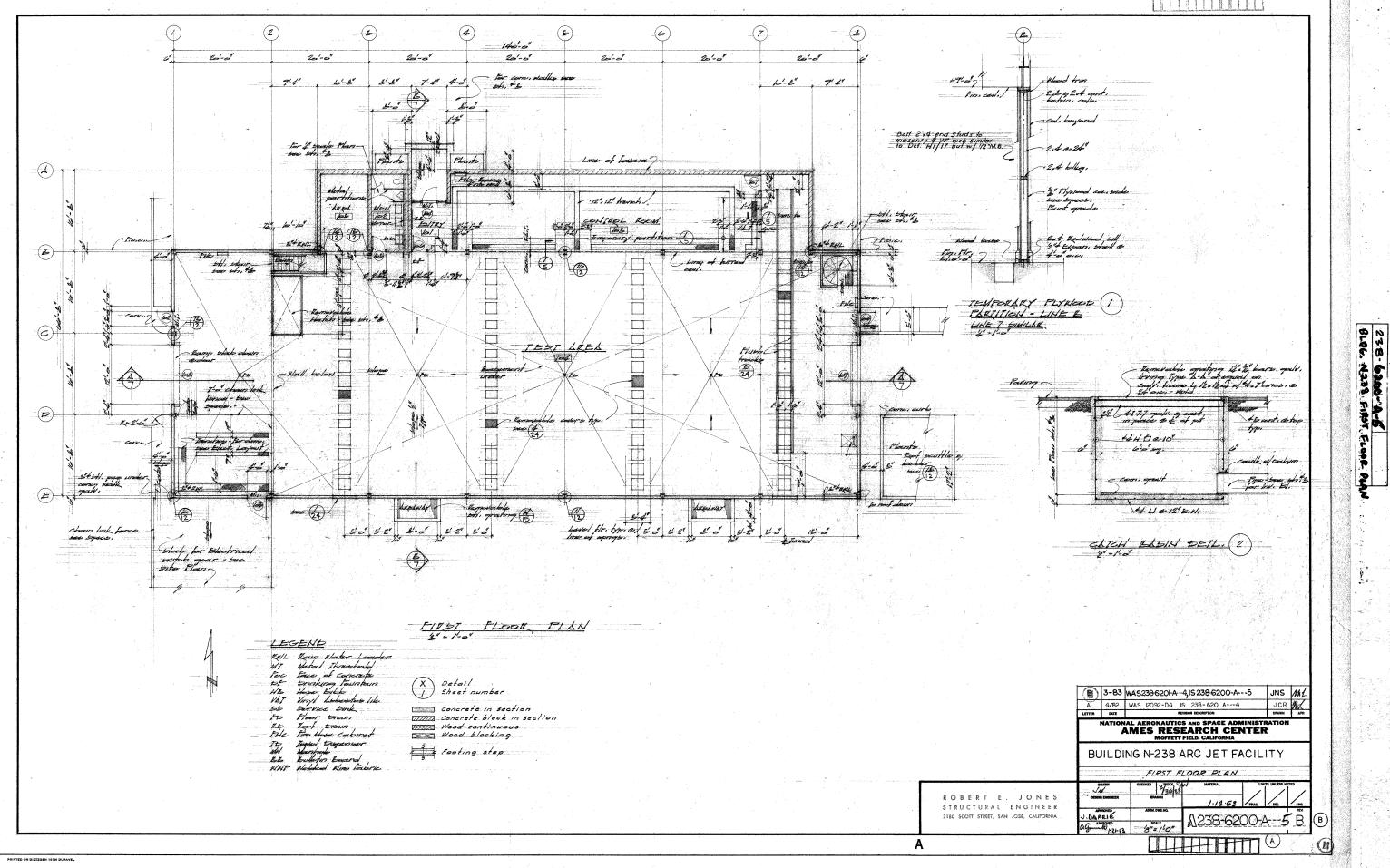
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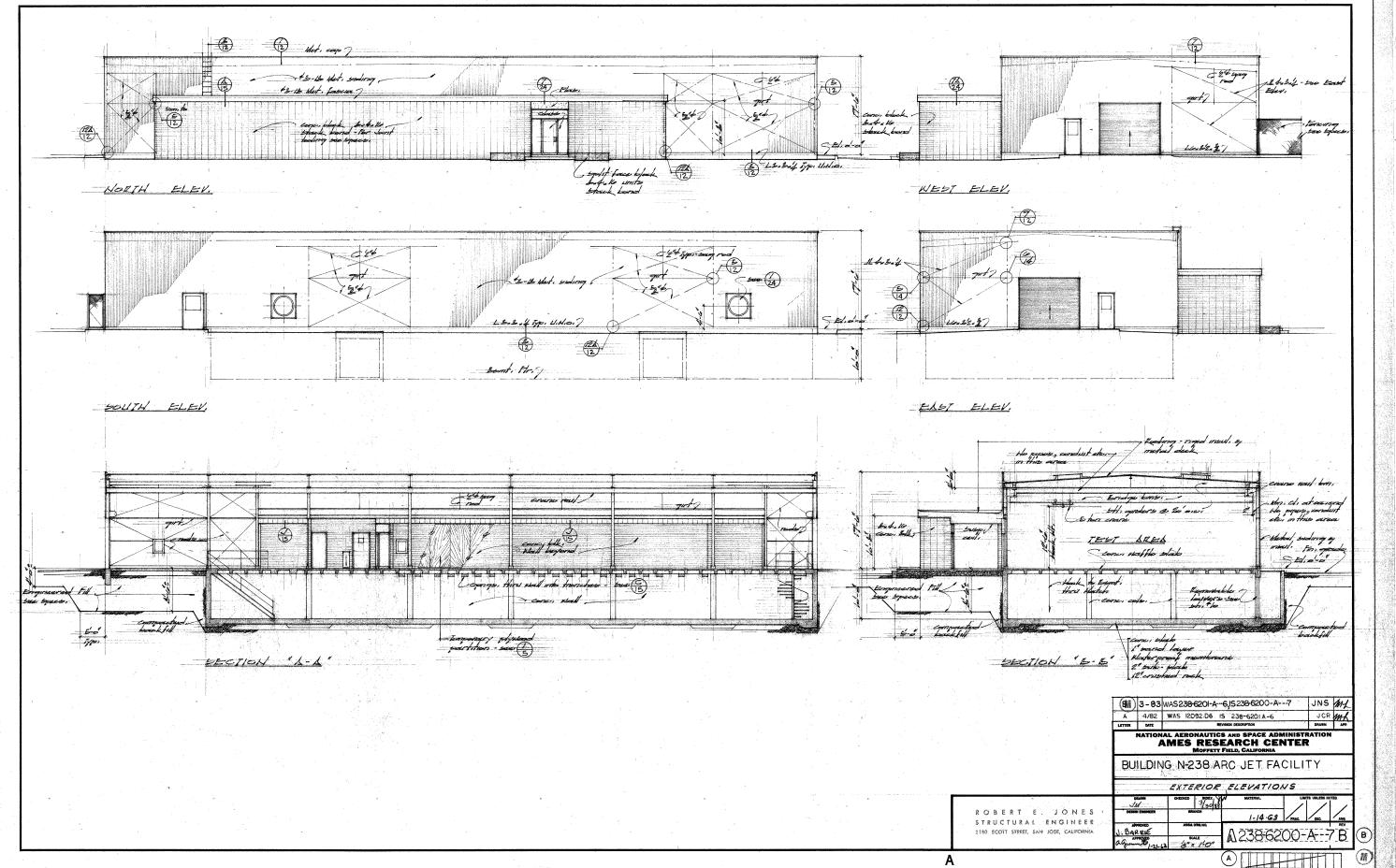
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BLOS NOOS EXTERIOR ELEVAT

N-240: Airborne Missions and Applied Life Sciences Experiments

N-240A: Life Sciences Flight Experiments



N-240 and N-240A, Aerial photograph (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC77-0846-51)



N-240, Ground-breaking ceremony for the new Life Sciences building, 13 April 1964 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A-32424)



Space Life Sciences Payloads Office (SLSPO) office manual cover, September 1983. (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC83-0645.3)



N-240/N-240A, north facade, main entrance (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-240/N-240A, west end of south facade (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-240/N-240A, south facade, main entrance (Source: Page & Turnbull)

### Architectural Drawings for N-240 and N-240A

Space Environment Research Facility, Site Plan and Details

Architect: Garretson, Elmendorf, Klein, Reiben, Architects & Engineers

Date: 13 March 1964 Sheet: A 12363-A2

NASA EDC # 240-6301-A2

Space Environment Research Facility, Ground Floor Plan

Architect: Garretson, Elmendorf, Klein, Reiben, Architects & Engineers

Date: 13 March 1964 Sheet: A 12363-A3

NASA EDC # 240-6301-A3

Space Environment Research Facility, Second Floor Plan

Architect: Garretson, Elmendorf, Klein, Reiben, Architects & Engineers

Date: 13 March 1964 Sheet: A 12363-A4

NASA EDC # 240-6301-A4

Space Environment Research Facility, Exterior Elevations

Architect: Garretson, Elmendorf, Klein, Reiben, Architects & Engineers

Date: 13 March 1964 Sheet: A 12363-A6

NASA EDC # 240-6301-A6

Space Environment Research Facility, Exterior Elevations

Architect: Garretson, Elmendorf, Klein, Reiben, Architects & Engineers

Date: 13 March 1964 Sheet: A 12363-A7

NASA EDC # 240-6301-A7

Space Environment Research Facility, Longitudinal Section and High Bay Laboratory Elevations

Architect: Garretson, Elmendorf, Klein, Reiben, Architects & Engineers

Date: 13 March 1964 Sheet: A 12363-A8

NASA EDC # 240-6301-A8

Life Sciences Flight Experiments Facility (Addition to Building N-240), Site Plan

Architect: Reid & Tarics Associates, Architects & Engineers

Date: 16 July 1980 Sheet: A 240-7903-A2

NASA EDC # 240-7903-A2

Life Sciences Flight Experiments Facility (Addition to Building N-240), First Floor Plan

Architect: Reid & Tarics Associates, Architects & Engineers

Date: 16 July 1980 Sheet: A 240-7903-A7

NASA EDC # 240-7903-A7

Life Sciences Flight Experiments Facility (Addition to Building N-240), Second Floor Plan

Architect: Reid & Tarics Associates, Architects & Engineers

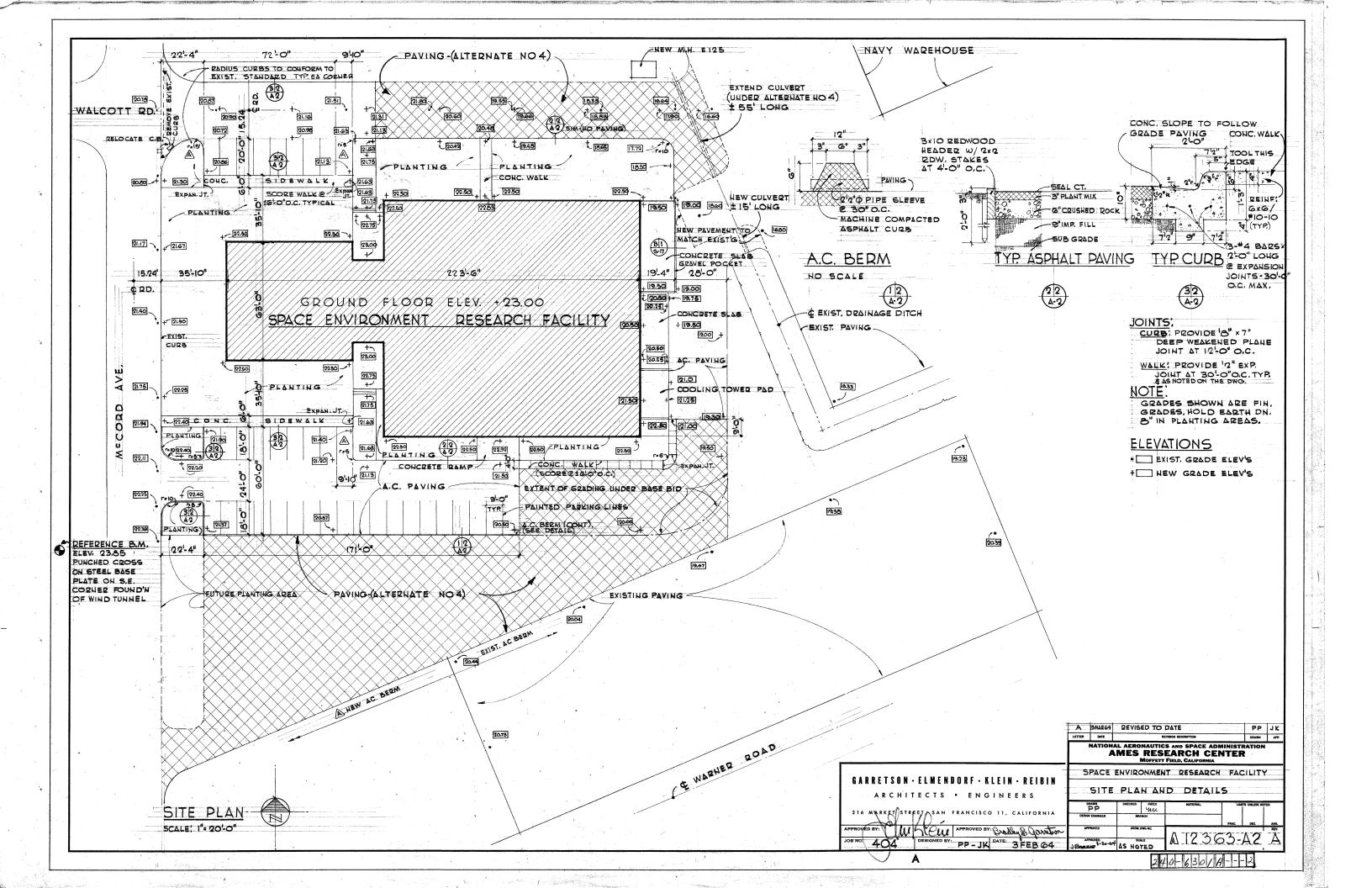
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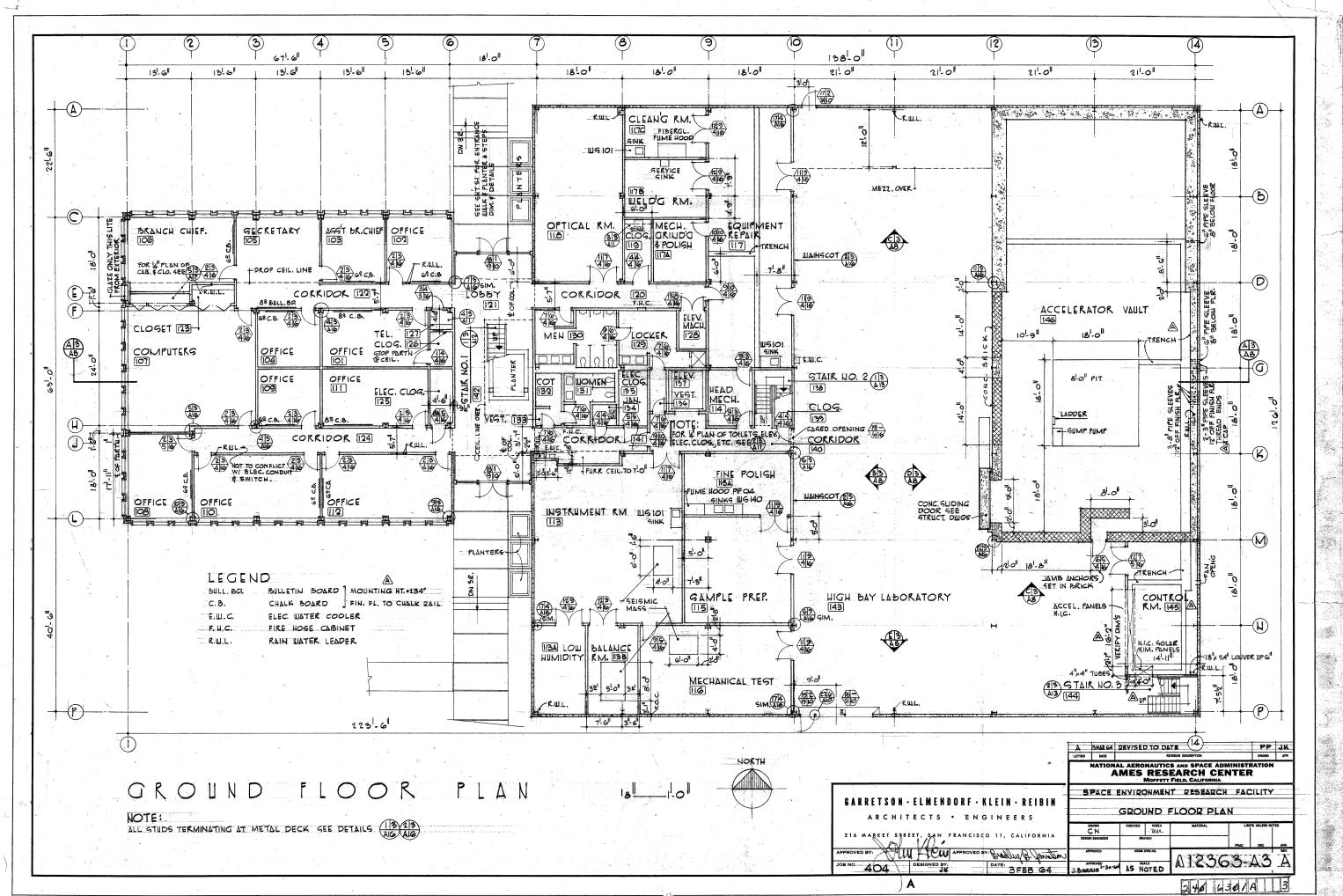
Life Sciences Flight Experiments Facility (Addition to Building N-240), Exterior Elevations

Architect: Reid & Tarics Associates, Architects & Engineers

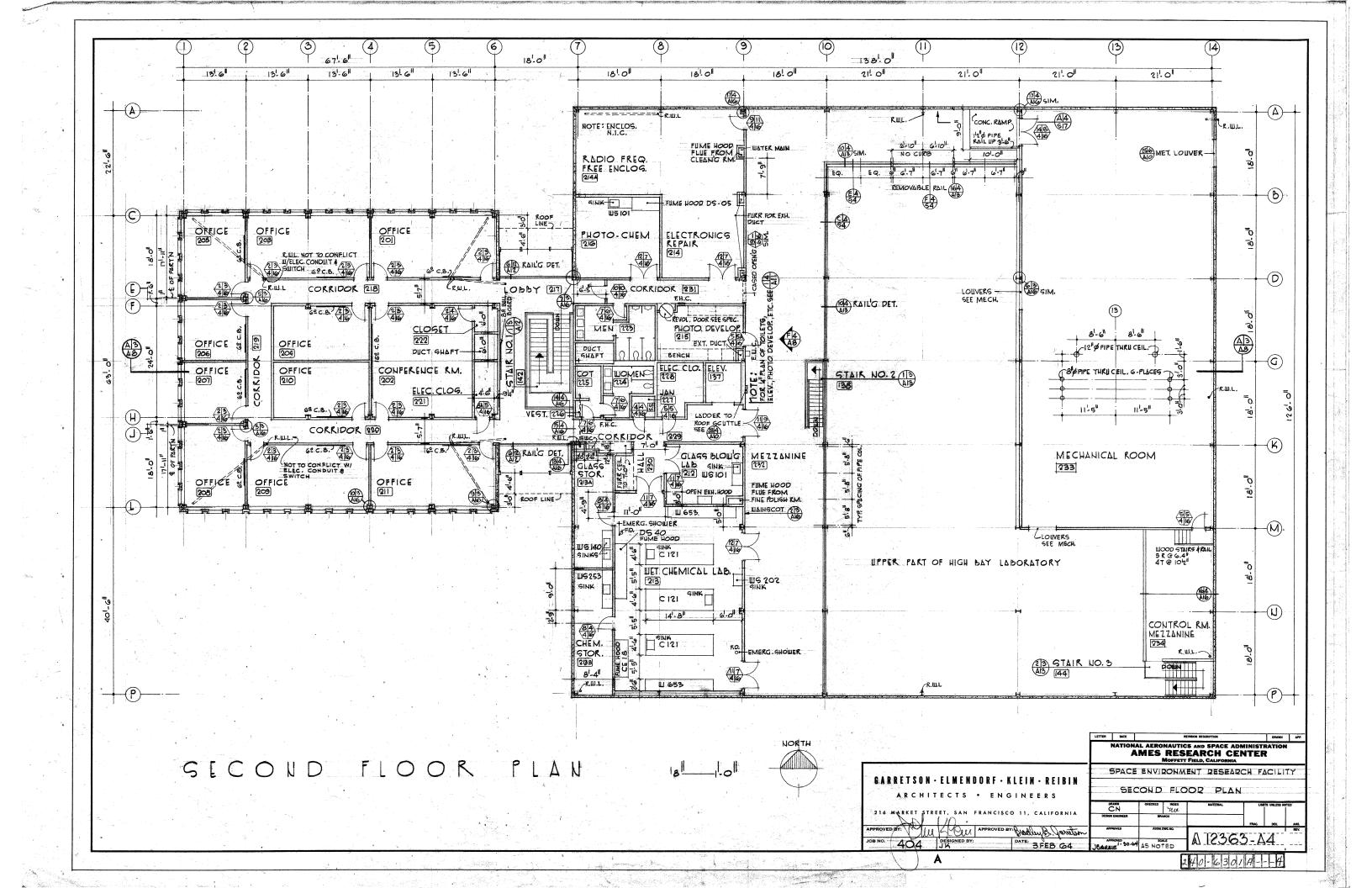
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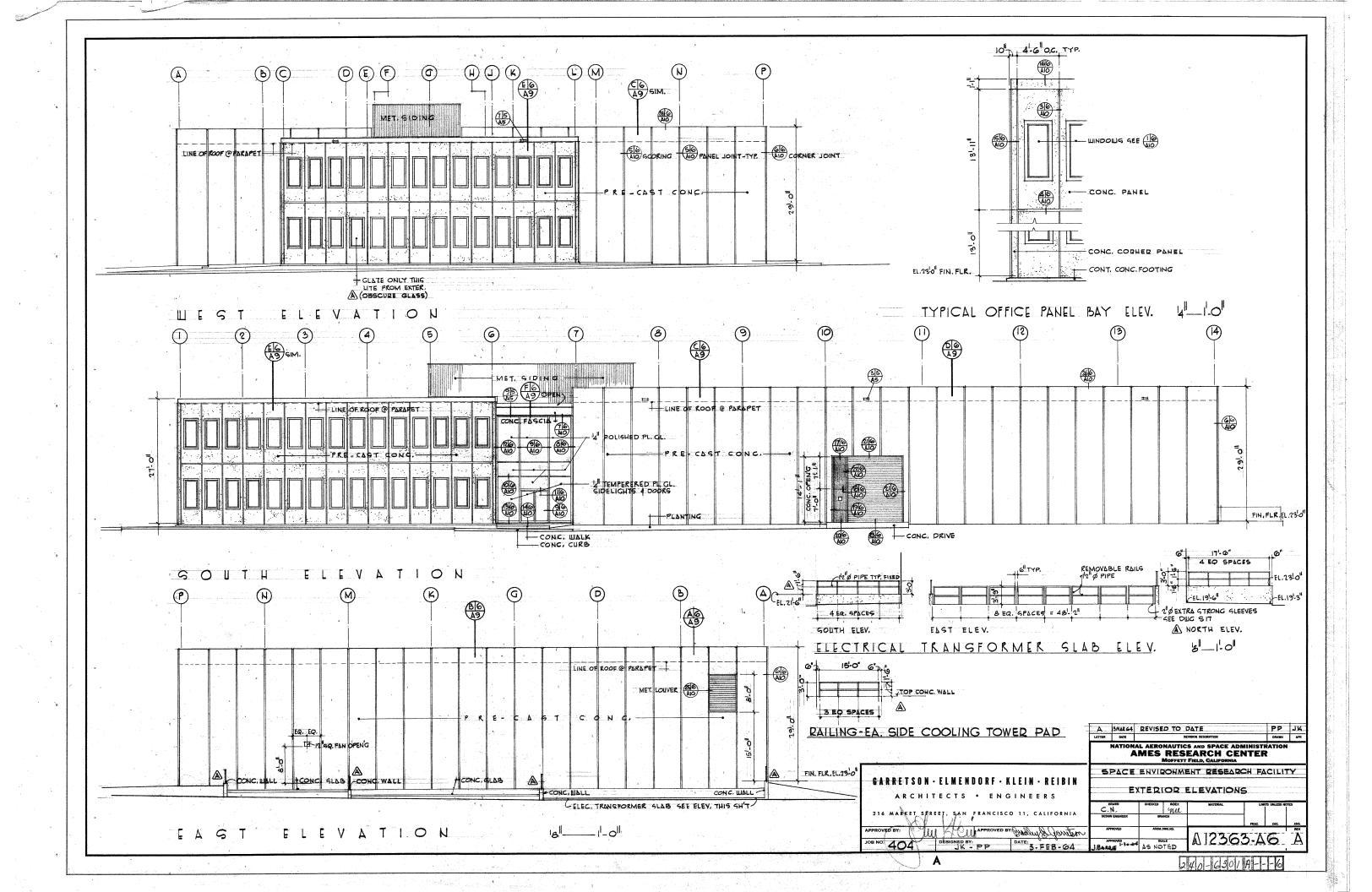
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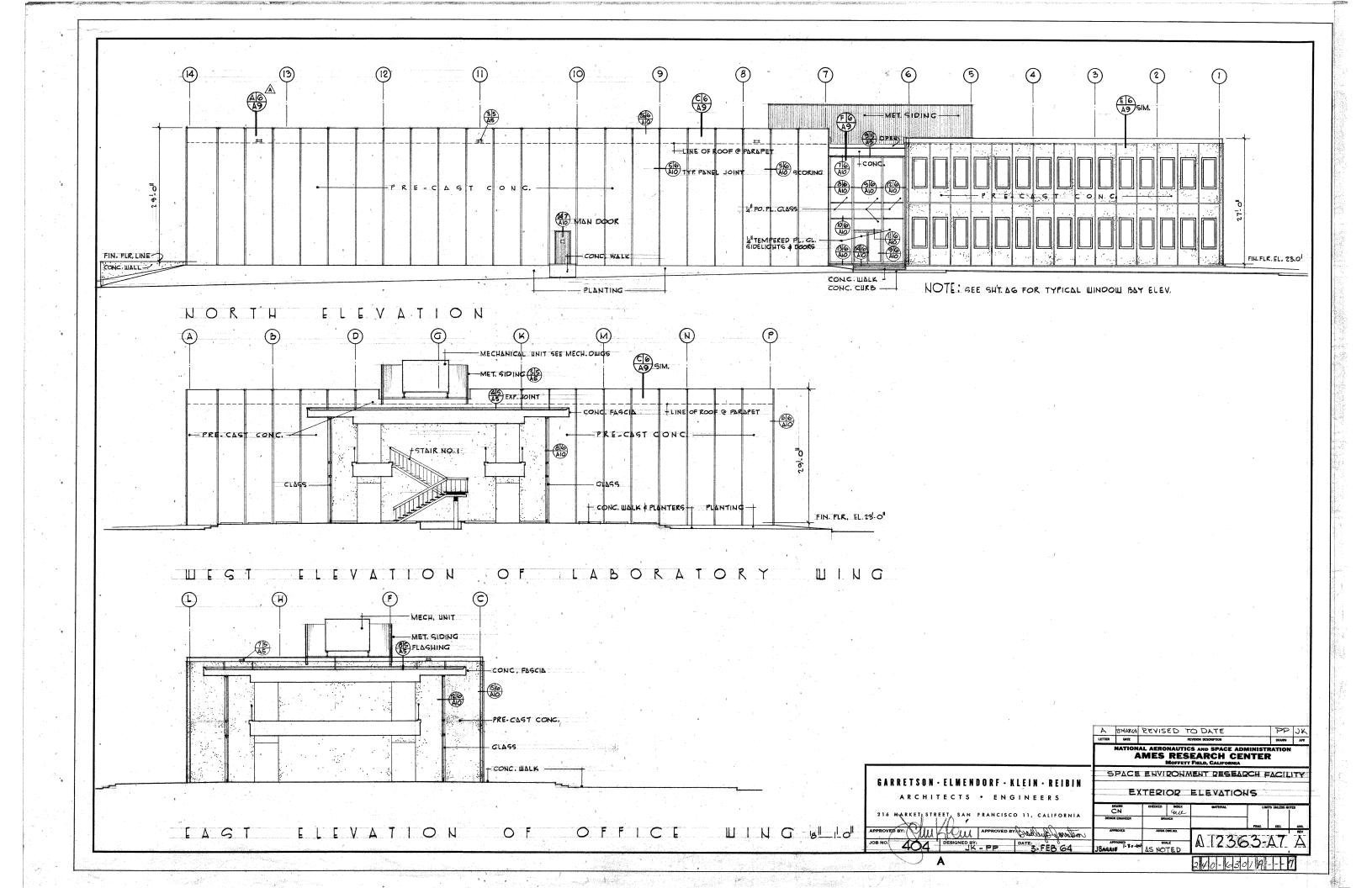


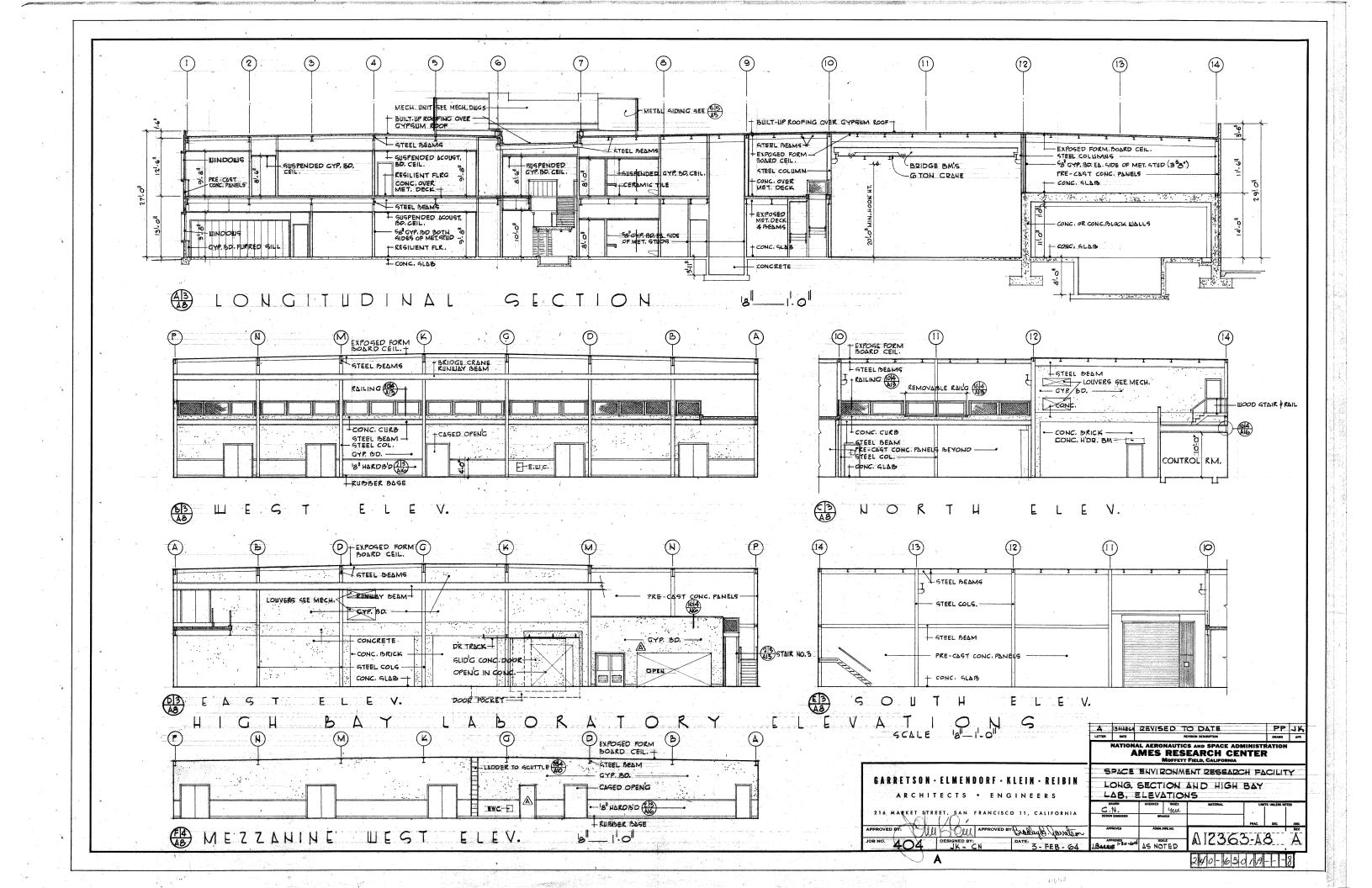


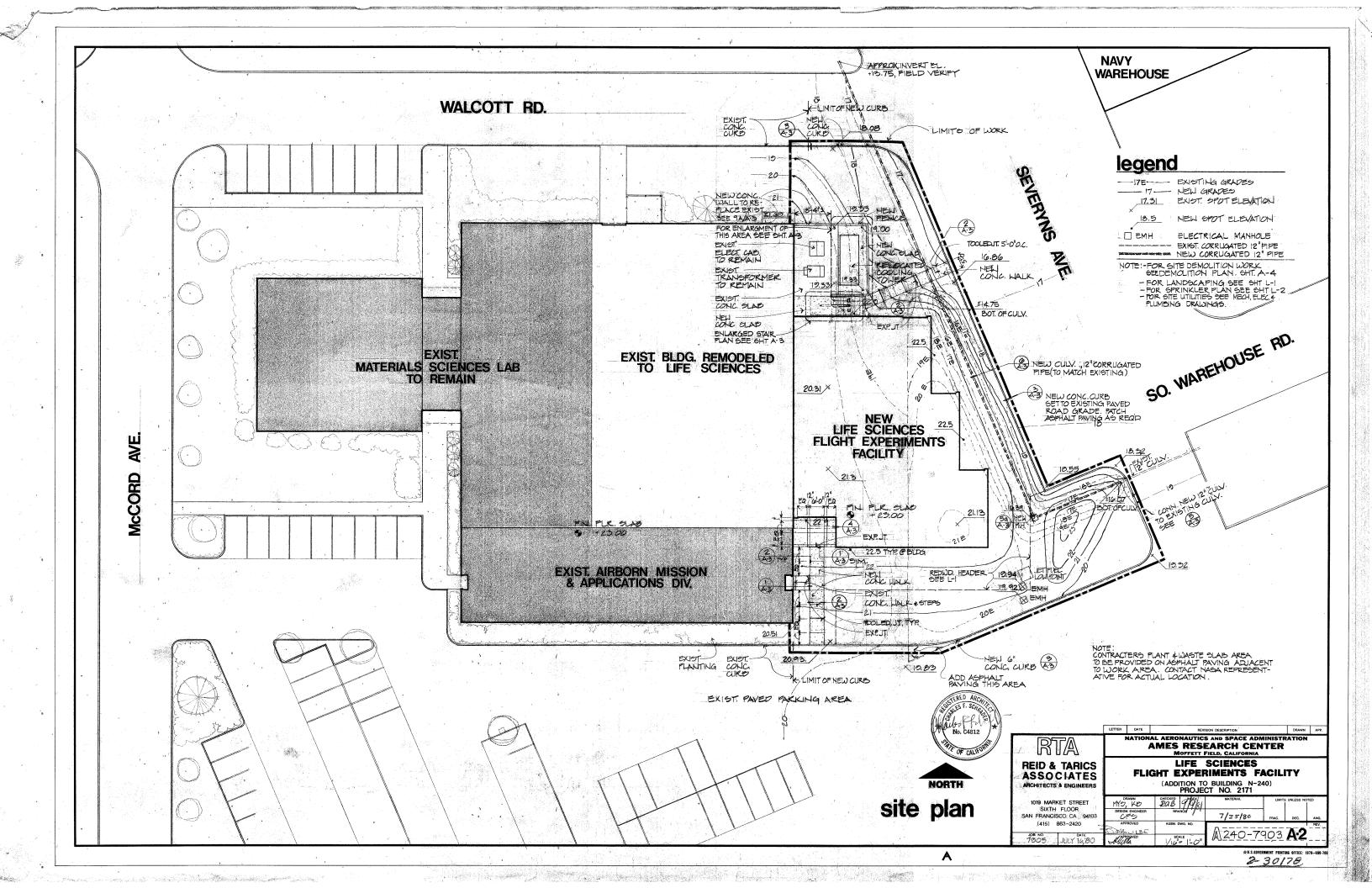
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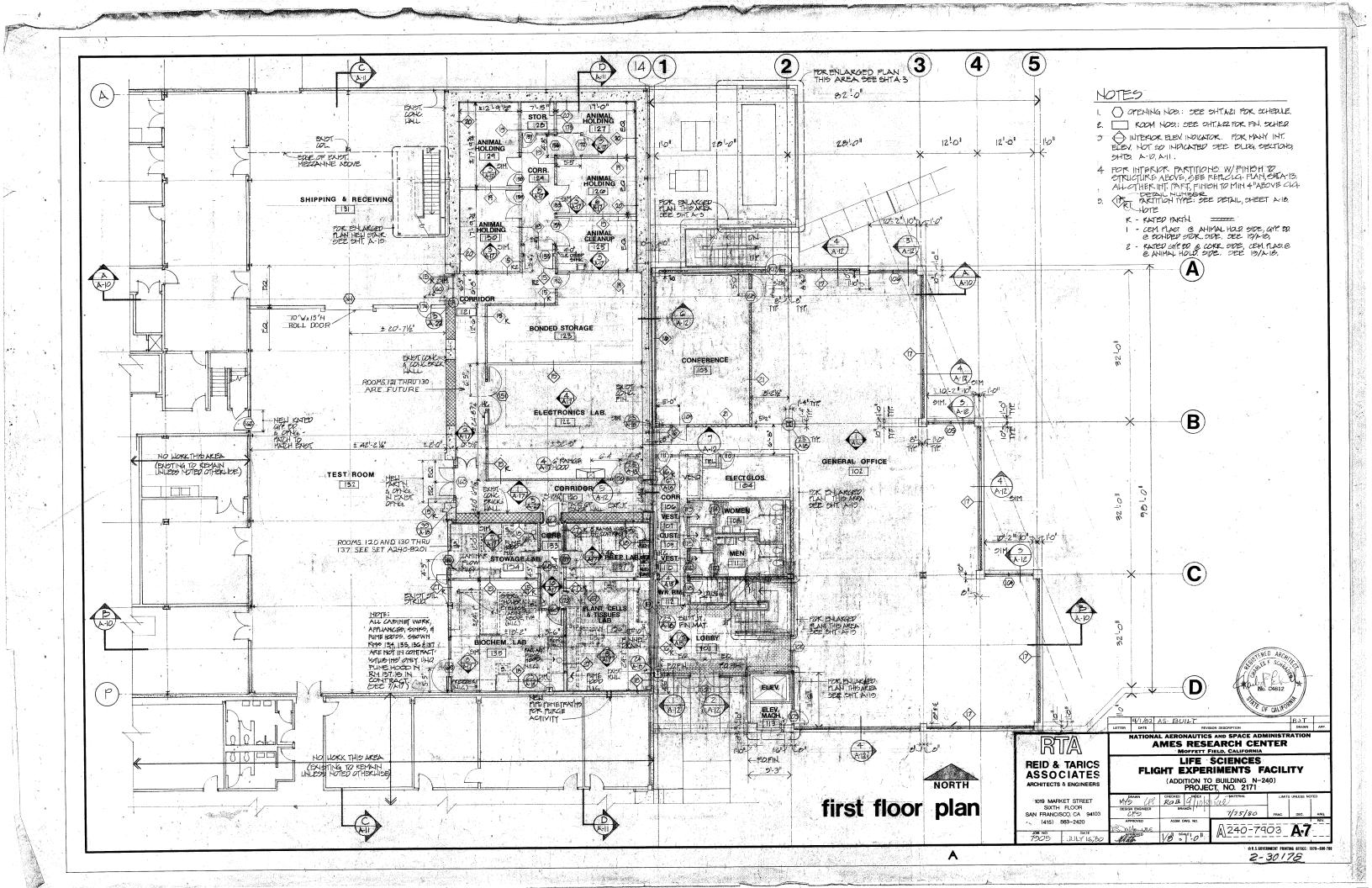


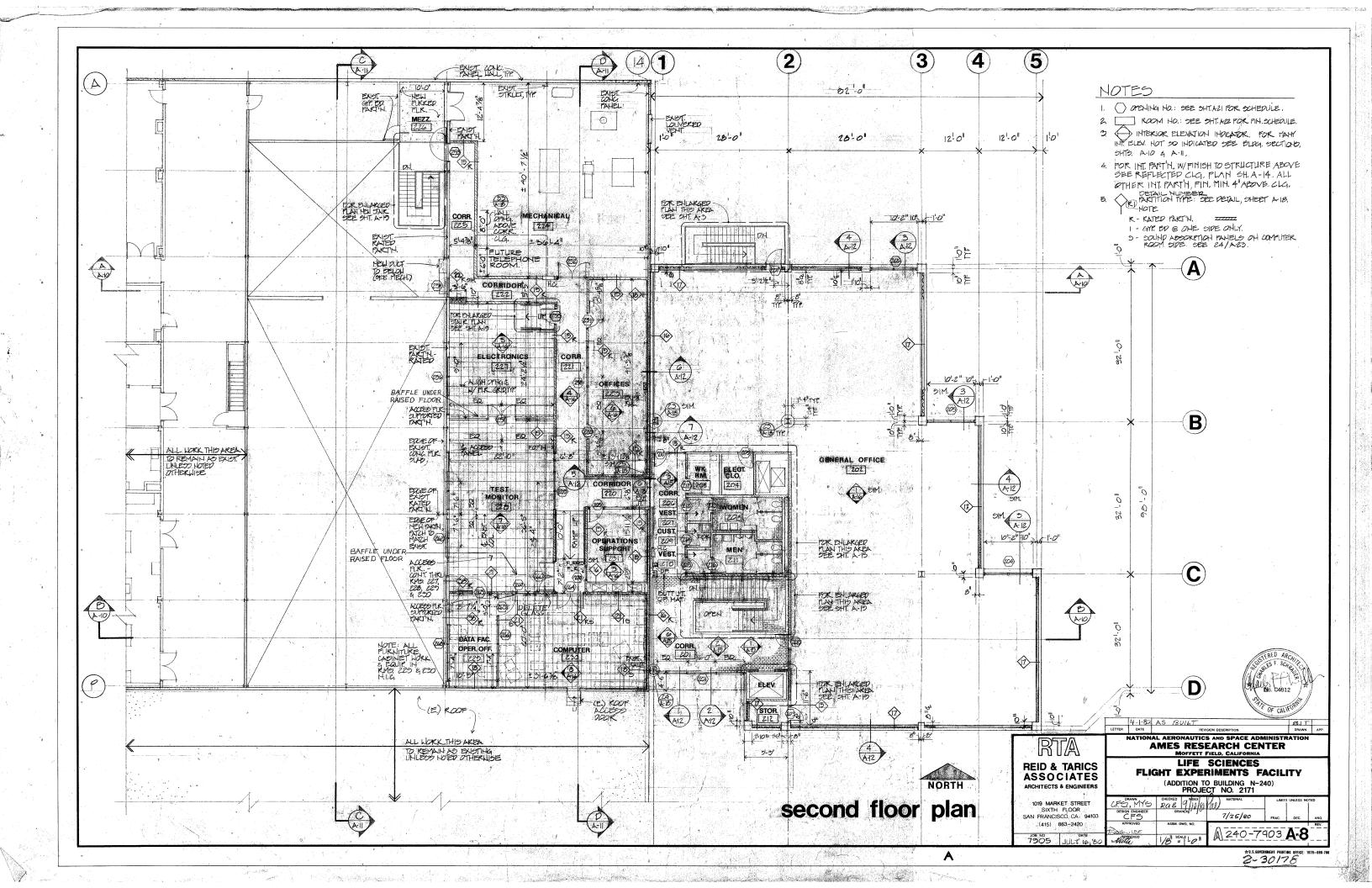


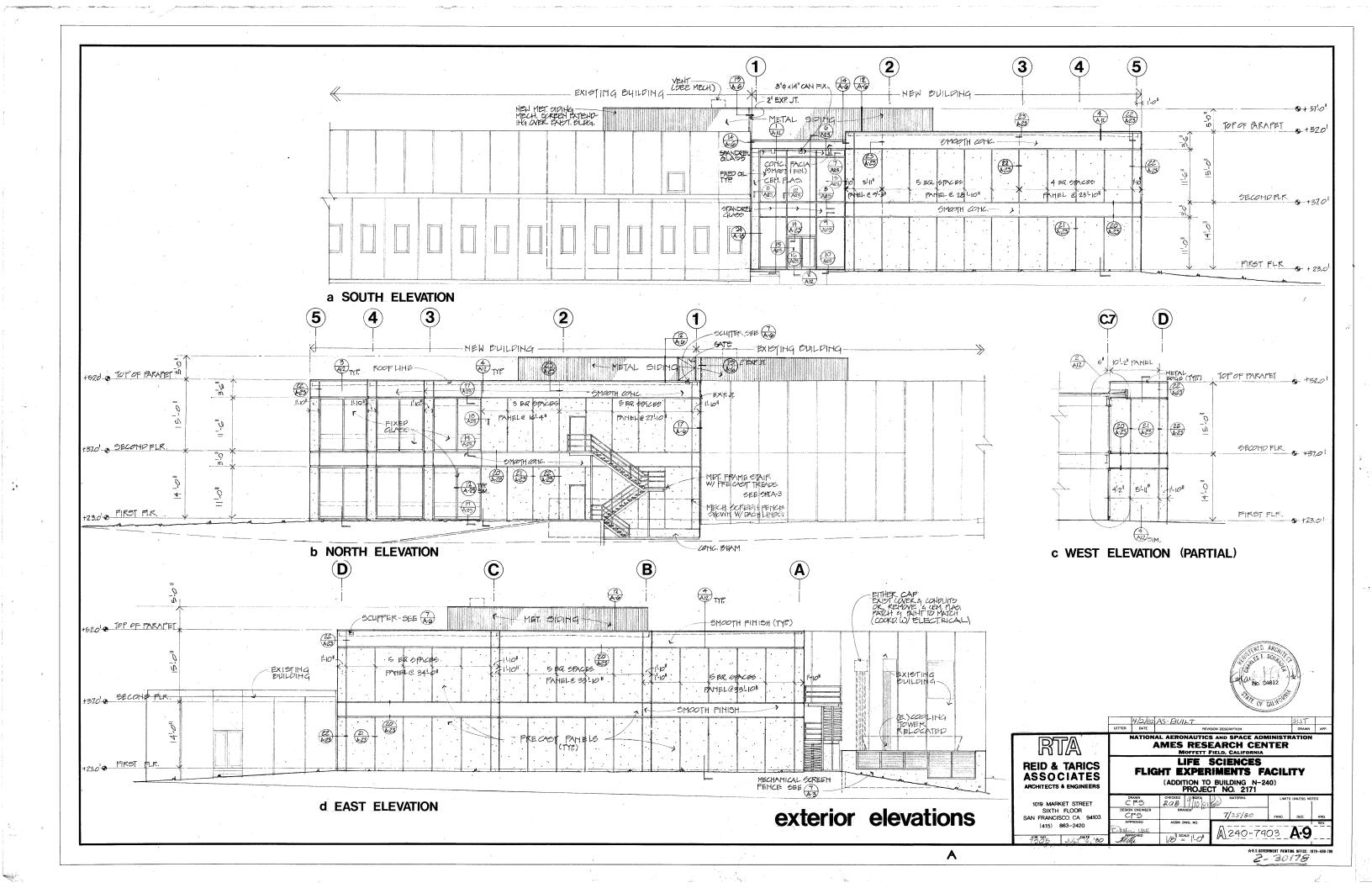












## **Additional Images:**

## N-243: Flight and Guidance Simulation Laboratory



N-243 under construction, 4 October 1965 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A-35531)



N-243, Aerial photograph, 5 July 1977 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC77-0846-40)



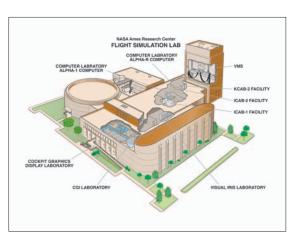
N-243, Diagram of Flight and Guidance Simulation Laboratory, 25 January 1978 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC78-0070)



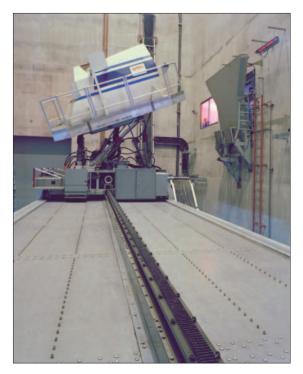
N-243, FSAA Flight Simulator for Advanced Aircraft, 7 March 1989 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC79-0198-11)



N-243, VMS R-Cab: Civil Tiltrotor Simulation Software Screen, 1 December 1994 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC94-0503-7)



N-243, Diagram of Flight and Guidance Simulation Laboratory, July 1998 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, ACD98-0142)



N-243, Vertical Motion Simulator, 9 February 1979 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC79-0126-3)



N-243, Vertical Motion Simulator cab in motion, 24 October 1997 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC97-0375-1)



N-243, south facade, east end (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-243, north facade, centrifuge (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-243, east facade, tower (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-243, interior, FSAA high-bay (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-243, Vertical Motion Simulator (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-243, simulation cab (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-243, simulation cab, interior (Source: Page & Turnbull)

#### Architectural Drawings for N-243

Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Flight Simulator for Advanced Aircraft, Basement Flr Plan Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

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Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Flight Simulator for Advanced Aircraft, Ground and First

Floor Plan

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Date: n.d. Sheet: N/A

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Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Flight Simulator for Advanced Aircraft, Second Floor Plan

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Date: n.d. Sheet: N/A

NASA EDC # 243-5603-A4

Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Motion Generator, Plot Plan & Drawing Index

Architect: N/A Date: 19 June 1979 Sheet: A 12370- D1A NASA EDC # 243-6301-A1

Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Elevations

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Date: 5 April 1965 Sheet: A 12486-A10

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Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Building Sections

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Date: 5 April 1965 Sheet: A 12486-A11

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Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Building Sections

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Date: 5 April 1965 Sheet: A 12486-A12

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Space Flight Guidance Research Facility, Building Sections

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Date: 5 April 1965 Sheet: A 12486-A13

NASA EDC # 243-6401-A13

Addition to Building N-243 Vertical Motion Simulator Building, Exterior Elevations, Details

Architect: Anshen & Allen, Architects/Planners

Date: 28 February 1975 Sheet: A243-02-A5

NASA EDC # 243-7502-A5

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Architect: Anshen & Allen, Architects/Planners

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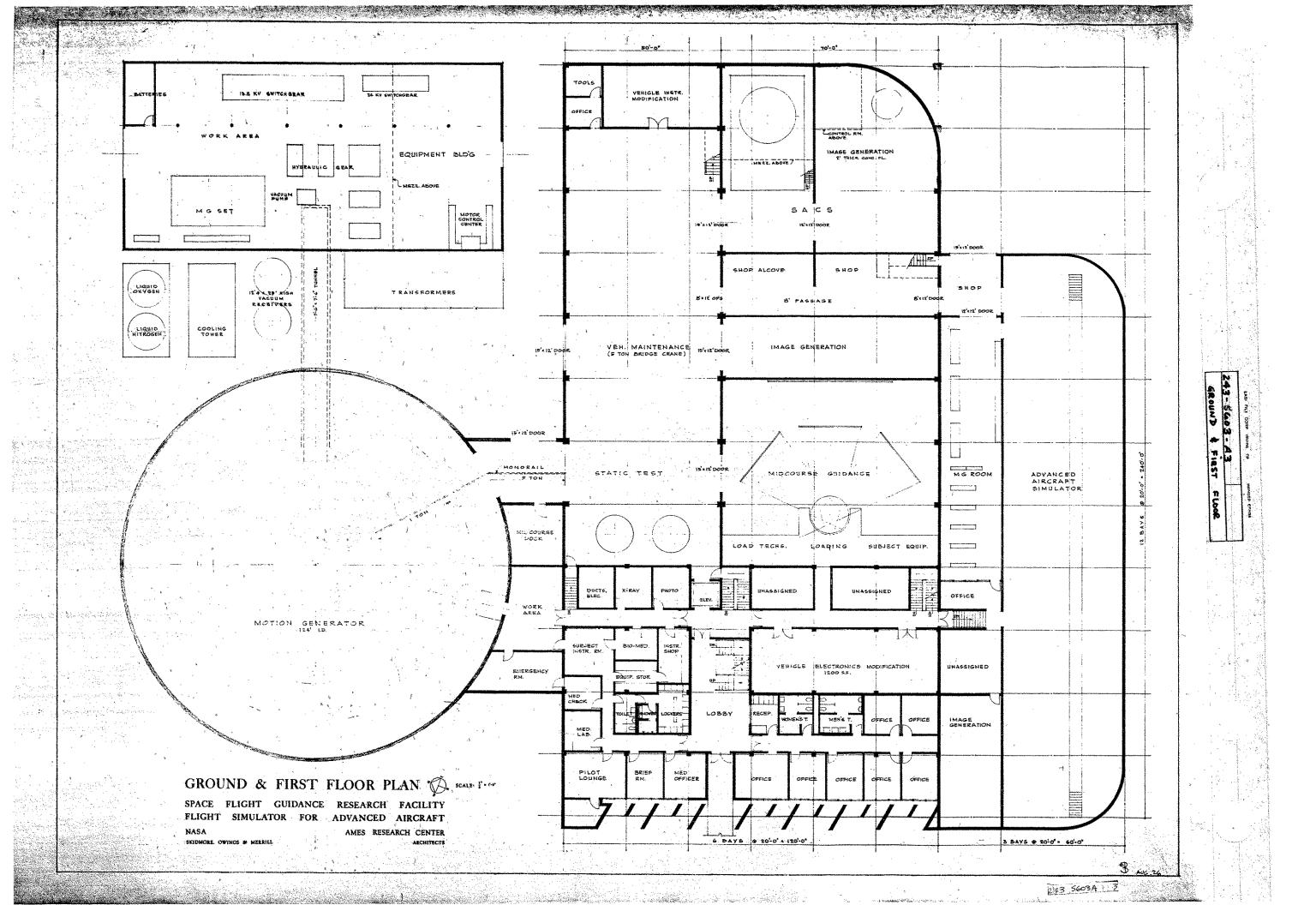
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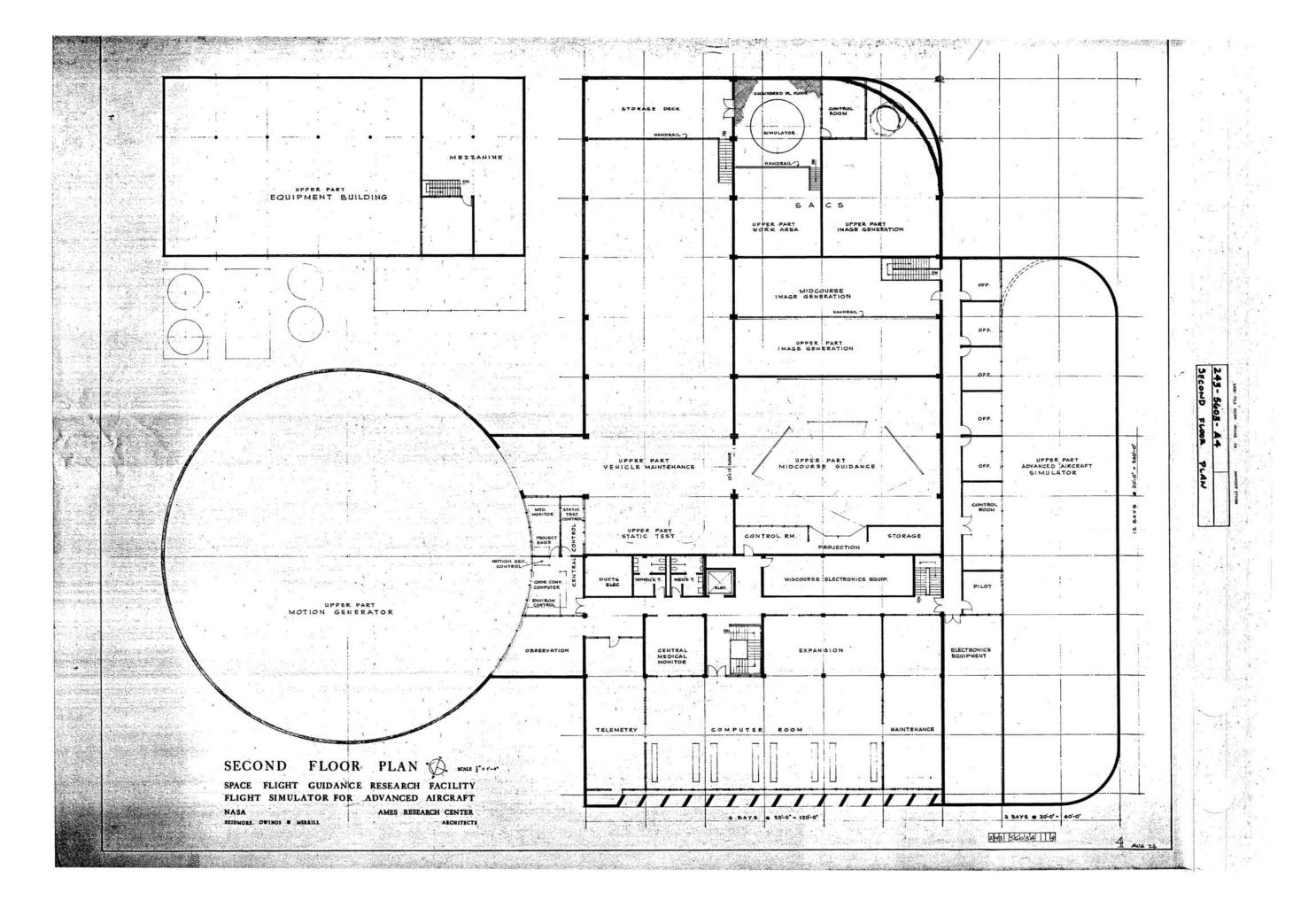
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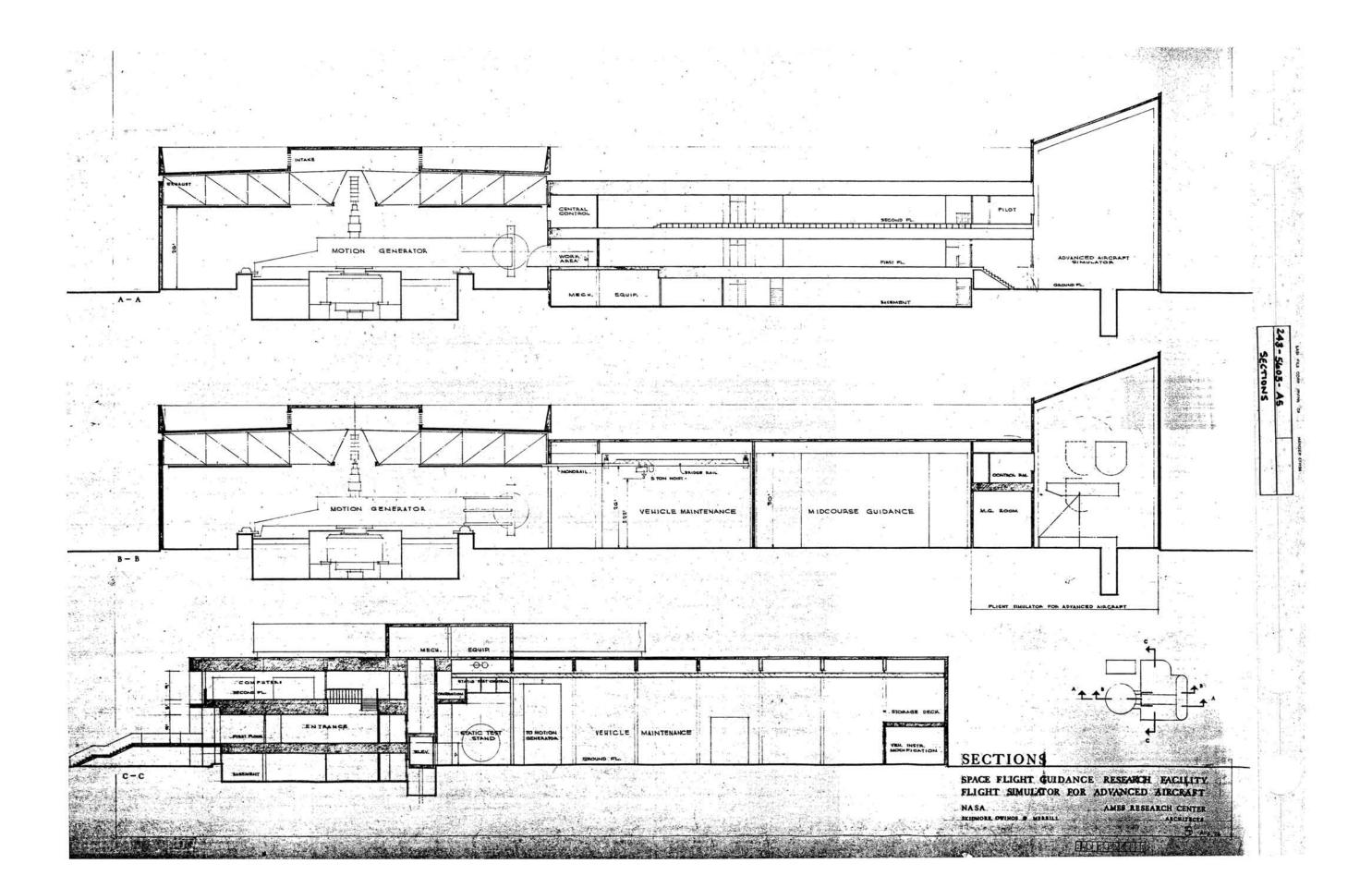
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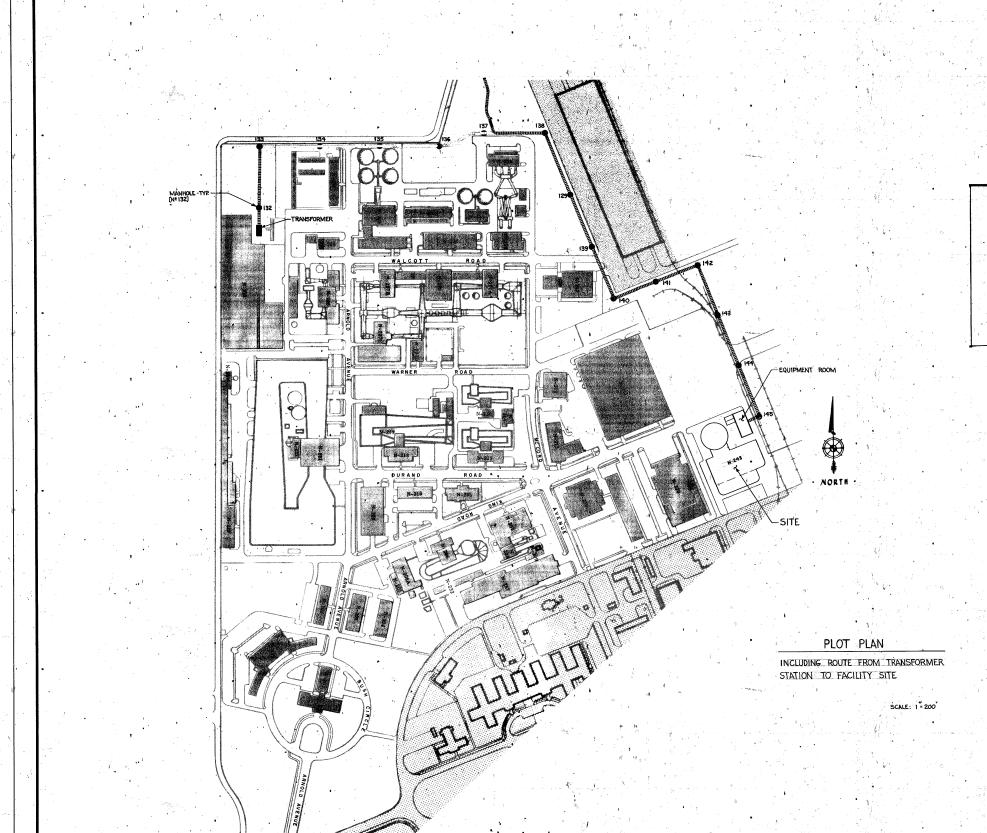
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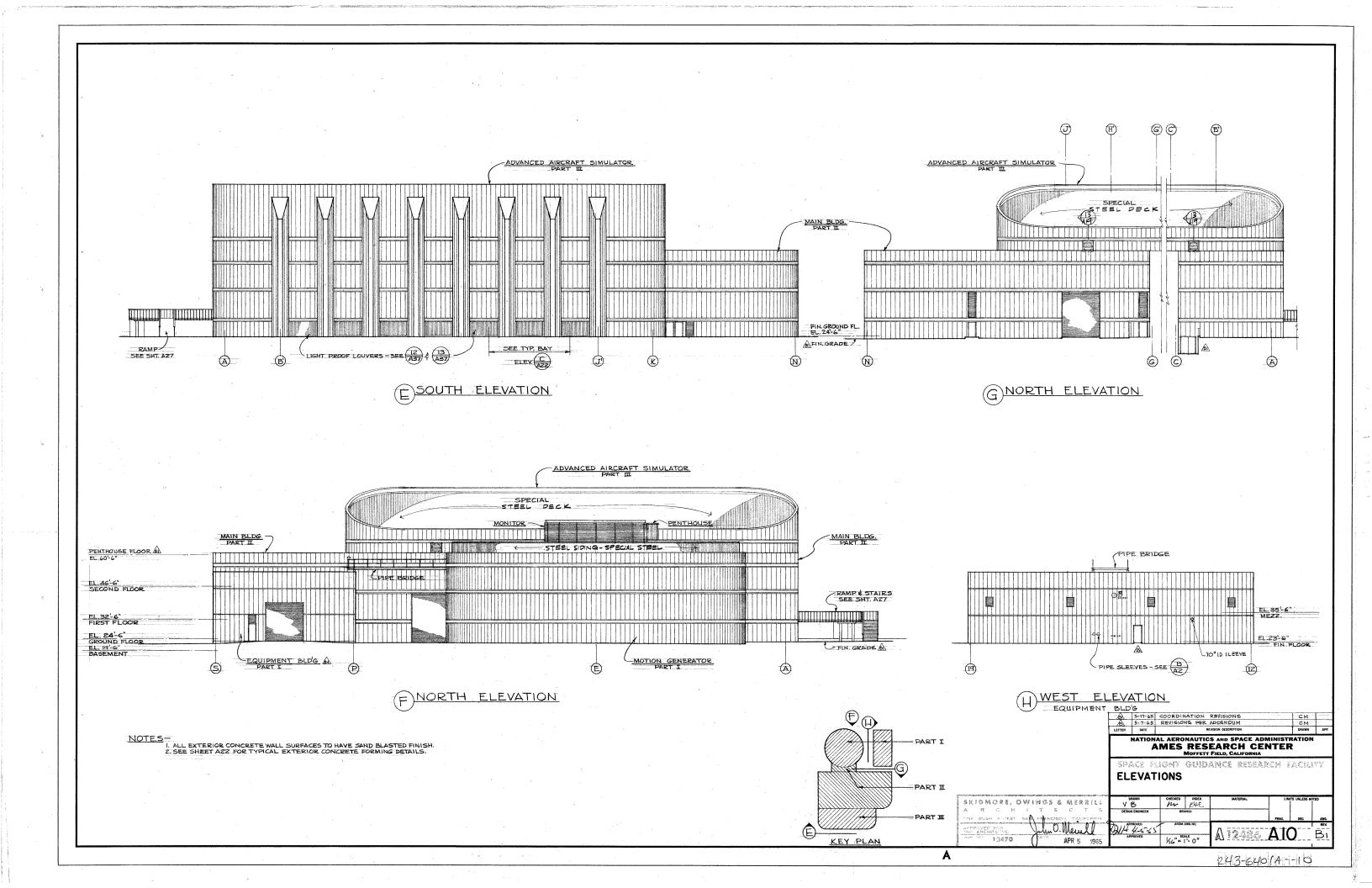
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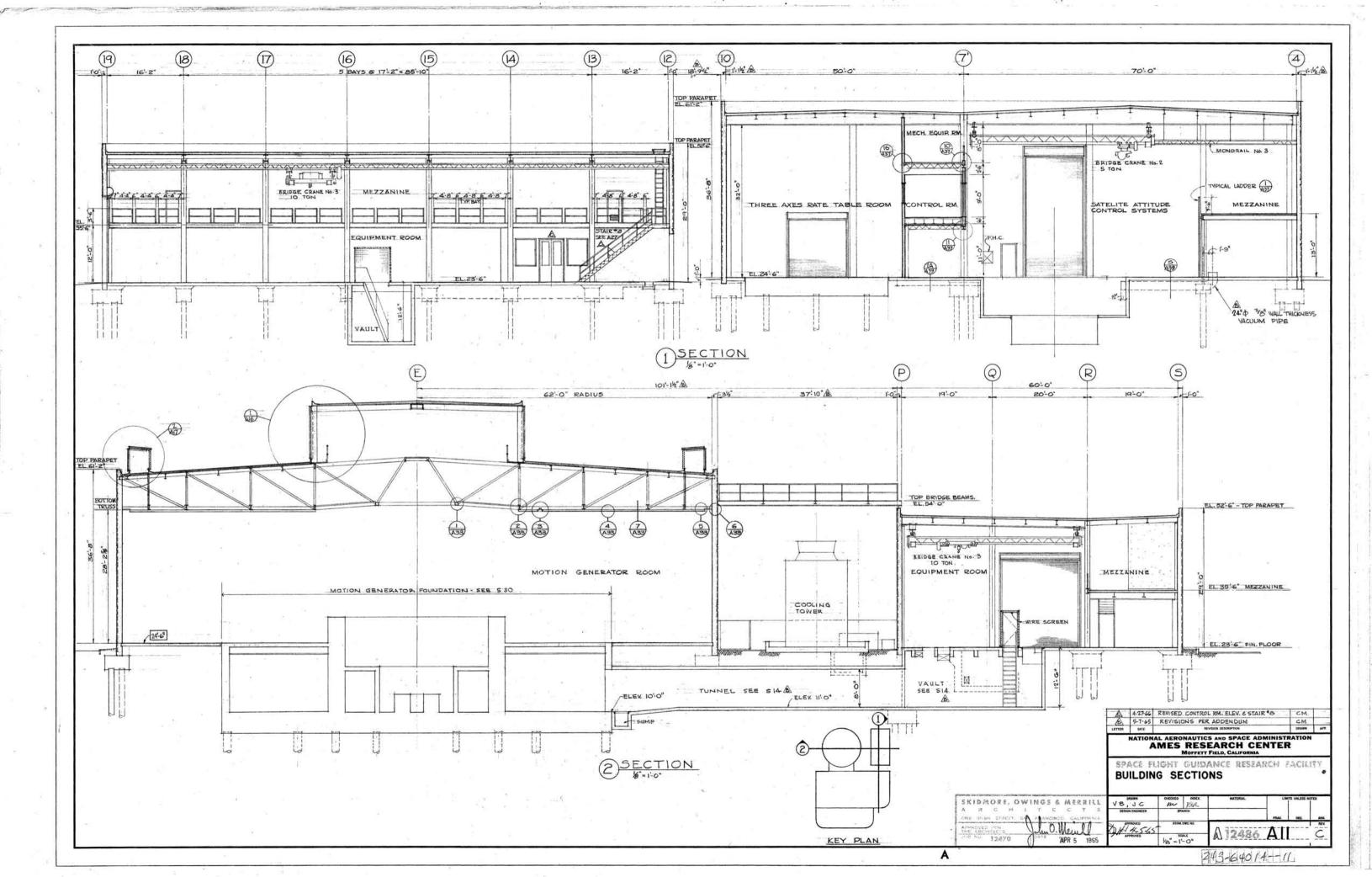
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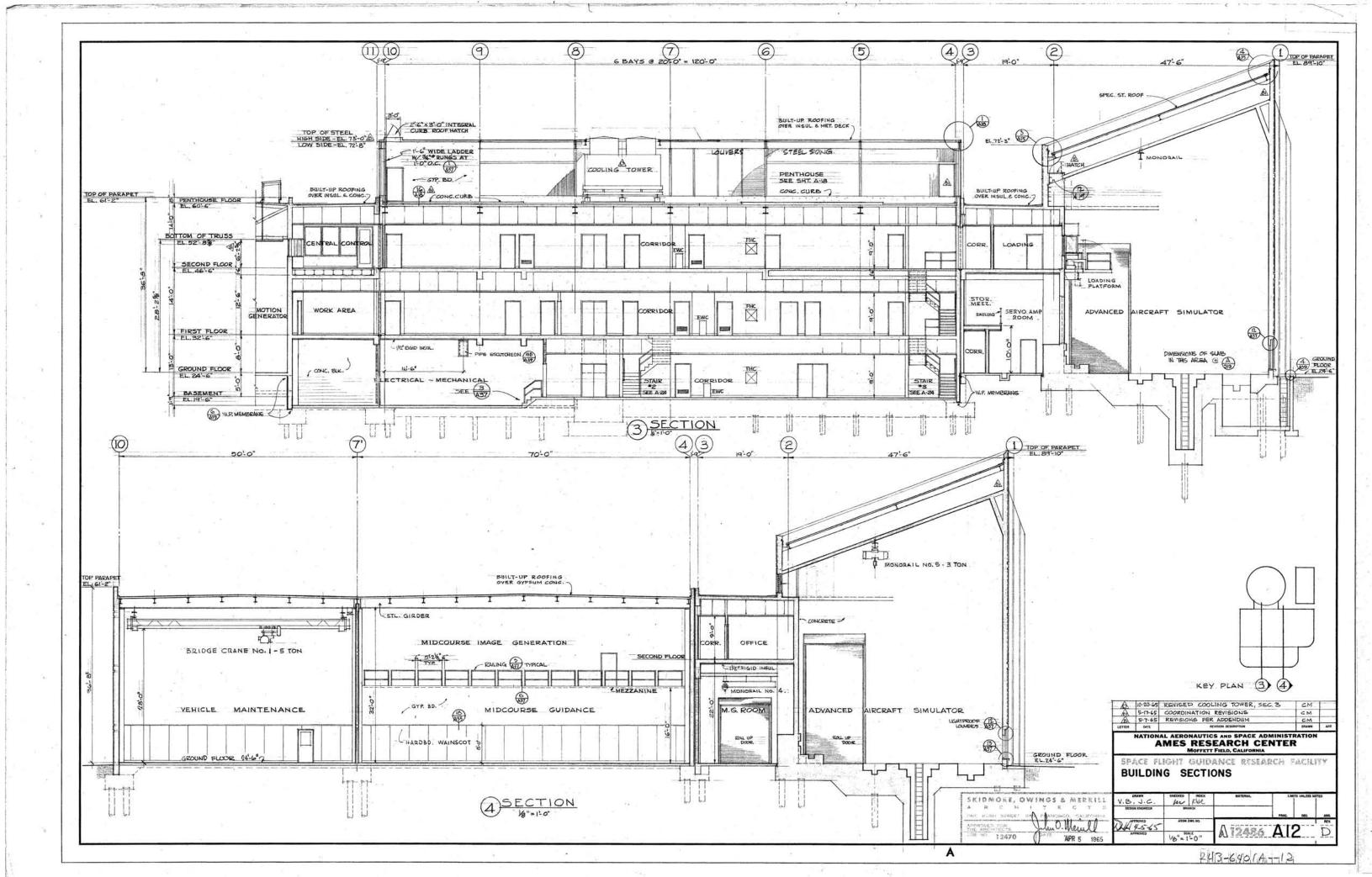
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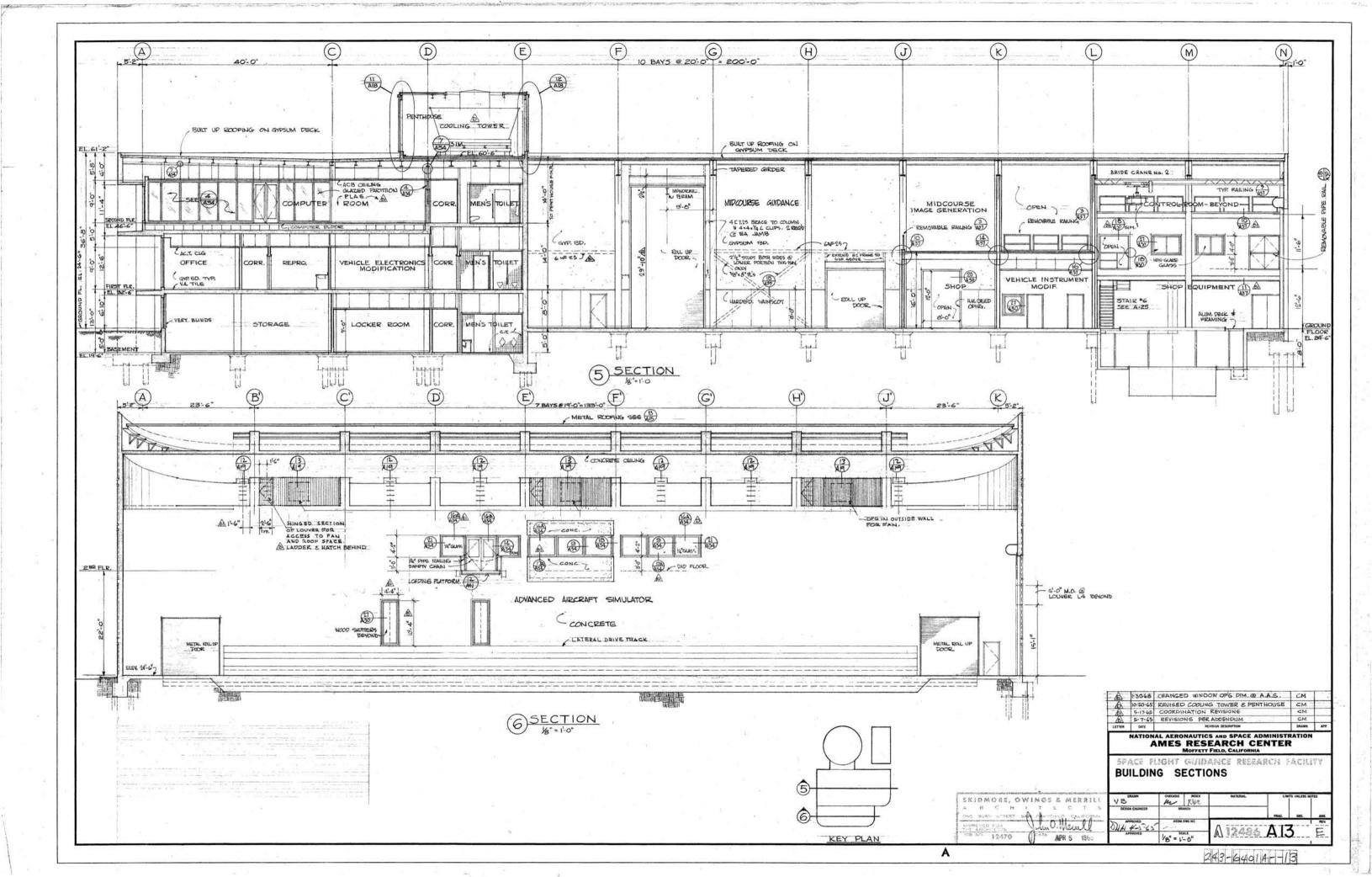
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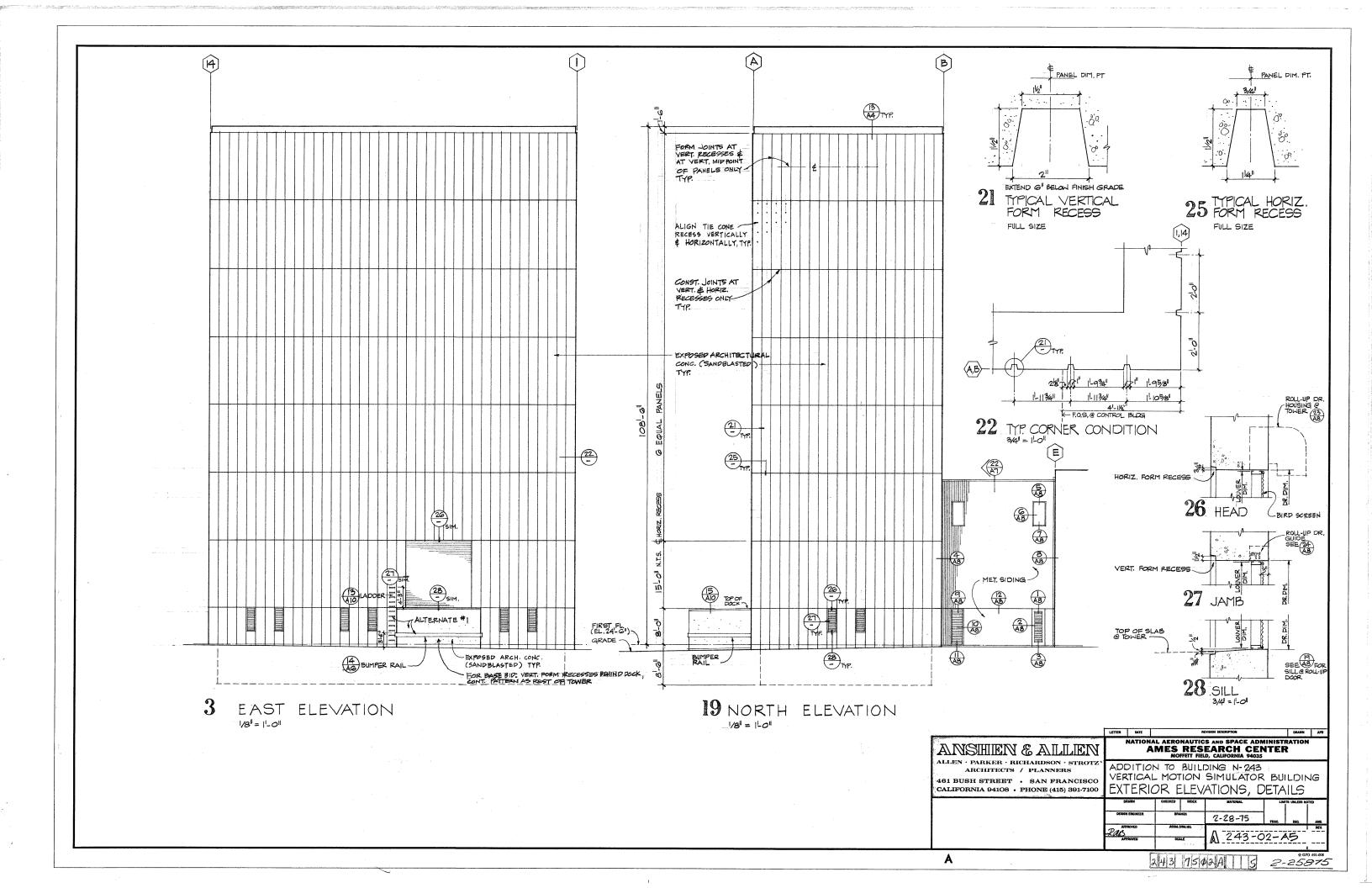
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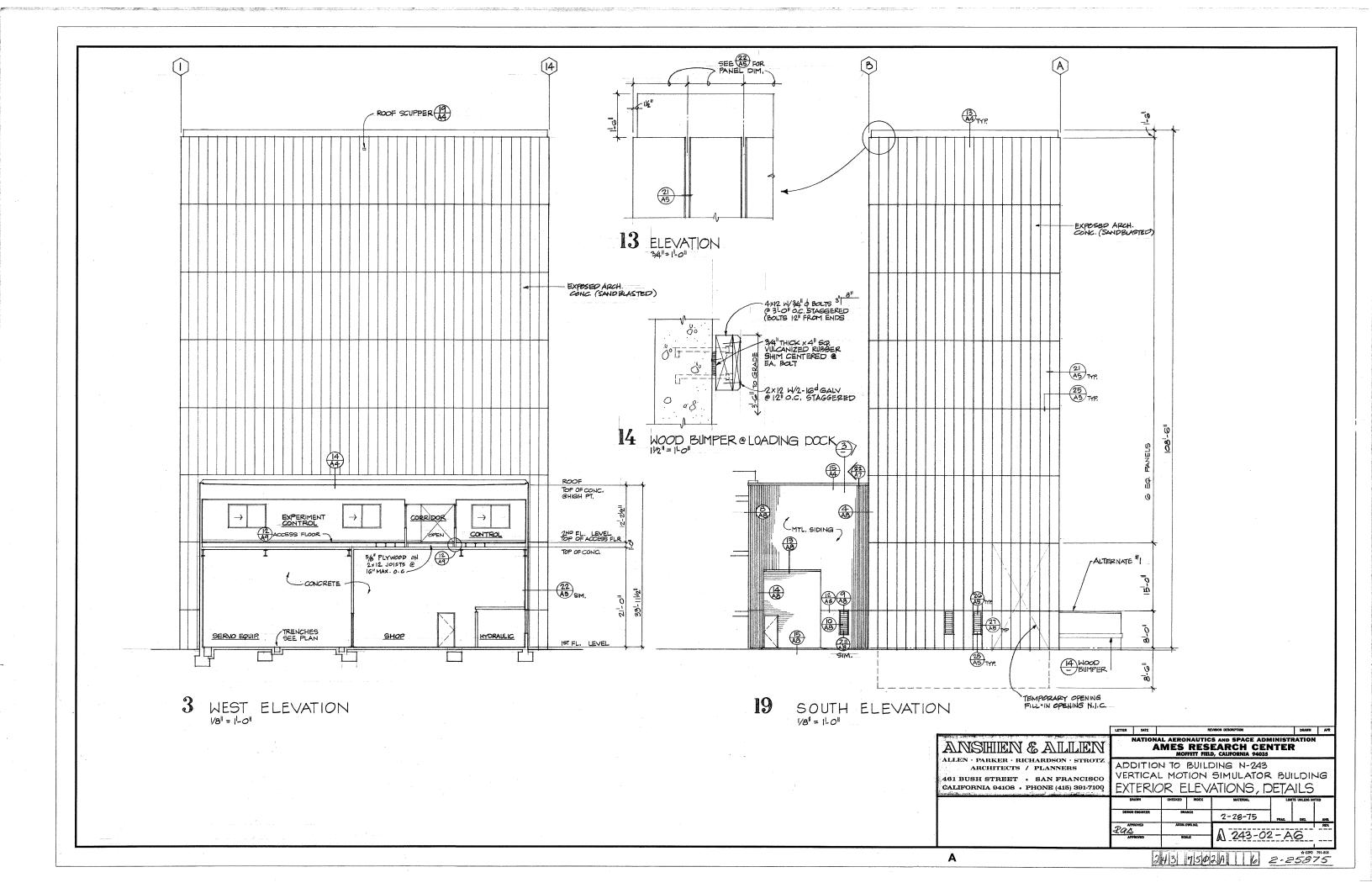


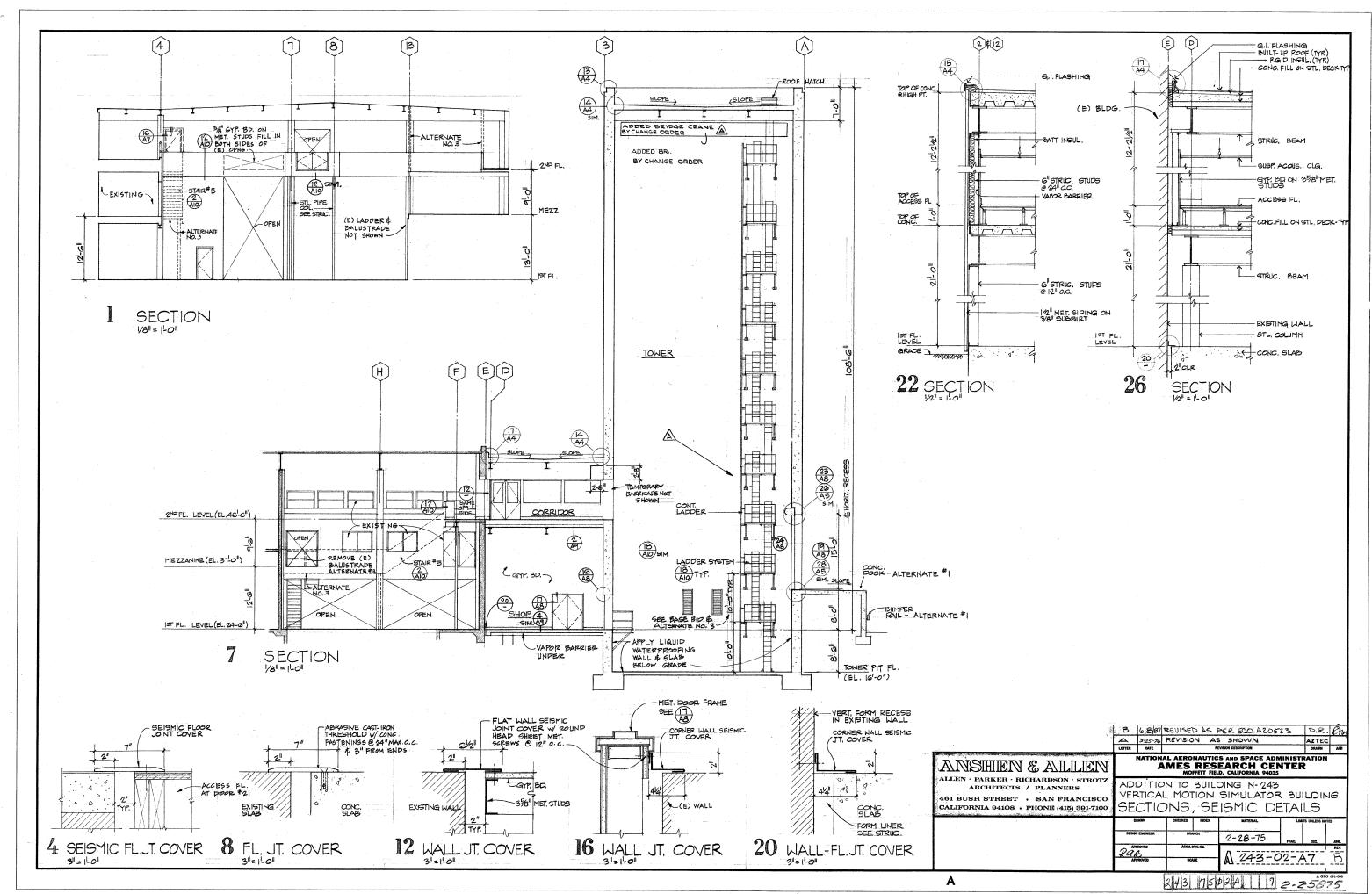












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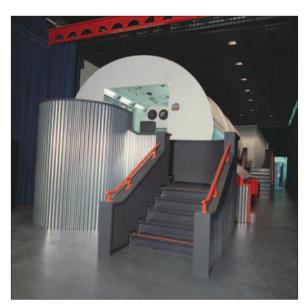
# N-244: Space Projects Facility



N-244, Aerial photograph, 18 May 1989 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC89-0234-164)



N-244, south facade (Source: Page & Turnbull)



N-244, Newly remodeled mezzanine and Space Station laboratory module mock-up, 15 February 1994 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC94-0052-1)



N-244, main lobby (Source: Page & Turnbull)

#### Architectural Drawings for N-244

Life Sciences Space Flight Facility, Site Plan

Architect: N/A

Date: 30 October 1990 Sheet: A244-8901-XA1 NASA EDC # 244-8901-XA1

Life Sciences Space Flight Facility, Ground Floor Plan

Architect: N/A

Date: 22 October 1990 Sheet: A244-8901-XA2

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Life Sciences Space Flight Facility, Second Floor Plan

Architect: N/A

Date: 22 October 1990 Sheet: A244-8901-XA3

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Life Sciences Space Flight Facility, Third Floor Plan

Architect: N/A

Date: 22 October 1990 Sheet: A244-8901-XA4

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Life Sciences Space Flight Facility, North and South Elevations

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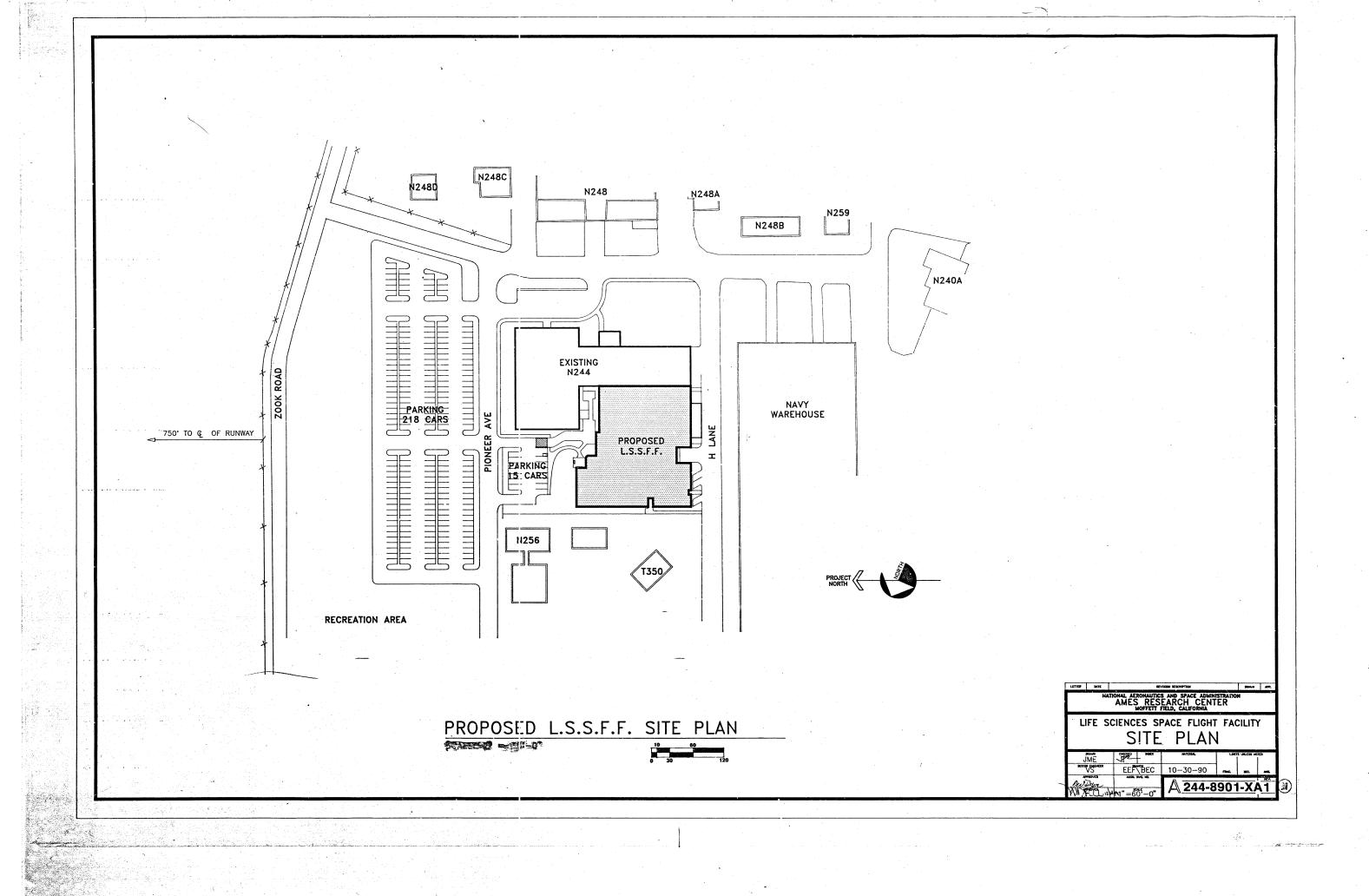
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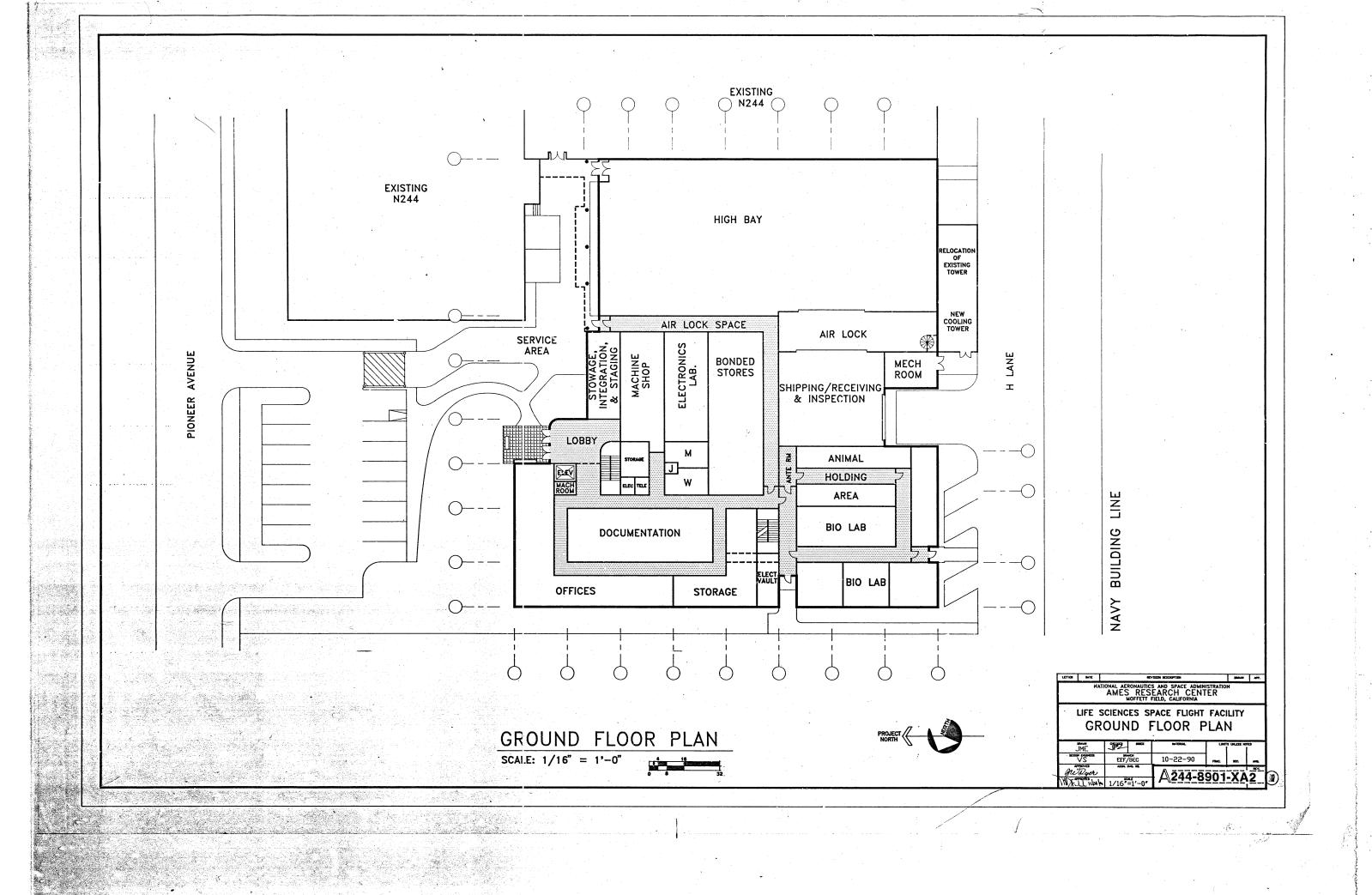
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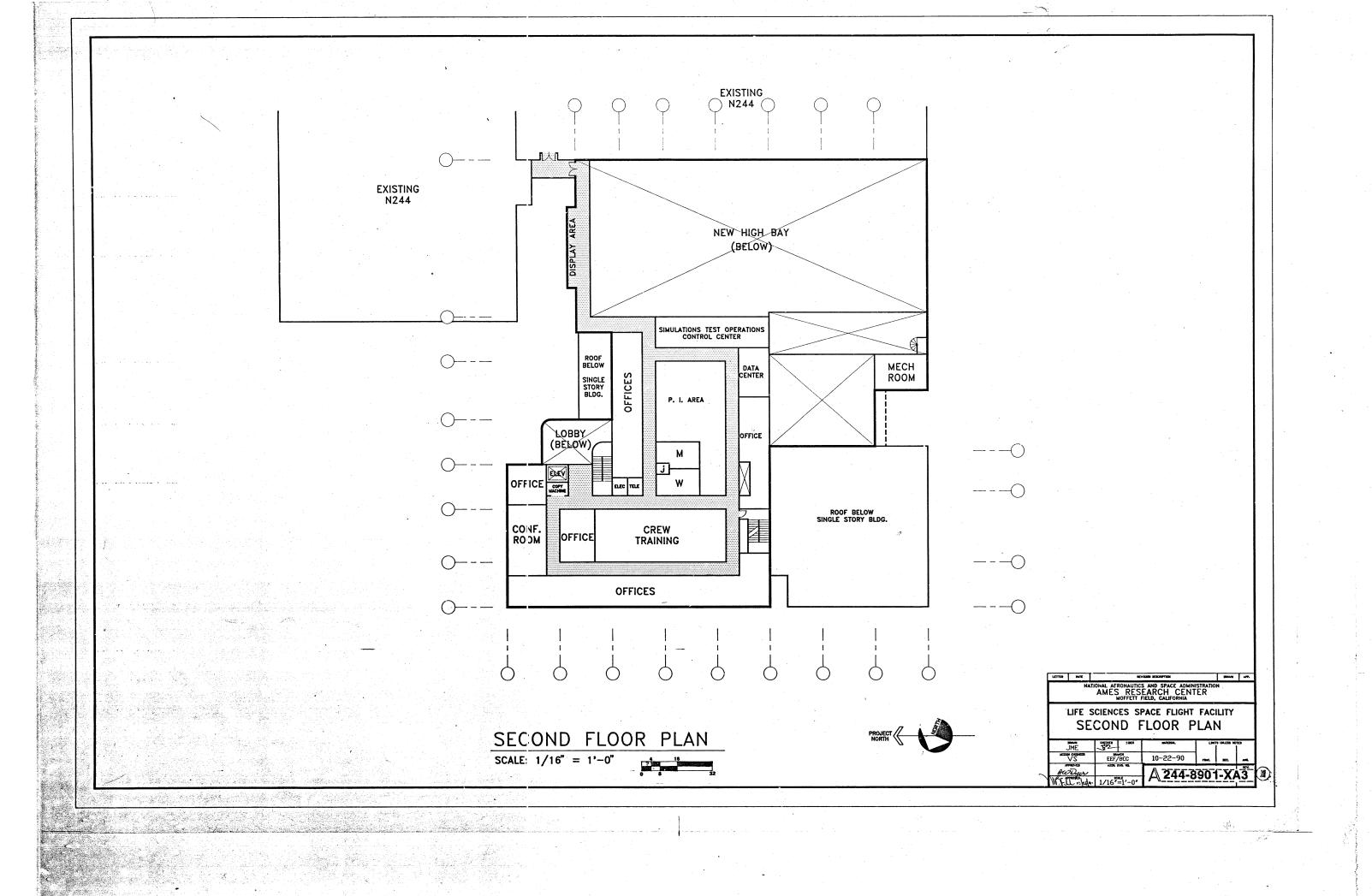
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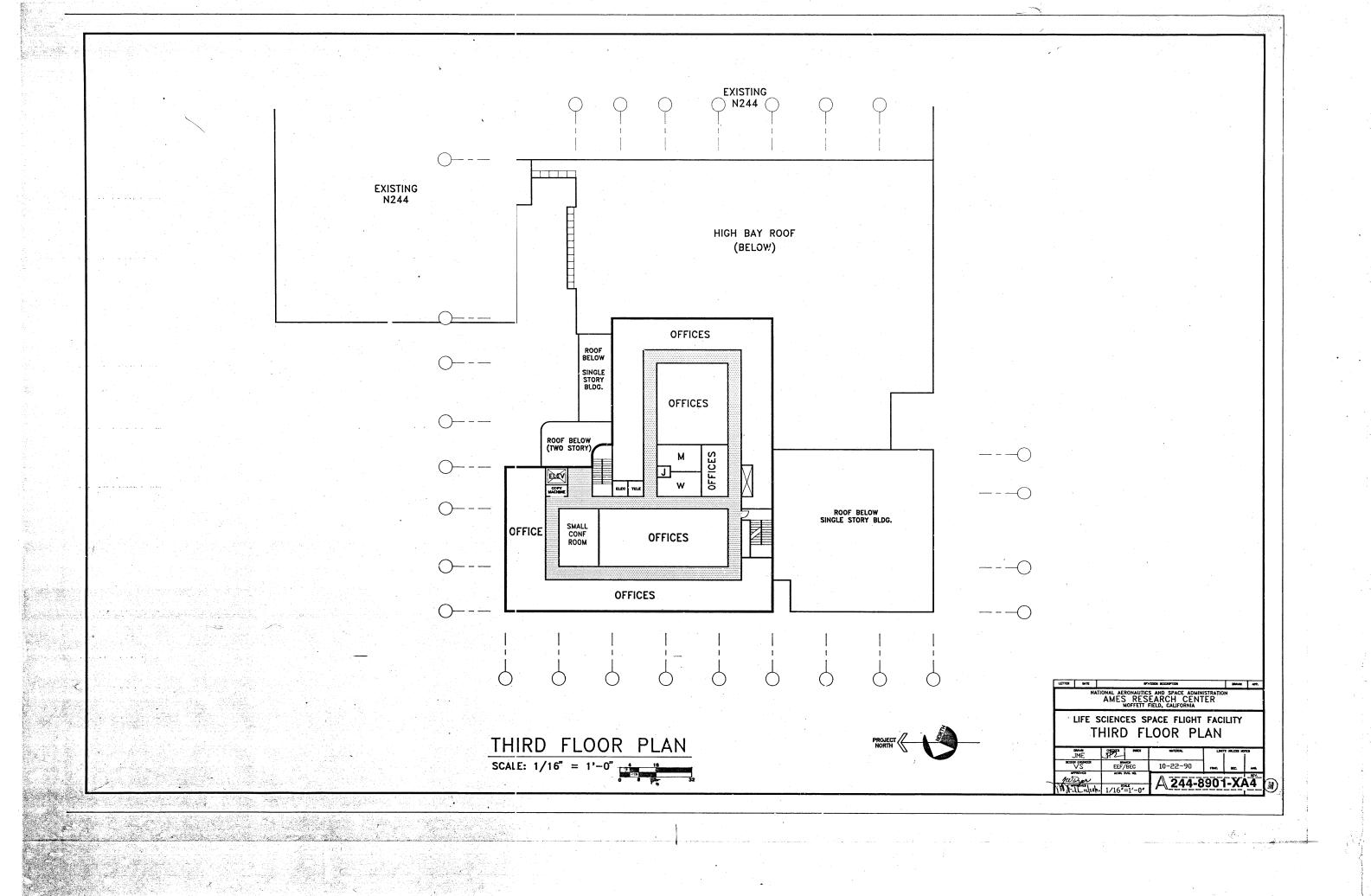
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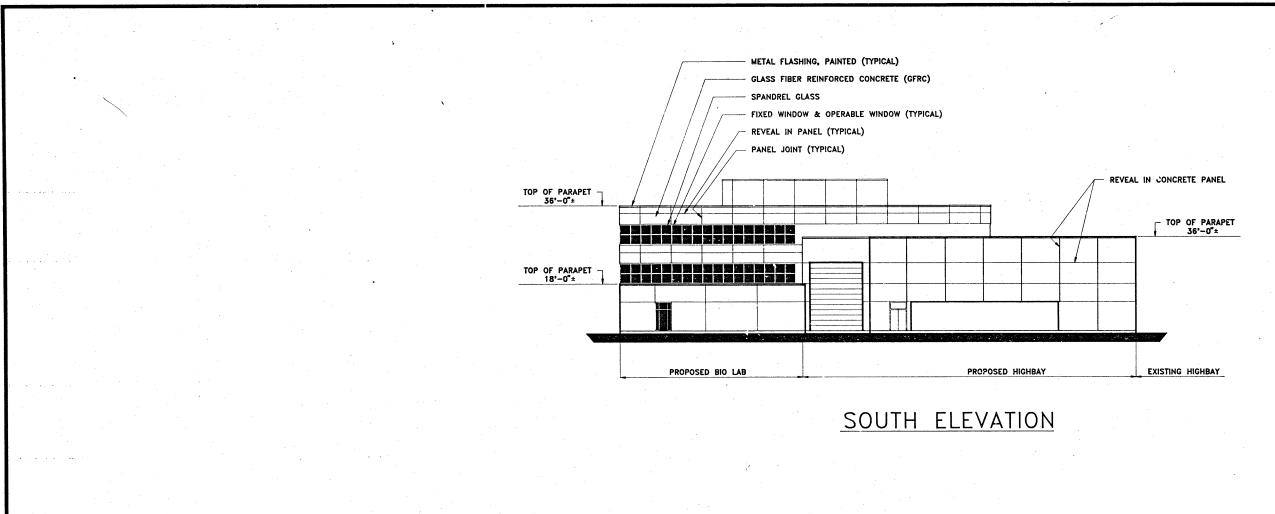
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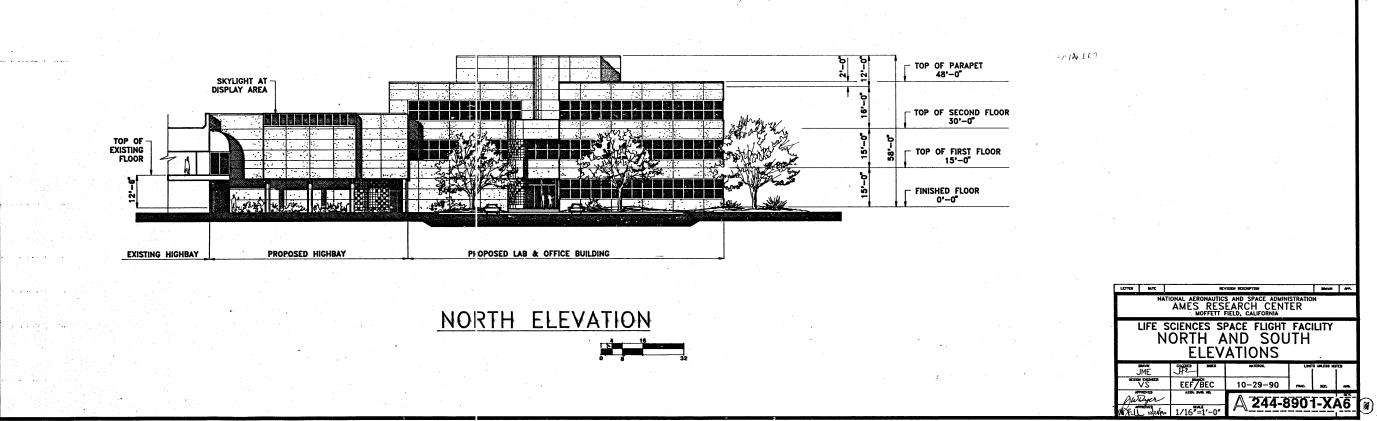


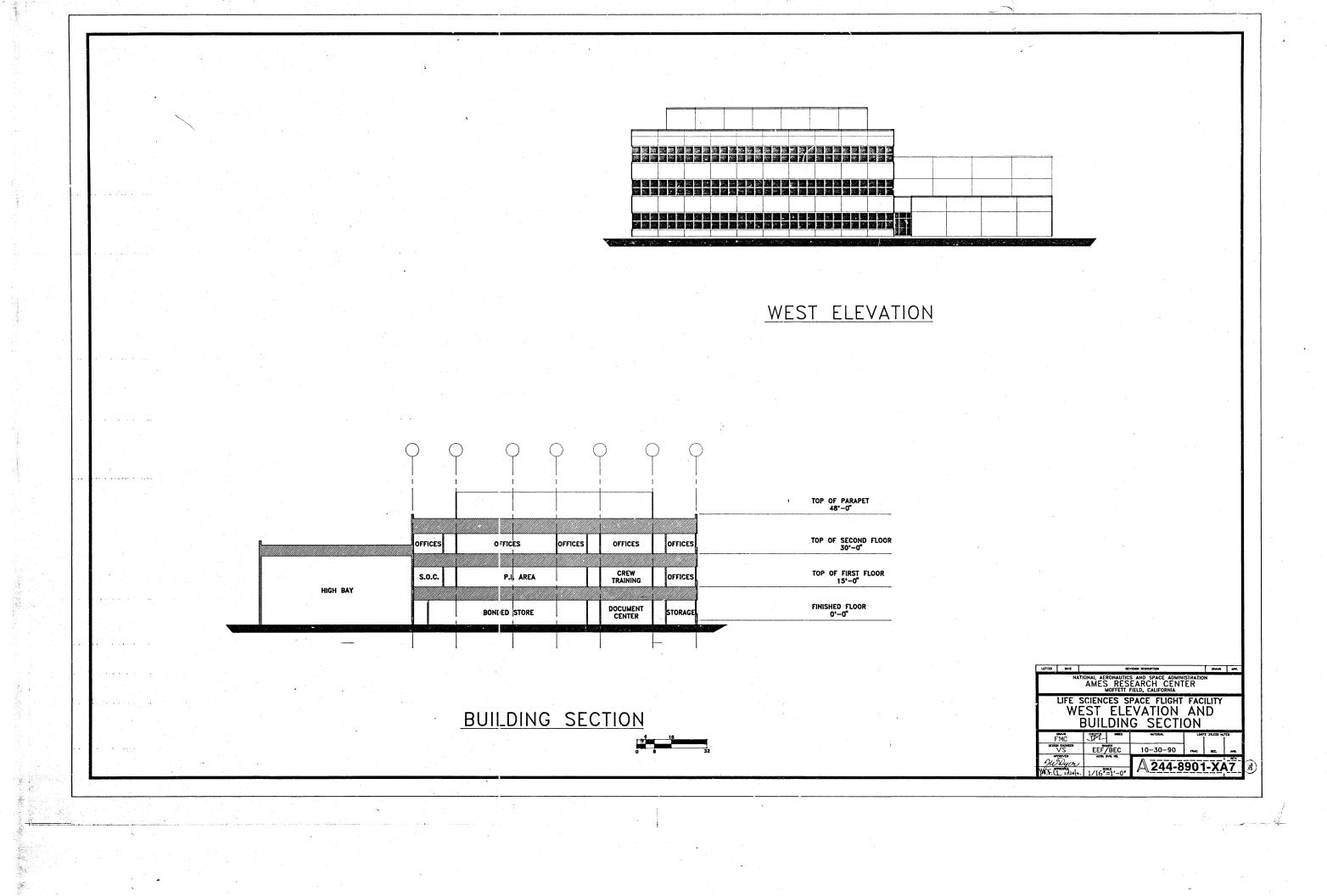












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#### N-258: NASA Advanced Supercomputing Facility



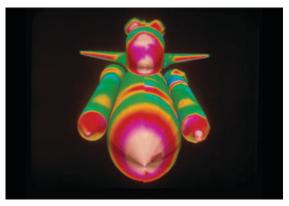
N-258 under construction, 9 August 1985 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, A85-5016-1)



N-258, Aerial photograph, 12 June 1986 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC86-5018-19)



N-258, NAS Origin 2000 Computer System -512 Processor ("LOMAX") station, 30 September 1999 (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC99-0195-2)



N-258, NAS CGI Space Shuttle Launch configuration showing surface pressure comparison (Source: NASA Ames Research Center, AC88-0149-2.1)

#### Architectural Drawings for N-258

Numerical Aerodynamic Simulation Facility, Site Plan

Architect: Hunt & Company, Architects

Date: 24 April 1985 Sheet: A258-8401-A1

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Numerical Aerodynamic Simulation Facility, Plan, Level 1

Architect: Hunt & Company, Architects

Date: 24 April 1985 Sheet: A258-8401-A6

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Numerical Aerodynamic Simulation Facility, Plan, Level 2

Architect: Hunt & Company, Architects

Date: 24 April 1985 Sheet: A258-8401-A7

NASA EDC # 258-8401-A7

Numerical Aerodynamic Simulation Facility, Exterior Elevations

Architect: Hunt & Company, Architects

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Numerical Aerodynamic Simulation Facility, Building Sections

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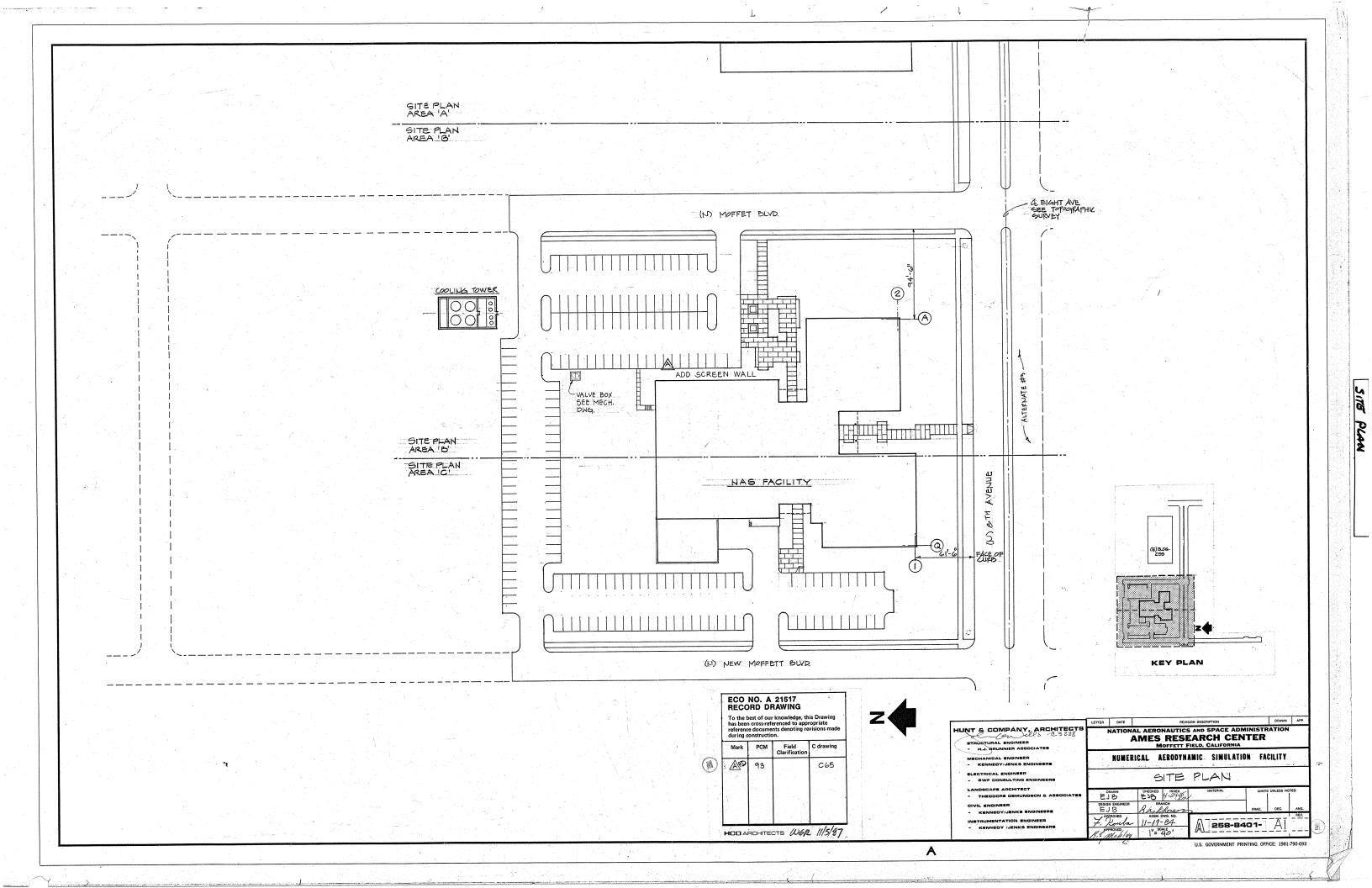
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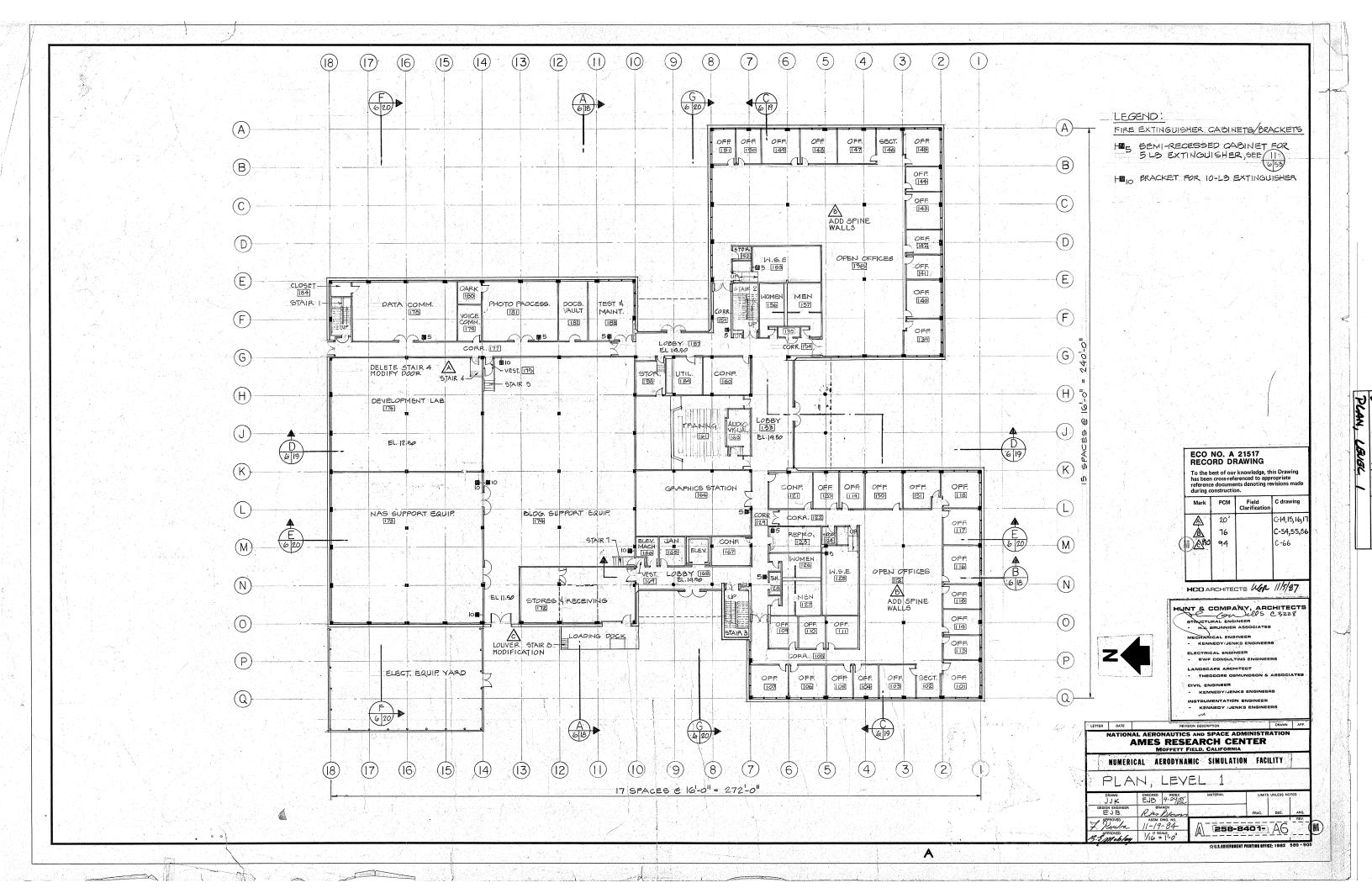
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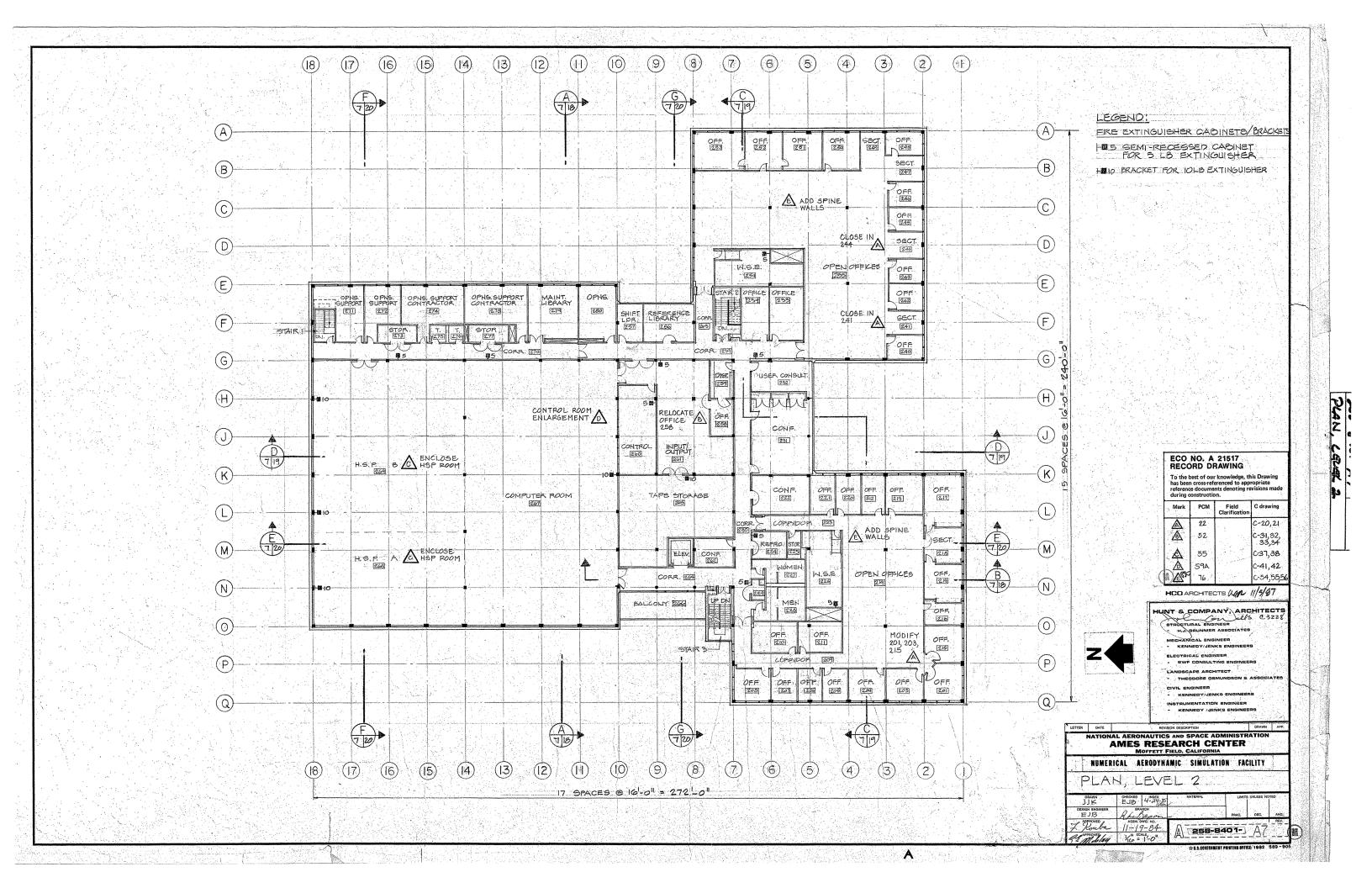
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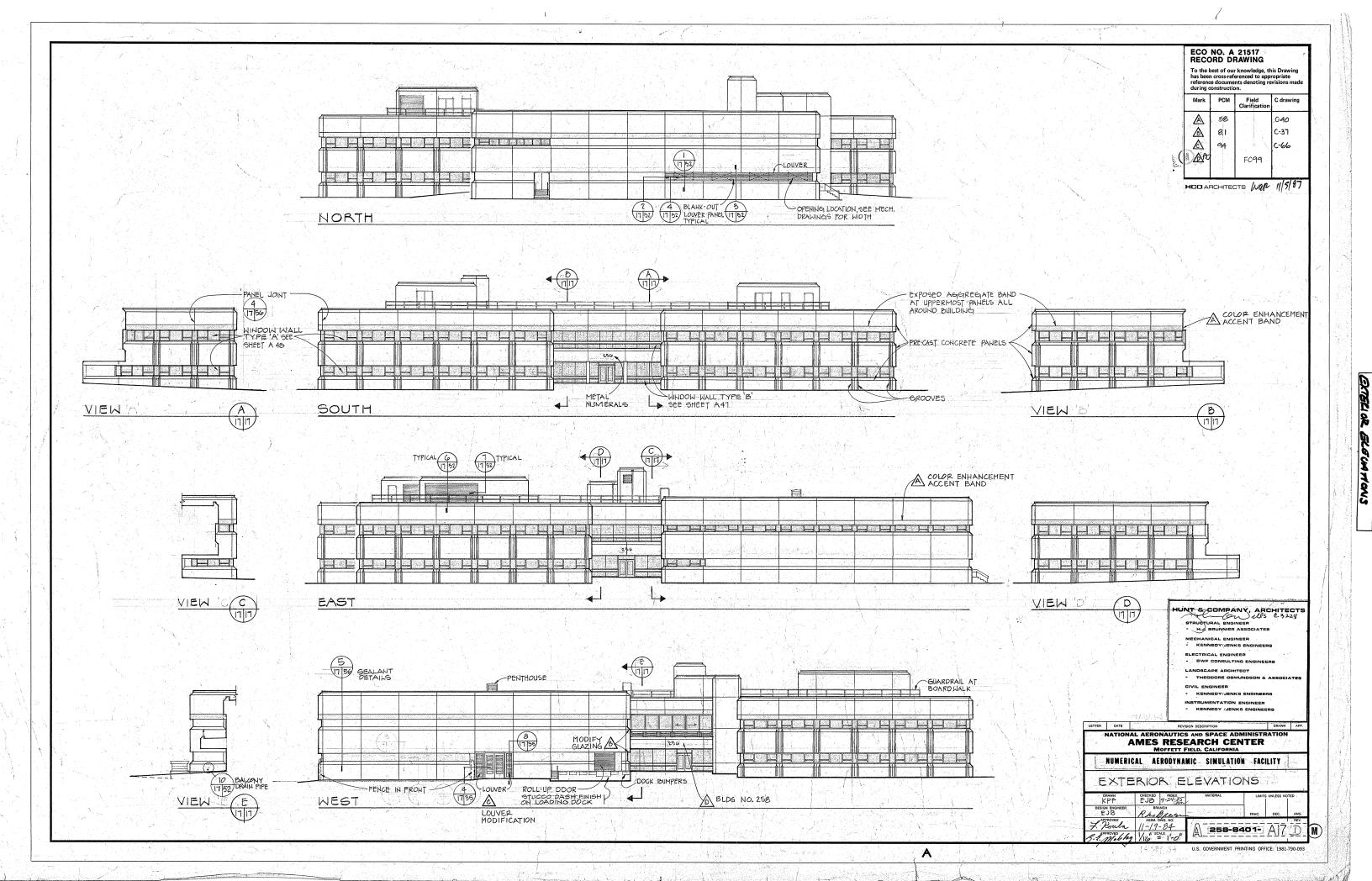
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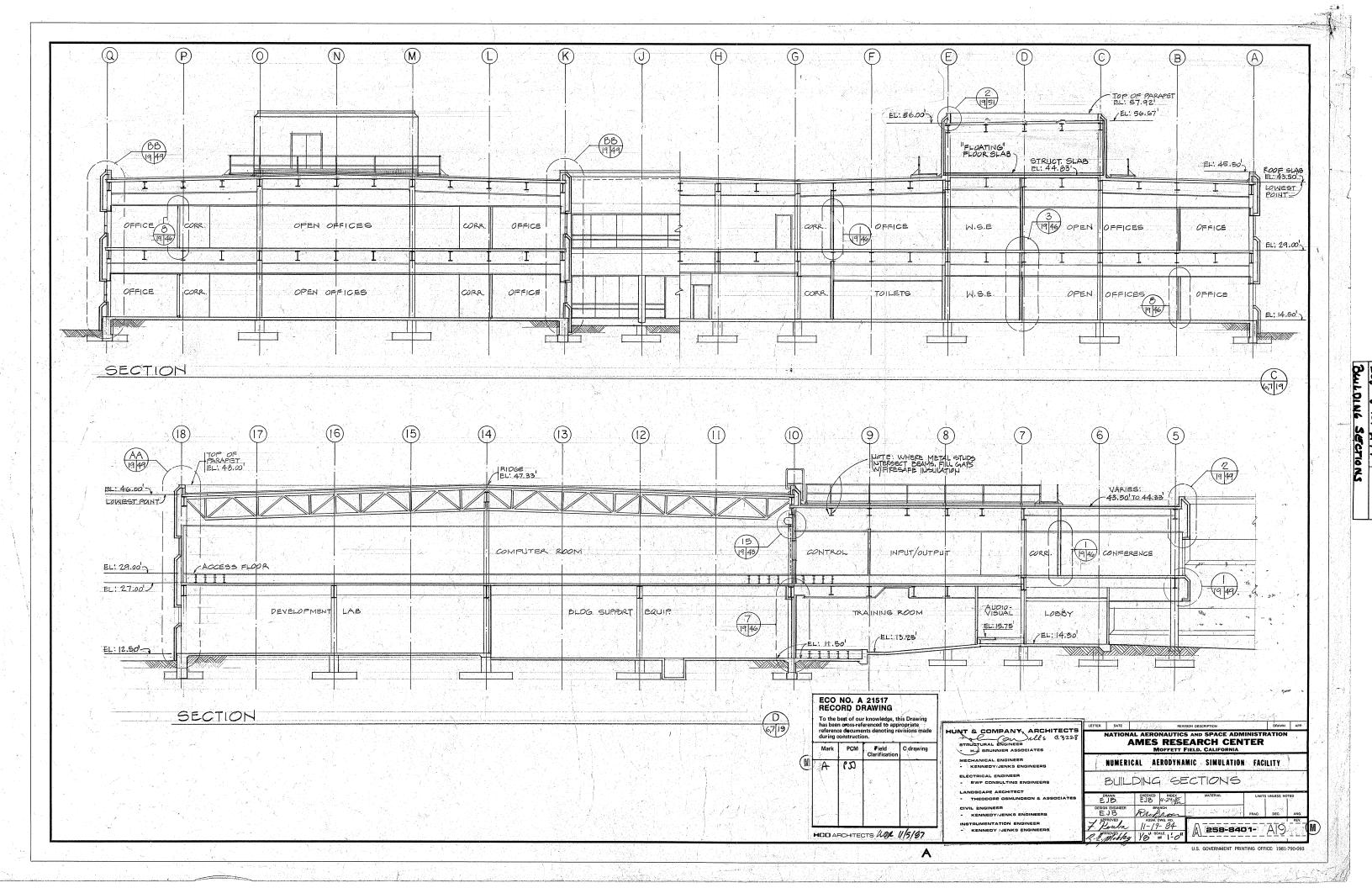




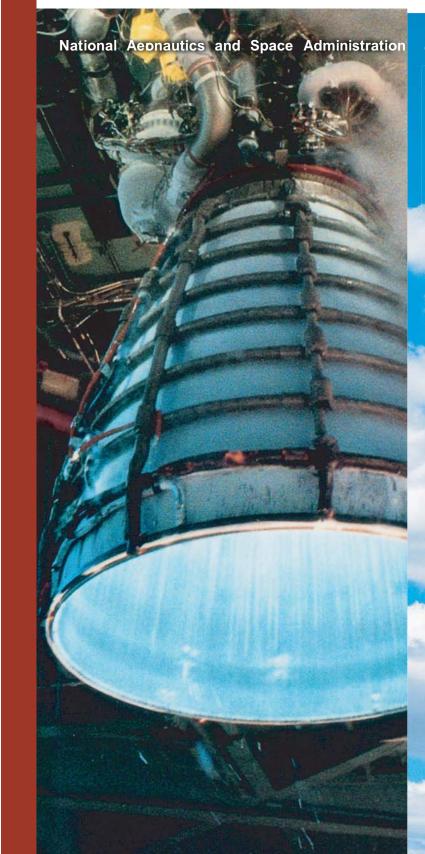




Building Sections



NASA, 25th Shuttle Anniversary, The Impact of High-End Computing on the Space Shuttle Program



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# The Impact of High-End Computing on the Space Shuttle Prog n

High-end computing and computational fluid dynamics (CFD) have played a key r ole in improving and enhancing Shuttle performance, reliability, and safety for more than two decades. The NASA Advanced Super computing (NAS) Division has been developing CFD-based high-fidelity desi gn and analysis tools, which are being employed to help analyze today's problems, as well as guiding design decisions for future vehicles. The following captures some of the high-level, Shuttle-related events supported by the NAS Division and its super computing resources.

#### Hot Gas Manifold Redesign

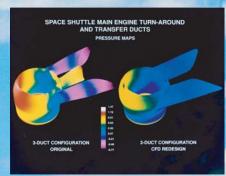
The Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME), designed in the 1970s, is still the most sophisticated reusable rocket engine in the world today. Since its initial design, NASA has continued to increase reliability and safety of Shuttle flight through a series of enhancements, including major design changes to the hot gas manifold and turbopump.

The original thr ee-duct hot gas manifold in the powerhead, consider ed the backbone of the SSME, was replaced by two enlar ged ducts. The new two-duct design, facilitated with the use of Cray XMP and Cray 1 super computers, and CFD techniques developed by NAS r esear chers, enhanced overall engine performance and r eliability. CFD analyses showed that the two-duct design r educed pr essur e gradients within the system, and lower ed temperatur es in the engine during operation, which r educes str ess on the turbopump and main injector .

After under going extensive testing, the newly designed powerhead made its first flight on Discovery's 20th mission (STS-70) in July 1995, and has been used in all subsequent Shuttle missions.



Pictured here is the re-designed two-duct hot gas manifold hardware (new powerhead design), which is consider ed the backbone of the Shuttle engine, and consists of the main inject and two pre-burners, or small combustion chambers, in addition to various propellant and oxidizer pumps, ducts, and lines. (Photo courtess of Rocketdyne)



Shown her e is a side-by-side comparison of the CFD analyses of the two- and thr ee-duct hot gas manifold designs. White/r ed represents high pr essur e, while the blue coloring r epresents lower pressur es. This r edesign was the first instance of CFD having an impact in the ar ea of r ocket pr opulsion, and because high-end computing and CFD wer e so new at the time, code development and analysis wer e being conducted simultaneously.

(Image generated by NASA Ames and Rocketdyne engineers)

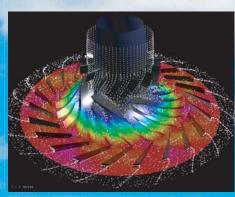
# Advanced Turbopumps and Flowliners

Since 1985, NASA r esear chers have been working to provide and enhance a computational framework for design and analysis of the entir e fuel supply system of a liquid r ocket engine (the Space Shuttle Main Engine's liquid oxygen and liquid hydr ogen turbopumps, for example), including high-fidelity unsteady flow analysis.

This ef fort decr eases design costs, improves performance and reliability, and provides developers with information such as transient flow phenomena at startup, impact of non-uniform flows, and impact on the structure. Beginning in 2002, the computational framework was used to investigate the root cause of cracks in the Shuttle engine's fuel-line. In 2004, following the Columbia Shuttle accident, NASA CFD resear chers participated in a NASA Engineering and Safety Center-sponsor ed independent technical assessment investigation of the Shuttle's fuel-line cracks. These results were combined with other analyses and then presented to the Shuttle Program as part of the agency's Return to Flight ef forts.

Various computational models have also been developed, and time-accurate computations carried out using this framework to characterize various aspects of the flow field surr ounding the flowliner.





A snapshot of particle traces and pressure contours resulting from the flow through the Space Shuttle Main Engine's impeller and diffuser. (Image generated by Tim Sandstrom/David Ellsworth, NASA Ames Research Center)

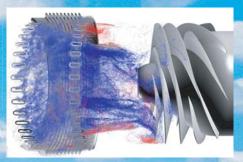


Illustration of unsteady interaction between the backflow and the flow in the bellows cavity—consider ed one of the major contributors to high-fr equency cyclic loading. (Image generated by Tim Sandstr om/David Ellsworth, NASA Ames Resear ch Center)



### The Impact of High-End Computing on the Space Shuttle Program>

#### Shuttle Ascent Analysis

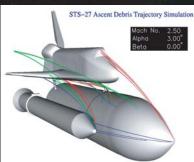
OVERFLOW, a computational fluid dynamics program developed in the early 1990s for solving complex flow problems such as designing launch and reentry vehicles, has been applied to a number of Space Shuttle Launch V ehicle and Space Shuttle Orbiter issues over the past two decades. This CFD application has led to an overall better understanding of the aerodynamic loads on the Space Shuttle, and has served as the primary tool for verifying wind tunnelderived aer odynamic loads during ascent including Orbiter wing, payload bay door , and vertical tail loads.

Following the Shuttle flight STS-27R during which damage was incurred (launched and landed in December 1988), OVERFLOW was used to perform debris analysis. CFD r esults, which showed that only isolated potential debris sour ces existed on the vehicle, led to the determination that insulation and ice wer e the cause of the damage. This analysis has had a huge positive impact on the Space Shuttle Program, leading to incr eases in safety of flight by minimizing hazar dous debris sour ces; r educing inspection time; minimizing damage on the next flight; and reducing changes to thermal pr otection system application pr ocedures.

Throughout the 1990s, OVERFLOW was used to support the Shuttle Aer odynamic Loads V erification Program through CFD analysis of the Shuttle Launch Vehicle ascent aer odynamic loads envir onment. OVERFLOW solutions wer e used in conjunction with the flight data system, and provided data in are as not covered by flight instruments, yielding a cost savings of appr oximately \$10M.



huttle Launch V ehicle flowfield at a Mach number of 1.25. The



done during flight STS-27R. Her e, the flight conditions are at Mach 2.5 and three degrees angle of attack. (Image generated by Reynaldo Gomez, NASA Johnson Space Center)

#### Shuttle Reentry Analysis

In 1984, NASA Ames CFD r esear chers obtained the first ever Navier -Stokes solution on an entir e reentry vehicle using a Cray XMP super computer. Numerical results for turbulent flow ar ound the complete configuration of the Shuttle Orbiter (including canopy wing, orbital maneuvering system pods, and vertical tail) at a low supersonic fr ee-str eam Mach number of 1.4 and a zer o degree angle of attack was obtained by segmenting the flow field into four regions. Segmentation was advantageous in that it maximized the number of gridpoints, thus incr easing r esolution or detail of the numerical model. These numerical results, which showed good agr eement with experimental data, payed the way for the mor e elaborate CFD analyses conducted following the Shuttle Challenger



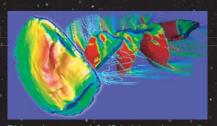
First ever Navier -Stokes solution of the complete configuration of the Shuttle Orbiter . Calculated at Mach 1.4 and zer o degrees angle of attack. (Image generated by G. Bancr oft and F. Merritt, Applied Computational Fluids Branch, NASA Ames Resear ch

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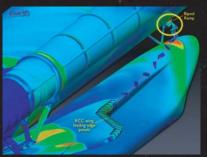
10.240-processor SGI Altix system

#### Columbia (STS-107) **Accident Investigation**

In response to the Columbia tragedy of February 1, 2003, the NAS Division employed state-of-the-art CFD codes to simulate steady and unsteady flow fields ar ound Columbia during ascent. Simulation results pr ompted the use of a higher velocity and kinetic ener gy in foam impact testing done under the Columbia Accident Investigation Boar d, which showed massive damage to the Orbiter wing reinforced carbon-carbon panels and damaged T-seals due to foam impact. Simulations also pr ovided insight into the mechanism of debris shedding fr om the bipod-ramp r egion. Each moving-body simulation required 1,000-5,000 pr ocessor hours running on a 1,024-pr ocessor SGI Origin super computer. Over a very short time period, mor e than 450 full simulations were run using about 600.000 pr ocessor hours.



the trajectory of a piece of tumbling foam debris released during ascent. The colors represent surface pressure. (Image generated by Scott Murman, NASA Ames Research Center)



#### Discovery (STS-114) Mission Support

During the Discovery mission (summer 2005), NAS Division r esear chers wer e on stand-by to pr ovide debris transport analysis support using the NASA Ames-developed debris-transport softwar e running on the 10,240-pr ocessor SGI Altix super computer, Columbia. Several incidences thr oughout the mission

• Evaluation of the potential thr eat from ice forming on one of the solid r ocket boosters/exter nal tank (SRB/ET) aft attach struts on launch day esultant of liquid nitr ogen leaking fr om the was a r gr ound umbilical connector plate on the ET . Debris simulations wer e run on Columbia and reported to NASA Johnson within 90 minutes. The thr materialized, as the final ice inspection fr Kennedy reported that no ice was present on this sti

• Analyses of ice/fr ost ramp foam debris that wer e

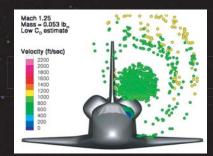
shed 155 seconds into the mission. Within several hours from being tasked by NASA Johnson to analyze the threat of a potential hit on the starboar d wing of the Orbiter , NAS r esear chers deliver ed an

analysis of a complete set of debris simulations indicating that this debris would not cause damage. This conclusion was reinforced by a detailed examination of the on-orbit inspection r esults, which showed that this debris did not cause any damage einforced carbon-carbon panels.

ullet Analyses of a tor  $\quad$  n 20 x 3 inch panel of the Advanced

Flexible Reusable Surface Insulation blanket located under the commander' S window on the Discovery

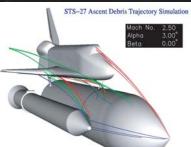
Orbiter using both the debris-transport analysis softwar e and wind tunnel tests. Results indicated that fraying and incr emental er osion was the primary failur mode, and lar ge debris fragments wer e unlikely (whic would have r esulted in another extravehicular activity).



Insulation blanket, showing pr obable impact locations for debri of a certain size at a certain flight condition (velocity). Re sults



Post-flight photo of the tor n 20 x 3 inch panel of the Advanced commander's window on the Discovery Shuttle. (Image of NASA Orbiter Ops and Pr oject Mgmt Of fice)



NASA Advanced Supercomputing Facility, Network Roadmap



First major supercomputer center to adopt TCP/IP across all systems. 1984 1985 1986 - 1988 - 1989

Long Haul Communications Prototype (LHCP) connects Ames to Langley, Lewis via satellite (224 Kb/s). Participated in development of BARRnet.

NAS proves IP routing technology through Research Internet Gateway (RIG) project.

Installed high speed Ultranet LAN

AEROnet 1 becomes operational, providing direct access for NAS remote users, using largest OPSF network. Completed first Switched Multimegabit Data Service (SMDS) test demonstrating variable bandwidth

from NAS staff and users. (LAN) HIPPI deployed on LAN. Frame Relay deployed into AEROnet. SMDS employed into AEROnet.

Distributed computing team established

Upgraded AEROnet backbone to T3. First cross country ATM trial conducted over DS-3 circuits.

Deployed first federal native ATM network cross-country over DS-3 (NREN), Phase 1. Deployed NREN Phase II Native ATM over OC-3.

WAN consolidation within NASA began and AERONet transitioned to NISN.

Connected to Ames network via Ethernet, 10 Mb/s. (LAN) Created NASA's first TCP/IP WAN

(NASnet). HyperChannel link installed between workstation and Cray 2. (LAN)

NASnet circuits transitioned from switched to dedicated 56 Kb/s.

T1 link (1.544 Mb/s) installed to Langley.

NASnet increased to 30 sites with

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and FDDI ring. Transition from NASnet (bridged) to AEROnet (routed network).

Implementation of the router discovery (RFC1256), a software program that allows a host to dynamically choose its next-hop router for default routing, independently of the actual routing protocol used among the routers.

I of NEWT demonstrates remote access windtunnel concept

Supercomputing Conference demonstrated new technologies with the world's highest performance supercomputing network.

Patent on HNMS - hierarchical network management system, a distributed, scaleable IP network monitor and manager. Used an x-window interface to graphically display and control medium to large-sized IP networks. Based on SNMP.

Multiple File Transfer Protocol (MFTP) enhanced FTP that opens multiple streams for transferring data, to overcome the bandwidth delay product (1994).

Demonstrated satellite-based megabit applications using the ACTS satellite and associated ground terminals

Asynchronous Remote Copy Program (ARCP). A reliable, restartable file transfer mechanism. ARCP guarantees the successful completion of a file transfer

by multiple vendors. Demonstrated 155 Mbps ATM interconnects across NRFN

Demonstrated the interoperability between independently managed NREN networks that are based on ATM technology supplied

NREN joins the federal Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative.



# NETWORK ROADMAP TIMELINE

Collaborated with Paramount studios to demonstrated the first uncompressed D1 video streaming over WAN (OC12) at Supercomputing Conference.

Deployed OC-3 155 Mbps network across NREN WAN.

Established NREN peering at the NGIX-Chicago Exchange point.

Demonstrated real-time, echocardiography Over a Wide Area Network (WAN)

Deployed ATM OC-12 (155Mb/s) backbone to

Demonstrated real-time high-definition video over an ATM WAN, with remote access to windtunnels

Participated in series of aviation safety projects, RTSS, SMA, AEN, PDARS

Established the NGIX-West Exchange Point at

Transferred ATM-based WAN architecture to NISN ▼ Transferred NGIX peering technology to NISN.

Supported the remote operation of the Nomad Rover between the US and Chile.

at SC98.

Deployed native multicast across NREN. Deployed OC-12 622 Mbps network across NRFN WAN.

Utilized Uni-Directional Link Routing (UDLR), across satellite links, to support the virtual reality based distributed Virtual Collaborative Clinic application.

Set up high-speed interconnect (622 Mbps) for DAO between Ames and Goddard, utilizing ATM links and the NREN backbone.

Began collaboration in the Secure Advanced Federated Environment (SAFE) project.

Developed PCMon, a passive network

monitoring tool. Demonstrated High Definition TV streams across NREN and Internet2.

At the NREN Gigabit Networking workshop, demonstrated the Digital Sky Virtual Observatory.

Expanded NAS LAN beyond Ames boundaries to Research Park

Deployed high-speed Gigabit Ethernet with Jumbo-frames.

Provided multicast functionality into the NAS LAN. Provided dynamic IP address allocation (DHCP)

into NAS LAN for visiting scientists.

The first Multicast Peering point, Multicast was established at Ames

Prototype Quality of Service (QoS) mechanisms in a WAN environment between two NRFN sites. Deployed 802.11b wireless technology into the NAS LAN.

Co-developed with NAS security a Wireless Firewall Gateway, featured on the cover article of Government Computer News (GCN).

Completed HiPPI transistion to GigE, except CRAY Sv1 (no capability).

2003 📭

Demonstrated MPEG2 video conferencing between Ames and NASA Headquarters across the NRFN WAN

Utilized Multi-Path Label Switching (MPLS) to partition NREN WAN in conjunction with the NASA Prototyping Network (NPN).

Supported remote collaboration among aerospace design teams, utilizing the Virtual Flight Rapid Integrated Test Environment via WAN-based Multicast technologies.

Established 1 Gbps link between Ames and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).

Established 1 & 10 Gbps networks between the nodes of the Columbia supercomputer.

-2004 🌢

QoS enables High Definition Television (HDTV) meetings between Ames and JPL.

NREN partners with Ear for Aura Spacecraft Che

Networking and grid tec ) enable Earth Science ground-truthing experiment









# NASA ADVANCED SUPERCOMPUTING (NAS) FACILITY TIMELINE



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Letter from Keith Venter, Facility Historic Preservation Officer, NASA Ames, to Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, State Historic Preservation Officer, 12 July 2006

Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, State Historic Preservation Officer Office of Historic Preservation
Department of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Re: Historic Resources Associated with the Space Shuttle Program

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

NASA Headquarters, in conjunction with the National Parks service, has begun a review of historic resources that have been associated with the Space Shuttle Program. The objective of this process is to identify resources that may qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as the Space Shuttle program approaches the end of its era. The Space Shuttle program was initiated on January 1972 by President Richard Nixon and ushered in the era of reusable space flight vehicles that were designed to assist in the building of the Space Station. The historic values of this program, like the Apollo-era program, which preceded it, are embodied in the buildings, structures and objects within the NASA centers that contributed to the Space Shuttle program.

Attached you will find a document called Evaluating Historic Resources Associated with the Space Shuttle Program: Criteria of Eligibility for Listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Ames Research Center, as well as other NASA installations, plans on using the criteria contained in this document to screen Space Shuttle era buildings and objects at the Center that may have potential for eligibility to the NRHP.

Ames Research Center plans to have a draft report by early October 2006 for SHPO review. We would greatly appreciate an expedited review of the draft report.

Sincerely,

Keith Venter Facility Historic Preservation Officer Ames Research Center

Attachment: Evaluating Historic Resources Associated with the Space Shuttle Program: Criteria of Eligibility for Listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

CoF Project Initiation Form – N234A Steam Vacuum System (SVS) Vacuum Ejector and Boiler Control System

Proposed Project Title: N234A Steam Vacuum Sv	ystem (SVS) Vacuum I	Ejector and Boiler Co	ntrol System
Date: 04/19/05	Proposed FY: 2007	Bldg. No. N234A	Prelim. Cost Estimate: \$1.587M
Category: (Choose PD or MS, then indicate Discrete or Minor)	Program Direct:	Discrete:	Minor:
	Mission Support: X	Discrete:	Minor:
Org. Code: TSF	Advocate: Joseph Hartman	User: (If not Advocate)	Cost Estimator:
M/S: 229-4	Ext: 4-5269		

#### **Project Identification**

#### **Summary Project Description:**

Explain what facility or environmental related work needs to be done at an overview level.

The Steam Vacuum System (SVS) is comprised of a vacuum ejector system and steam-generating boiler. The vacuum ejector system is a large-capacity pumping system driven by five stages of series-connected steam ejectors and is used to create the vacuum conditions required by Arc Jet Complex operations. As the mass flow requirement of the test facility's arc jet increases, the vacuum pressure the SVS maintains must also increase and the stages are ramped back, accordingly, in series. Higher vacuum conditions, at lower flow rates, require more stages to be activated.

The steam flow required for ejector operation is provided by a Babcock and Wilcox M-type express boiler that has been modified to burn natural gas. The boiler is capable of producing 210,000 pounds of saturated steam per hour at a pressure of 425 psig. After leaving the boiler, the steam is passed through a pressure-reducing valve. The output at the downstream side of the valve is superheated steam at 265 psig. The system's pumping capability is obtained by injecting this superheated steam flow through the ejector nozzles into the converging-diverging diffuser of the ejector. The high velocity jets of steam issuing from the nozzles entrain the arc jet gas, and the velocity of the mixture is then converted into pressure in the diffusers.

The current PLC, flowrate/level controllers, and ejector pressure controllers are working on borrowed time. The PLC in use that starts, stops, and controls all active safety mechanisms is nearly 23 years old. The hardware to maintain the system is no longer produced and must be acquired through third party module refurbishers. The laptop interface providing program

editing and diagnostics is 15 years old and unreliable. Unfortunately a laptop of this vintage is the only type capable of running the PLC's software, and few reliable laptops of its age exist which can replace it. The flowrate/level controllers maintain fuel, air, and water flowrates to the boiler's burners and steam drum. The current controllers are nearly 10 years old and are no longer supported by the manufacturer. They also require a vintage computer for graphing and reprogramming the control curves. Communications with two of the controllers has become intermittent and it is expected that the remaining controllers will exhibit similar problems. The controllers at the vacuum ejector panel allow operators to modulate the steam pressures to the ejectors for optimum performance. At 26 years of age the controllers cannot be reliably tuned, which leads to wide swings past their set points. Pump down times are increased when these swings cause the uncontrolled dumping of non-motive steam by the ejectors. It takes additional time for the ejector system to pump out and condense this extra steam. This, in turn, delays testing

#### Justification:

Should include justification for urgency and impact to Center Mission. Give specific reference to enterprises or programs/projects where possible.

The SVS is an integral part of the Arc Jet Complex, which simulates the reentry conditions for thermal protective materials. It provides the necessary vacuum condition to ignite the arc jet and pumping action to maintain test chamber vacuum during arc jet operation. Without its continued operation, the Arc Jet Complex would not be able to operate.

Current mission testing for the Arc Jet Complex includes:

- In-Space Propulsion Program (ISP)
- X-37 prototype reusable launch vehicle program
- Space Shuttle Return to Flight (RTF) Testing
- Space Shuttle External Tank (ET) Program
- Mars Scientific Laboratory (MSL) Program

Without the continued operation of the SVS these programs could not be performed at the Arc Jet Complex.

#### **Project Scope, Elements:**

This project will consist of the following elements:

- 1) Replacement and reprogramming of the PLC rack and modules
- 2) Replacement and reprogramming of the flowrate/level controllers
- 3) Replacement of the steam ejector controllers
- 4) Replacement of the West side blower valve actuator
- 5) Replacement of boiler and blower indicators
- 6) Replacement and relocation of current to pressure transducers
- 7) Shakedown and validation testing of the boiler and ejector control systems.

#### **Cost Estimate Information, Miscellaneous Supporting Materials:**

Breakdown should match scope, and elements from above and include an estimate for design.

The cost estimate below is preliminary. An engineering study has yet to be conducted to refine the projected cost and scope details.

PLC Hardware Flowrate/Level Controllers Steam Ejector Controllers Blower Shutter Valve Actuator Current to Pressure Transducers Boiler and Blower Indicators Labor: Design Installation IST Documentation Construction Management Contingency	\$0.098M \$0.042M \$0.046M \$0.017M \$0.028M \$0.042M \$0.156M \$0.460M \$0.387M \$0.039M \$0.012M \$0.259M
Construction Total	\$1.587M

N234A Steam Vacuum System (SVS) Vacuum Ejector and Boiler Control System

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

#### Part A:

- 1. Will this activity result in changes of potable water use greater that 851,000 gallons/year
- 2. Will this activity result in a change in employment levels greater than 620 people?
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#### Part B:

- 1) Discharge of any substances into the air, surface or ground water, sanitary sewer, or soils.
- 2) Removal of vegetation or destruction of wildlife habitat or grading activities.
- 3) Acquisition, use, generation, storage, or disposal of any toxic or hazardous substances.
- 4) Generation of hazardous, toxic, or radiological wastes.
- 5) Generation of ionizing or non-ionizing radiation.
- 6) Generation of high noise levels (above 80 dBa).
- 7) Activities resulting in changes of greater than 2,200,000 KWH of electricity, or 3,130,000 CF of natural gas per year for Ames' energy consumption.
- 8) Use of pesticides, including insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and rodenticides.
- 9) Construction or modification of a sewage collection or transmission system.

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CoF Project Initiation Form -Arc Jet Complex Data Acquisition Systems Upgrade

Proposed Project Title: Arc Jet Complex Data Acc	quisition Systems Upgra	de	
Date: 04/20/05	Proposed FY: 09	Bldg. No. N234 & N238	Prelim. Cost Estimate \$1.25M
Category: (Choose PD or MS, then indicate Discrete or Minor)	Program Direct:	Discrete:	Minor:
	Mission Support: X	Discrete:	Minor:
Org. Code: TSF	Advocate: Joseph Hartman	User: (If not Advocate)	Cost Estimator:
M/S: 229-4	Ext: 4-5269		

#### **Project Identification**

#### **Summary Project Description:**

Explain what facility or environmental related work needs to be done at an overview level.

An upgrade to the Data Acquisition Systems of the Ames Arc Jet Complex is desired to better protect the data systems from the harsh arc jet test environment, improve data quality and measurement accuracy, and increase the efficiency of the technician staff that supports arc jet testing. The data systems need improved protection from the high levels of electromagnetic interference and potential arc strikes onto models and instrumentation, which is created by the partially ionized flow and arc heater power supplies. The upgrade would procure high-precision isolation amplifiers, which can make accurate measurements in such adverse conditions, and integrate them into the data system front-end. The project would also include automated calibration hardware and programming, such that the amplifiers could be maintained at a high accuracy with minimal technician effort.

#### **Justification:**

Should include justification for urgency and impact to Center Mission. Give specific reference to enterprises or programs/projects where possible.

During the recent review of NASA's core competencies, Ames Research Center was sited as a key center for Entry, Descent, and Landing Systems, specifically for its expertise in Thermal Protection Systems (TPS) and Technologies. One critical element of this expertise is the Arc Jet Complex whose facilities have provided

materials and systems testing for nearly every NASA spacecraft that has entered an atmosphere, be it that of Earth, Mars, Jupiter, or even Saturn's moon, Titan.

In order to perform hypersonic and TPS testing in the Arc Jet Complex, an arc jet facility uses a stable, high-power, electric arc to heat the gas stream to such extreme temperatures (more than 10,000 °F) that it is partially converted into ionized plasma. Both the electrically conductive plasma and the electromagnetic interference, introduced by the power supplies, one of which is designed to exceed 75 Megawatts of continuous, direct current power, present a significant hazard to the sensitive electronic instruments that are used to make measurements of the materials and models. In the most powerful facility in the complex, the Interaction Heating Facility (IHF), electromagnetic fields on the order of hundreds of volts can be detected when the arc initially strikes. These pulses can be picked up on thermocouples, which provide signals that are only millivolts in strength. Because the arc jet stream has been partially ionized, it is significantly more electrically conductive and can charge a test model to high electric potentials. Component failures were common and could result in repair costs exceeding \$10,000 per month before industrial-quality signal isolators were implemented at the IHF to protect the data system from these high voltages. While it is rare, arc jet facilities can experience an arc strike outside of the heater and even onto the test model. With a power supply operating at several thousand volts, such a strike could result in the destruction of hundreds of thousands of dollars of test equipment and significant delays to TPS testing on the critical-path to a spacecraft launch.

The industrial-quality isolators currently in use in the Arc Jet Complex facilities are merely adequate to provide immediate protection of the data acquisition system, but they limit the ultimate accuracy of the data system and require continual evaluation and adjustment to keep the system sufficiently accurate (0.1% or better). With precision isolation amplifiers, this concern is eliminated with components that typically perform to 0.02% accuracy, far closer to that of the analog-to-digital converters in use. In addition, modern, computer-controlled components allow automated calibration to quickly and easily confirm or improve accuracy. This improved accuracy is required to improve the fidelity of the arc jet simulation and provide increased data quality to critical reentry systems development projects.

Current mission testing that would benefit from the proposed upgrade include:

- In-Space Propulsion (ISP) Program Aerocapture TPS design and sensors
- X-37 prototype reusable entry vehicle program
- Space Shuttle Return to Flight (RTF) Repair materials and methods
- Space Shuttle External Tank (ET) Program Improved insulation foam
- Mars Scientific Laboratory (MSL) Program Probe entry shell TPS

The proposed facility enhancement will allow the facility to meet the stringent requirements imposed by these and future programs, ensuring continued, high-quality materials testing capability.

#### **Project Scope, Elements:**

This project will consist of the following elements:

- 1) Specify and procure precision isolation amplifiers and the auxiliary components (chassis, data acquisition boards, etc.) required to support them.
- 2) Develop software to implement automated calibration of the amplifiers.
- 3) Re-program the data acquisition system software to integrate amplifier calibration, configuration, and use.

The following items will have to be conducted around scheduled arc jet testing and planned to result in the minimal practical downtime:

- 4) Install or modify data acquisition system enclosures to house the new amplifier components.
- 5) Incorporate amplifiers into the data system infrastructure of the Arc Jet Data Acquisition Systems.
- 6) Install components to provide automated calibration of the amplifier units.

#### **Cost Estimate Information, Miscellaneous Supporting Materials:**

Breakdown should match scope, and elements from above and include an estimate for design.

The cost estimate below is preliminary. An engineering study has yet to be conducted to refine the projected cost and scope details.

Isolation Amplifiers for IHF, a (approx. 50 channels per face		\$750k
Enclosure Components		\$30k
Equipment Installation (Labo	or)	\$240k
Programming Support (Labo	or)	\$70k
Management, Overhead, ar	d Contingency	\$160k
	Construction Total	\$1,250k

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

#### Part A:

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CoF Project Initiation Form -Steam Vacuum System NOx Emission Reduction System [N238A]

Proposed Project Title: Steam Vacuum System NO <sub>x</sub> Emission Reduction System			
Date: 20 Apr 2005	Proposed FY: 09	Bldg. No. N238A	Prelim. Cost Estimate \$2.40M
Category: (Choose PD or MS, then indicate Discrete or Minor)	Program Direct:	Discrete:	Minor:
	Mission Support: X	Discrete:	Minor:
Org. Code: TSF	Advocate: Joseph Hartman	User: (If not Advocate)	Cost Estimator:
M/S: 229-4	Ext: 4-5269		

#### **Project Identification**

#### **Summary Project Description:**

Explain what facility or environmental related work needs to be done at an overview level.

The Ames Arc Jet Complex is the largest arc jet facility of its type in the United States. The complex is composed of a number of individual test legs including the Interaction Heating Facility (IHF), the Aerodynamic Heating Facility (AHF), and the Panel Test Facility (PTF). The Ames arc jets provide super-heated air at hypersonic speeds to simulate the high-temperature flows experienced by spacecraft reentering planetary atmospheres. As consequence of heating air at temperatures up to 10,000 K, a significant amount of pollutants in the form of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) are also produced. Left untreated, these NO<sub>x</sub> emissions would need to be vented directly to the atmosphere in direct conflict with local. state, and federal air emission regulations. The arc jet facility currently provides a NO<sub>x</sub> scrubber system designed to remove these pollutants to levels that meet all required air emission regulations. However, the current system is over 30 years old and nearing the end of its useful life. To ensure interrupted facility operation, a replacement of this system is required within the next few years to ensure that emissions from the facility continue to meet air regulations. This project will design, fabricate, and install a new NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction system to replace the existing aging and deteriorating scrubber system with newer and more maintainable system.

#### Justification:

Should include justification for urgency and impact to Center Mission. Give specific reference to enterprises or programs/projects where possible.

The Ames Arc Jet Complex was designed and constructed in the late 1960's and early 1970's to validate the thermal performance of reentry thermal protection systems (TPS). It has been used to test the design of virtually every TPS employed on NASA missions for the last thirty years. The Arc Jet Complex continues to be a key facility for the development of current and future spacecraft and supports NASA's key mission goals of planetary and near earth orbit exploration for both manned and unmanned vehicles. Since its initial construction, NASA missions have continued use of the arc jets, which, with the use of the air emission reduction system, allow the facility to meet all required air emission standards. It is anticipated that within the next several years the facility may no longer be able to meet key current and future air emission requirements with the current infrastructure. To ensure continued compliance with local, state, and federal laws, a replacement air emission reduction system described here will be needed.

Current mission testing requirements that require the proposed upgrade include:

- In-Space Propulsion Program (ISP)
- X-37 prototype reusable launch vehicle program
- Space Shuttle Return to Flight (RTF) Testing
- Space Shuttle External Tank (ET) Program
- Mars Scientific Laboratory (MSL) Program

The proposed facility enhancement will allow the facility to continue to meet the requirements imposed by these and future program ensuring NASA's continued materials testing capability.

#### **Project Scope, Elements:**

This project will consist of the following elements:

- Development of the necessary emission levels requirements to meet or exceed current and anticipated future legal requirements.
- 2) Identification and conceptual design of possible emission reduction system configuration meeting the requirements in item 1 above.
- 3) Detailed design of the specific emission reduction device including chemical, structural, and mechanical phases in sufficient detail to provide for fabrication of the device.
- Fabrication of the actual emission reduction device.
- 5) Identification and design development of facility modifications required to install, operate, and maintain the emission reduction device. This includes structural, cooling water, electrical, and control modifications.
- 6) Construction modifications of the existing facility in order to accept the new emission reduction device.
- Installation and integration of the emission reduction device into the IHF facility.

8) Facility shakedown and validation testing of the new emission reduction device.

#### <u>Cost Estimate Information, Miscellaneous Supporting Materials:</u>

Breakdown should match scope, and elements from above and include an estimate for design.

	Hours	Amount
Design		
Chemical Design	550	\$79,200
Structural Design	400	\$57,600
Mechanical Design	600	\$86,400
Management	155_	\$22,320
	Sub Total	\$245,520
Fabrication		\$1,350,000
Construction	al.	<b>\$</b> 95,000
Permitting, Environmenta Site Preparation	11	\$85,000 \$280,000
Installation		\$410,000
Management		\$69,000
3	Sub Total	\$759,000
Validation		
Engineering	200	\$28,800
Mechanical Modification	100	\$14,400
Management	30_	\$4,320
	Sub Total	\$47,520
	Total	\$2,402,040

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

#### Part A:

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Yes	No	Maybe
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#### Part B:

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CoF Project Initiation Form -Semi-Elliptical Nozzle for Interaction Heating Facility [N-238]

Proposed Project Title: Semi-Elliptical Nozzle for	Interaction Heating Faci	lity	
Date: 04/18/2005	Proposed FY: 09	Bldg. No. N238	Prelim. Cost Estimate \$3.64 M
Category: (Choose PD or MS, then indicate Discrete or Minor)	Program Direct:	Discrete:	Minor:
	Mission Support: X	Discrete:	Minor:
Org. Code: TSF	Advocate: Joseph Hartman	User: (If not Advocate)	Cost Estimator:
M/S: 229-4	Ext: 4-5269		

#### **Project Identification**

#### **Summary Project Description:**

Explain what facility or environmental related work needs to be done at an overview level.

The Interaction Heating Facility (IHF) is NASA's largest constricted arc jet facility. The IHF provides super-heated gas at hypersonic speeds to simulate the high-temperature flows experienced by spacecraft entering planetary atmospheres. Candidate thermal protection materials, TPS, in single sample or in assemblies, are tested under simulated heating conditions of hypersonic entry into Earth, Mars, or other planet's atmospheres. Experiments in IHF provide data that is critical to the design and success of human spaceflight programs and to scientific planetary spacecraft missions.

One of the critical elements of the IHF, the semi-elliptical nozzle, provides unique boundary-layer flows over large, 80cm x 80 cm test panels, simulating a portion of TPS acreage on a spacecraft. The nozzle is a highly water-cooled copper assembly that must absorb the high heat fluxes generated by the intensely hot internal gas flows. The thermal design requirements are similar to that of a rocket nozzle, though it is operated in a ground facility in the N238 laboratory. The present nozzle, after about 3 years of service, is showing severe degradation in its shape and strength of materials caused by lack of adequate water cooling. A previous nozzle of exactly similar design also degraded in the same fashion. Fabricating more nozzles using the same design would be futile in that there would be no improvement in safety, reliability, or performance. A new nozzle design is therefore required with an improved water-cooling scheme. The scope of this project is to complete the design

and fabrication of a new semi-elliptical nozzle that will safely operate over a period of 20 years without degrading or warping.

#### Justification:

Should include justification for urgency and impact to Center Mission. Give specific reference to enterprises or programs/projects where possible.

The IHF arc jet facility was designed and constructed in the early 1970's to validate the thermal performance of reentry thermal protection systems (TPS). It has been used to test and validate the design of virtually every TPS employed on NASA missions for the last thirty years. The IHF facility continues to be a critical facility for the development of current and future spacecraft and supports NASA's key mission goals of planetary and near-earth orbit exploration for both human and robotic space vehicles. Failure of the semi-elliptical nozzle, a key component of the facility, would result in significant down time and delay of acquiring critical test data. The time to build a replacement is approximately 8 to 12 months. A spare nozzle exists now and yet it has demonstrated the same operational problems. Fabricating more spares is not cost efficient and therefore not recommended as a solution.

Since the initial construction of the IHF, NASA mission requirements have expanded to include longer duration tests and higher power levels. Current semi-elliptical nozzle hardware has experienced significant degrading manifested as warping and materials overheating. These have lead to altering the shape of the nozzle through which the test gas flows, and to leaks of high pressure cooling water. The warping is due to excess thermal stress because of inadequate water cooling. Warping degrades the flow quality and has lead to weeping water leaks. The quality and safety of operations are being compromised by these problems. The faulty design of the water cooling passages has been identified as the direct cause of these issues with existing hardware. Designing a new semi-elliptical nozzle using new, copper electroforming technology that will incorporate improved water cooling passages can avoid these This forming technology has already been demonstrated in other NASA ground test facility nozzles. It must be recognized that the design of this type of hardware borders on the limits of convection-cooling techniques close to material limits of temperature and pressure because of the severe high heating loads that the nozzle experiences in normal operation.

The goal is to successfully design and operate the nozzle which can absorb a heat flux of over 6000 W/sq.cm. continuously for hours, survive multiple exposures per day, and have a life expectancy of twenty years. The internal flow contours for the superheated test gas will not be significantly altered from the present design. The proposed new semi-elliptical nozzle will allow NASA to meet the more stringent testing requirements imposed by present and future programs and to ensure NASA's continued arc-jet testing capability. It will improve operations by eliminating the present high pressure leaks and nozzle warping which compromise the integrity and quality of arc jet testing.

Current mission testing requirements that require the proposed upgrade include:

- In-Space Propulsion Program (ISP)
- X-37 prototype reusable launch vehicle program
- Space Shuttle Return to Flight (RTF) Testing
- Space Shuttle External Tank (ET) Program
- Mars Scientific Laboratory (MSL) Program

#### **Project Scope, Elements:**

This project will consist of the following elements:

- Development of the maximum heat flux to be absorbed, and the distribution of heating. This will provide the requirements to adequately cool the nozzle using high pressure cooling water (flow and pressure requirements). Advanced computational tools and engineering correlations will be used to complete this task element.
- 2) Identify and produce conceptual design(s) of cooling passages that meet thermal and structural loads.
- 3) Detailed design of the semi-elliptical nozzle throat including thermal, structural, and mechanical phases in sufficient detail to provide for fabrication of the assembly. Detailed three-dimensional solid models will be generated and analyzed to complete this element.
- 4) Fabrication of the hardware.
- 5) Identification and design development of facility modifications (if any) that are required to install, operate, and maintain the new nozzle. This includes structural, cooling water, electrical, and control modifications.
- 6) Inspection, assembly, test, and final acceptance of the new semi-elliptical nozzle hardware.
- Installation and integration of the nozzle into the IHF arc jet.
- 8) Facility shakedown and validation testing of the new nozzle.

#### **Cost Estimate Information, Miscellaneous Supporting Materials:**

Breakdown should match scope, and elements from above and include an estimate for design.

The cost estimate below is a preliminary. An engineering study has yet to be conducted to refine the projected cost and scope details.

\$0.55 M
\$0.50 M
\$1.75 M
\$0.23 M
\$0.61 M
\$3.64 M

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

#### Part A:

- 1. Will this activity result in changes of potable water use greater that 851,000 gallons/year
- 2. Will this activity result in a change in employment levels greater than 620 people?
- 3. Will there be any construction or other activity north of Allen Road (flood plain and wetlands areas)?
- 4. Will there be any action which could or will affect any threatened or endangered species (north Allen Road)?
- 5) Will there be any action affecting areas of historical (Moffett Shenandoah Plaza area, Hanger One) or archaeological significance (directly west of the OARF)?

#### Part B:

- 1) Discharge of any substances into the air, surface or ground water, sanitary sewer, or soils.
- 2) Removal of vegetation or destruction of wildlife habitat or grading activities.
- 3) Acquisition, use, generation, storage, or disposal of any toxic or hazardous substances.
- 4) Generation of hazardous, toxic, or radiological wastes.
- 5) Generation of ionizing or non-ionizing radiation.
- 6) Generation of high noise levels (above 80 dBa).
- 7) Activities resulting in changes of greater than 2,200,000 KWH of electricity, or 3,130,000 CF of natural gas per year for Ames' energy consumption.
- 8) Use of pesticides, including insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and rodenticides.
- 9) Construction or modification of a sewage collection or transmission system.

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