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New Architectural Life to an ignored, deprived Urban Area

Master of Architecture-Professional Project

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This second of two books contains the design solution to the basic problem presented in the first book. Primarily do to the time factor involved the design was not worked out in the detail that it should have been. The design itself does, however work well as an overall solution to the problem. Following is a quick summary of the general project description given in the first book.

The project involves a block in the downtown area of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Two existing buildings on the south side of the block are the foundation of this project. The one on the east side is 140 feet long by 45 feet wide- basicly two stories above grade with a basement below. This building is referred to as the Muchmore Building throughout this project. The other building is a two story, narrow building (only 25 feet wide) with the same 140 foot length. Both buildings have brick exteriors and are basicly the same height. The last building mentioned is referred to as the Johnson Building throughout this project. Both buildings are in a state of mild deteriation. The Muchmore Building was the long-time home of the Ponca City News and is presently unoccupied for the most part. The upper level is partially rented for low rent appartments. The Johnson Building is basicly an eyesore, as is much of the surrounding area. One of the primary reasons for

choosing this project was to show the possibilities of improving the whole area primarily from renovating the MuchmoreBuilding and the Johnson Building.

From an overall design point of view, this project offered many good challenges. It was important from the start to try and do this project such that if it were to be done the solution would yield the most economical scheme possible. For example, the design eventually dictated that to make the program of the Muchmore Building be feasible a new office building should be located directly north of the Muchmore Building. This new building, referred to as the New Office Building in this prpgram, became the key to making the project work ina reasonable manner. First, to complement the office portion of the program for the Muchmore Building and the Johnson Building it was decided that the program for thid building should also be office oriented. Since no client would be involved for this space the office was planned for the open-office landscaped approach to allow for the most flexibility. The location and size of the New Office Building were determined from existing perameters over a program requirement. The south boundary of the building was established to create a plaza area between the Muchmore Building and The New Office Building. The width of this plaze coincides with the distance between the Johnson Building (with design modifications) and the DryNNULLOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOODDOOD

Cleaner's Building to the north. This creates a plaza the full length of the block that would become a secondary entrance to the Muchmore Building. The north boundary of the New Office Building was established to allow continued use of the existing parking lot (owned and represented through client. Allan Muchmore) north of the existing residence. Another row of parking was worked directly into the existing parking. The height of the New Office Building was determined from several reasons. First, it seemed desirable to make the building blend in with the existing building so the height and basic structure characteristics were reflected into the East Elevation, where the resembleance is the strongest. The Muchmore Building's upper level is approx. 17' 6" from grade. This creates a problem of not having enough space for two levels without being very 'cramped'. It becams apparent in the design that it would be advantageous for the New Office Building to have a floor at the same level as the Upper Level of the Muchmore Building. Therefore the floors in the New Office Building were set such that the upper level is at the same height. the grade level is actually up +6feet from grade with the basement level at -4 feet. This allows for the height problem of the Muchmore Building.

The reason requiring the upper levels to be at the same height is this allows for a common elevator to be used at this level by both buildings. Also, a common

fire stair is used on the east end. This is a very important element of the project. The Muchmore Building has a thick concrete floor at the grade level and the building would loose valuable lease space if the interior had to be used for a fire etair. The elevator becomes centrally located and off the main entrance from Cleveland Ave. This is the best location for the elevator because it is placed in a nine foot wide opening between a sheer wall and a concrete beam. This section of concrete (between the beam and sheer wall) would be removed across the entire width of the building. Not only does this give a place for the elevator, but it allows the central building entrance to be at grade level, instead of the 3'-6" rise it presently has. The overhead walkways provide the link between the two buildings. It is important to note that although the buildings are interconnected each individual floor for all buildings in this project are independent of all others. All fire doors can be set so that you can always go out, but there is an option on whether or not someone comes in them .

For the restaurant to work effectively the problem of servicing the restaurant in the basement was a major problem. A service tunnel connecting back into the New Office Building and allowing a direct entrance from the service alley was devised. Although this solution will work relatively well, the expense involved would

probably make the solution unfeasible. This is one part of the design that would need further development. The restaurant facilities were designed around the existing structures of the basement. For example, the existing central stair to the first level is no longer needed, but instead of the expense of removing a concrete stair, the stair became part of the design solution in a sculptural sense. Additional "stairs" would be built from the ceiling and floor to give a geometric effect to the back of the dining room.

One of the early requirements for the Johnson Building was to have parking for the law firm's staff and clients if possible. This created problems in allowing for any expansion and working with the narrow width of the building. The solution developed to have new fire stairs to the upper level placed just north of the existing building. This avoids loss of interior space, gives both levels maximum seperation, and still allows for the parking. A system of two sheer walls the full height of the building was devised to seperate the parking from the street, give the building a wider appearance from the street, and hold up the stair and elevator platforms. Although this building could function independently of the Muchmore Building another overhead connection was developed such that the new fire stair on the east end of the Johnson Building could be used by both buildings, saving at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the expense. If this entire project were to be built the elevator for the Johnson Building could

be eliminated, with the upper level using the central elevator in the Muchmore Building. Another feature that the wing walls create is they allow for a very efficient phase two development option for the second level of the Johnson Building. Fhase one has the upper level with office space on the south side of a singleloaded corridor. By introducing a truss of a full story depth at the north of the wing walls (the deeper a truss can be the more efficient itis) the span of 90 feet can easily be worked with. Then members would be hung from the truss back to the structure of the building. This basicly allows the rentable space to nearly double and the offices on the south would not be affected at all. Window openings existing on the north face could simply be expanded into door openings. The mechanical and electrical which would run down the corridor could then just branch off into the new space.

The Law Firm was designed to use the entire ground level. The existing location of restrooms in the bus station was used to set the new toilets. This allows a break in what would otherwase be a very long corridor. The offices have been designed to allow for the most efficient operation between the office staff and clients. The visitors are well controlled, whether both secretaries are present or not. The staff has a seperate entrance to come and go without someone in the waiting room having knowledge of there presence. To avoid problems of looking accross an alley

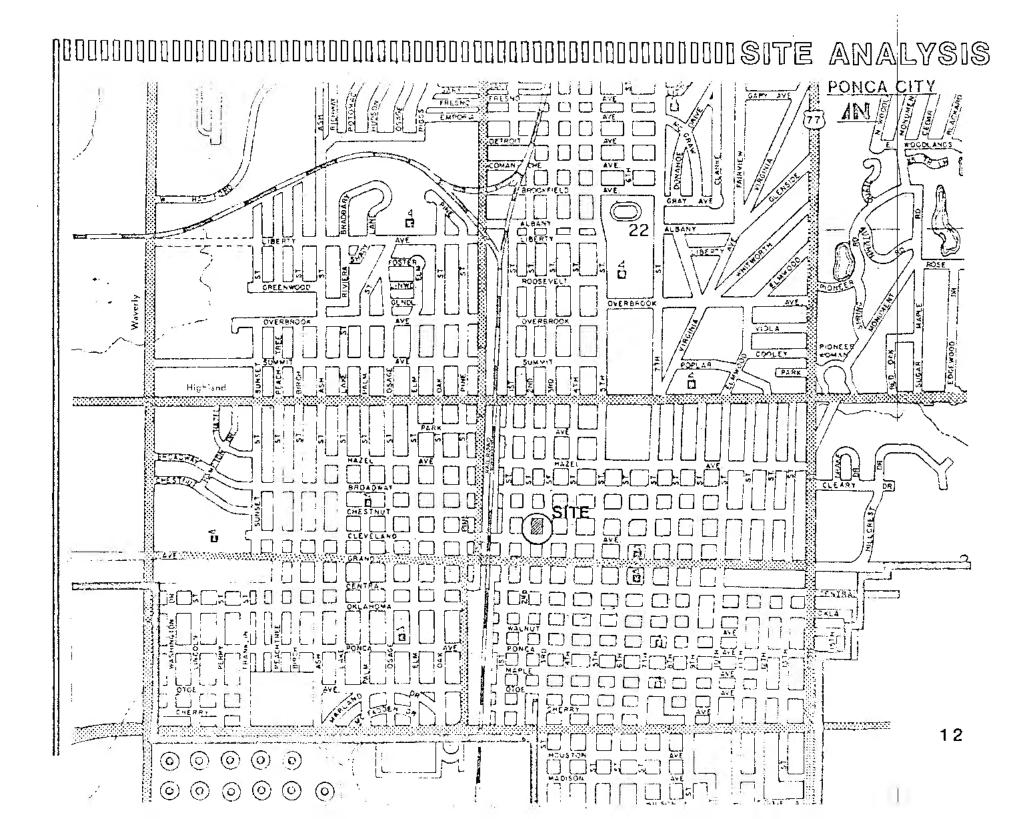
at another building 20 feet away, the interior garden was developed in the Senior Partner's office. This should be both an effective visual and acoustical break, not to mention taking away some of the problems of morning sun. The existing south elevation of the Johnson Building is a disaster from a view point of having any continuity. Presently the building's emphasis is on the east end. With the entrance on the south east corner the emphasis had to be changed. The metal canopy the full length of the south side of the building allowed changes to be made which gave the building continuity and power' which is needed in a professional type representation. A new layer of brick would be placed on the lower south face such that all windows could have the same basic shape. Only the heights of window and door openings have thus been changed, no new openings are made. Set backs have been placed at the south west corner to emphasize the entrance. Also, the west sall has been changed to have some depth at ground level, have some of the required 'power' and to better fit in with the upper half of the building. This allow at least half of the existing brick to remain 'natural'.

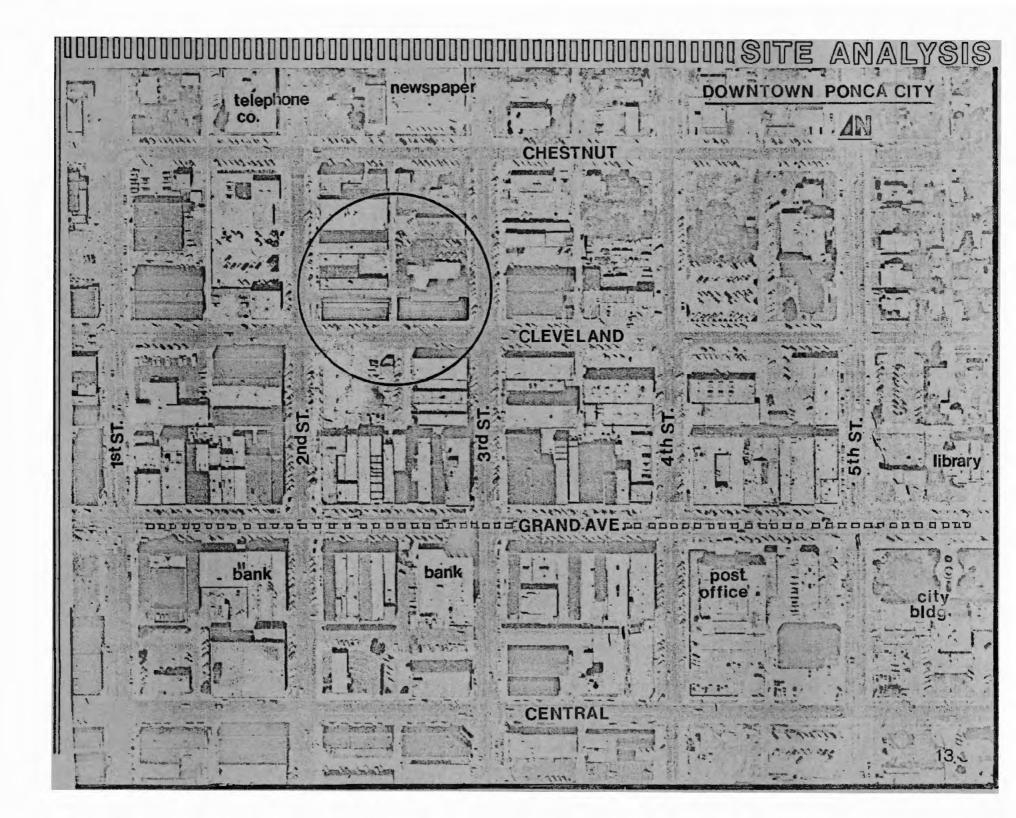
I feel a general conclusion is in order for the final design project to be done during my school association. First, this project has been very difficult at times, because there did not seem to be enough to work with at one time, or nothing would work together another. Part of the problem was in the fact that no existing plans or elevations could be found for either building, so that there was always some doubt as what was right to start with and what was wrong. The more involved I became, however, the more I enjoyed working with the problem. I feel that the overall design finally worked out very well, with a few bugs that could be worked out with more time. Time, as usual, becomes the dictating factor. This project is ending with a good start, but I would like to have been able to study the interiors more thouroughly through perppectives and sketches. More work should have been done on technical aspects, such as the privacy control in the law firm offices and the open-planned office areas needed much more study.

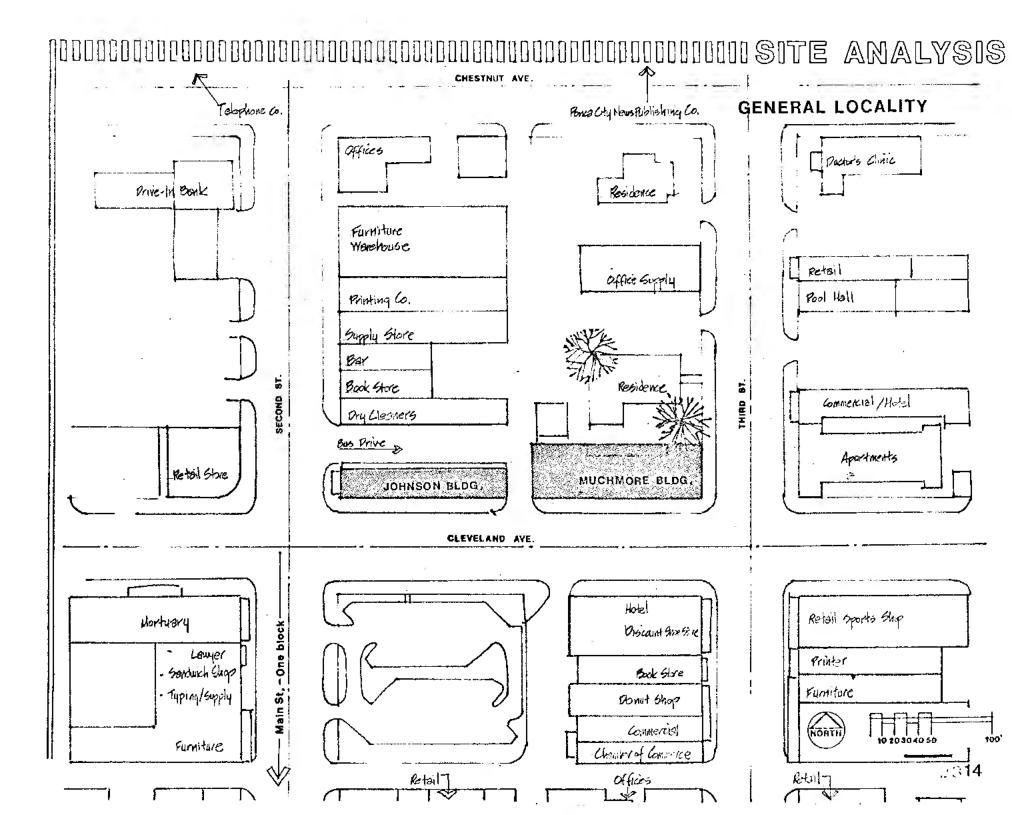
I also feel that it is important to do one's own work in school and I have done most of everything represented including all research (including measuring both buildings), photography, drawings, typing, and copying of these books. For this I feel I have done a good job. I would like to thank my advisor, Professor Salmon for his assistance on the project, but still letting me do my own design. Thanks also to Diane

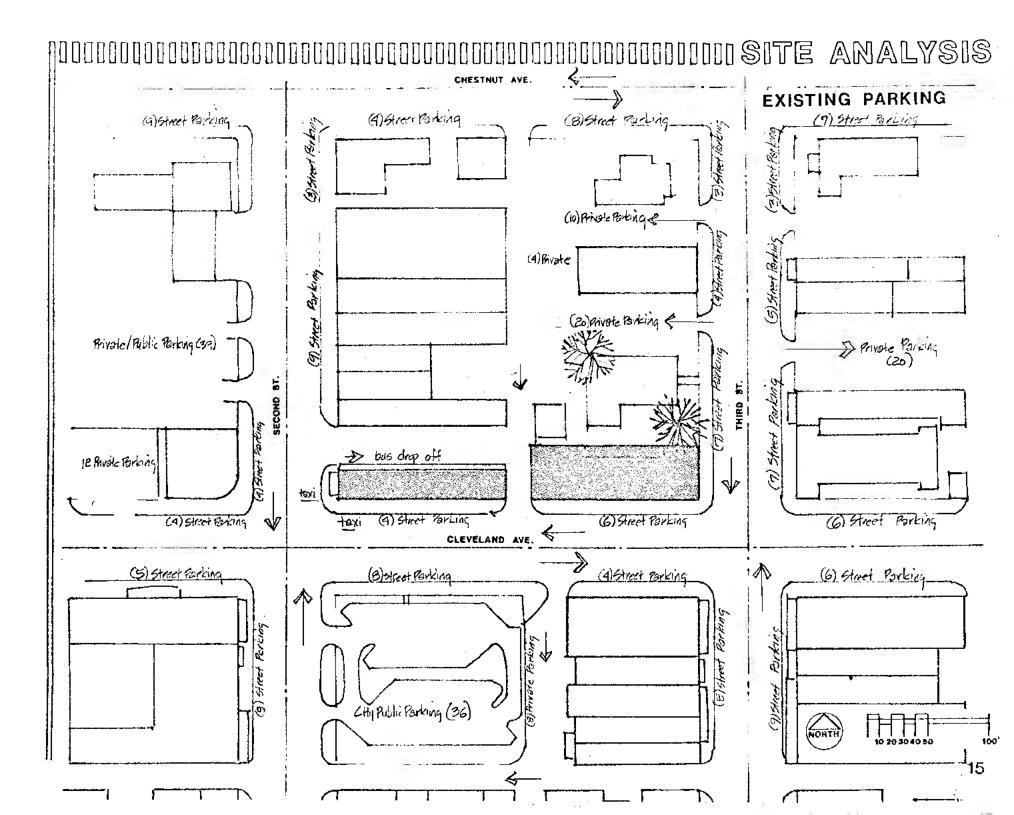
Nicks, Dennis Hairston, and Neil Casad for helping me finish things up before jury time. Thanks should also go to my clients, Allan Muchmore and J. Paul Johnson for allowing me to be involved with the project and to G. Harold Kanady, A.I.A./P.E. for use of his Xerox machine which saved me considerable money on the project.



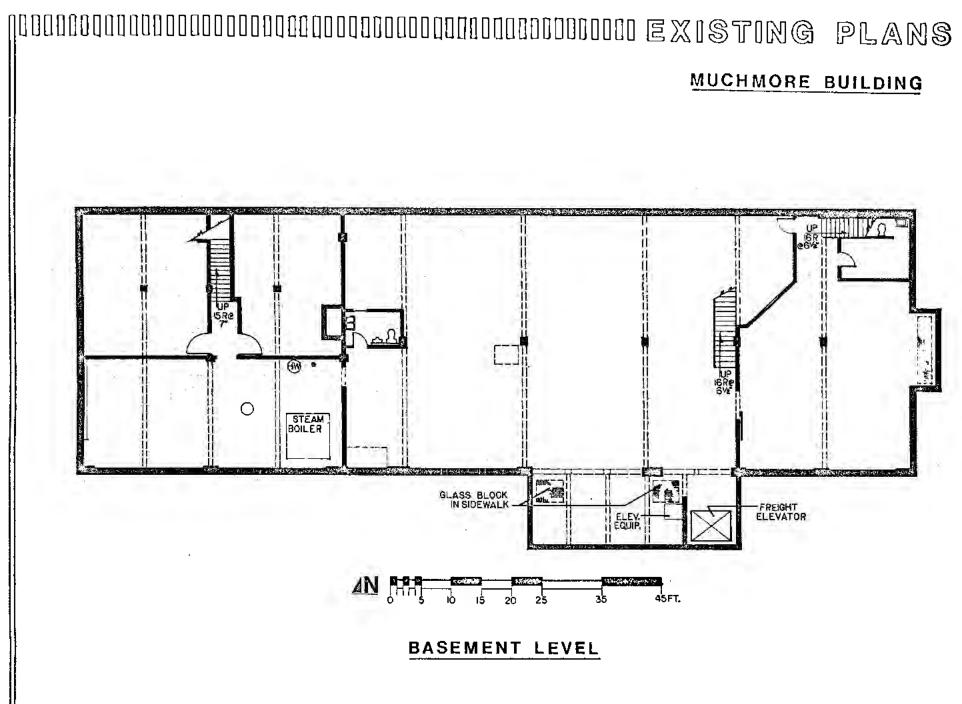






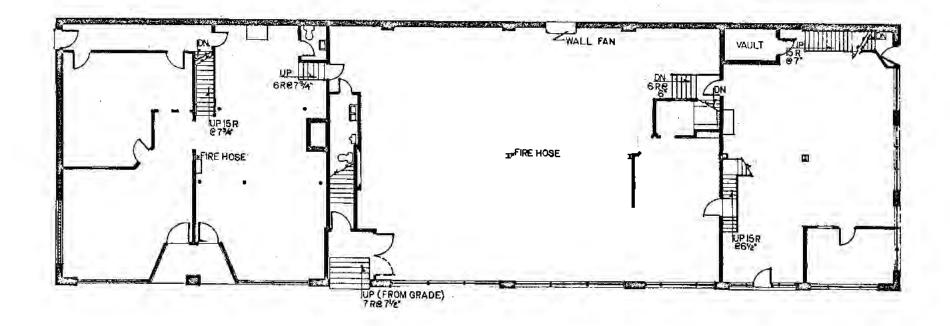


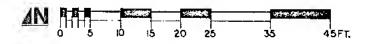
LEASED BY-	EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE-
Unused (some owner storage)	6264 sq. ft.
Existing shop and mechanical, and	stairs1049 sq. ft.
BASEMENT TOTAL	<u>5215</u> sq. ft.
(Square footage total is net appro	ximate rentable)



LEASED BY-	EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE-
East and West ends of this floor	
are rented to various organizations	
on a short term basis. Total Net t	hese areas2720 sq. ft.
Remainder unleased-approx. Net rent	able2550 sq. ft.
GROUND LEVEL TOTAL	<u>5270</u> sq. ft.
(Square footage total is net exclud	ing exterior walls, stairs, etc.)

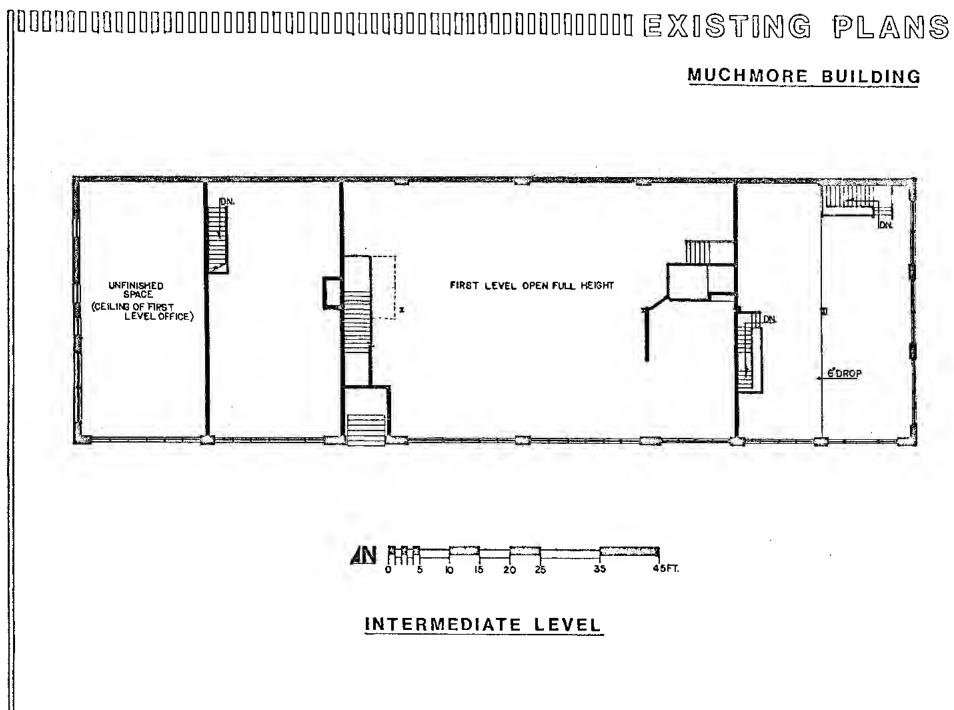
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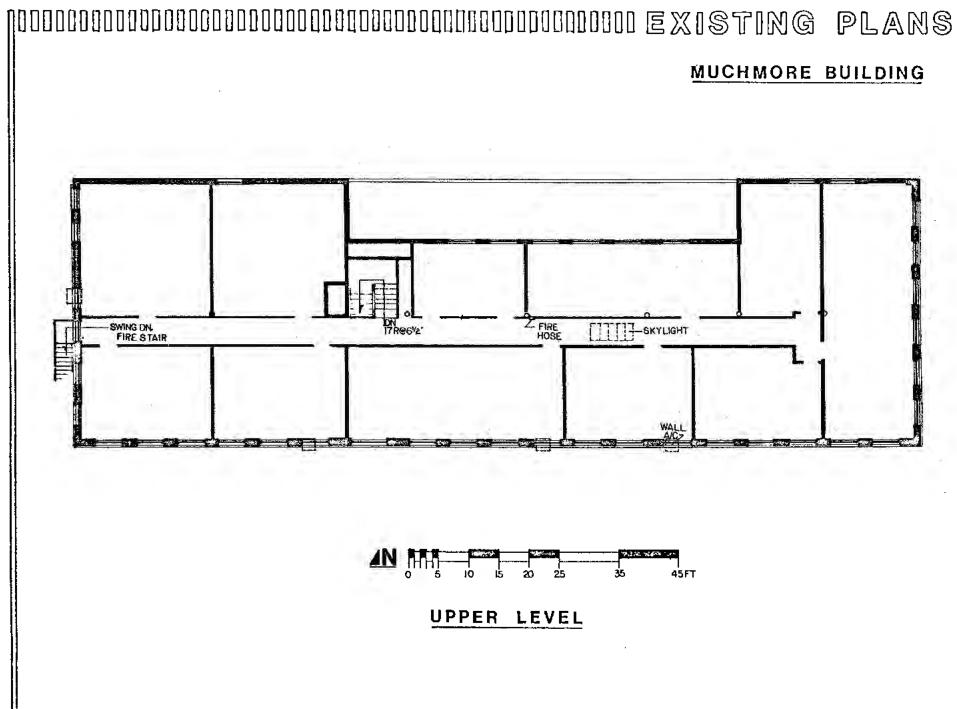


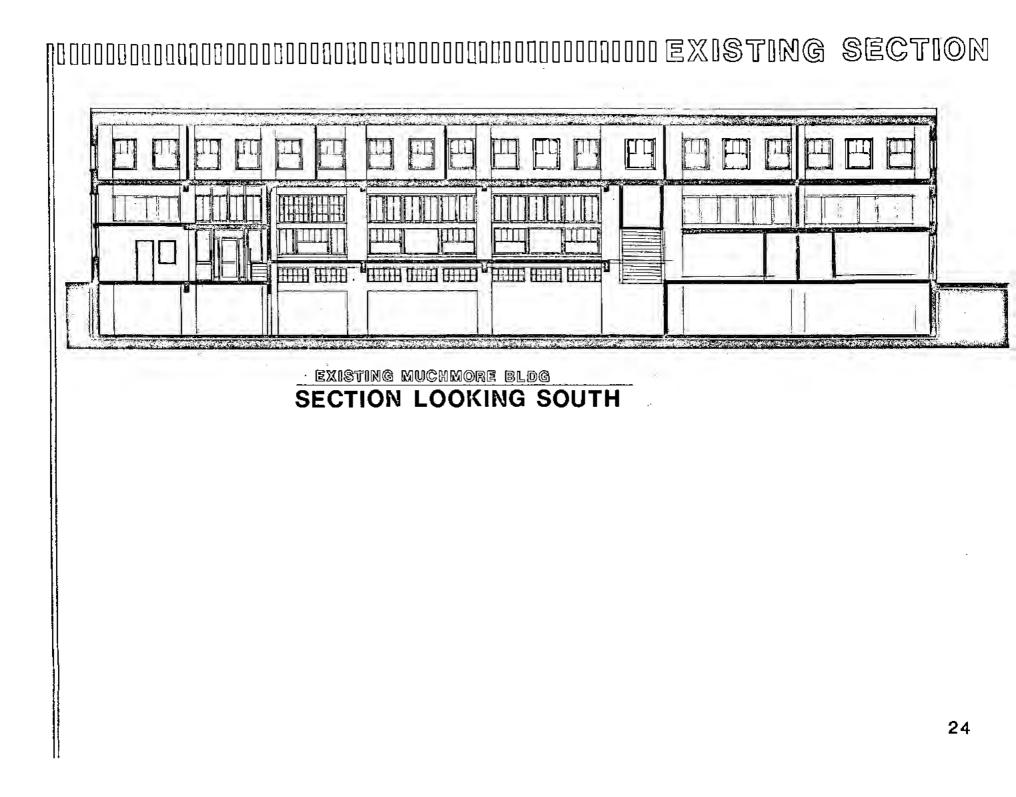
LEASED BY-	EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE-
The space at the East end of	
the building is leased with	
the area below it.	
Presently vacant-Net Total	1220 sq. ft.
The space at the West end of	
the Building is owner storage.	
Net total to lease	900 sq. ft.
INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TOTAL-	<u>2120</u> so. ft.
(Savere footage total is net exclude	ing exterior walls stairs)



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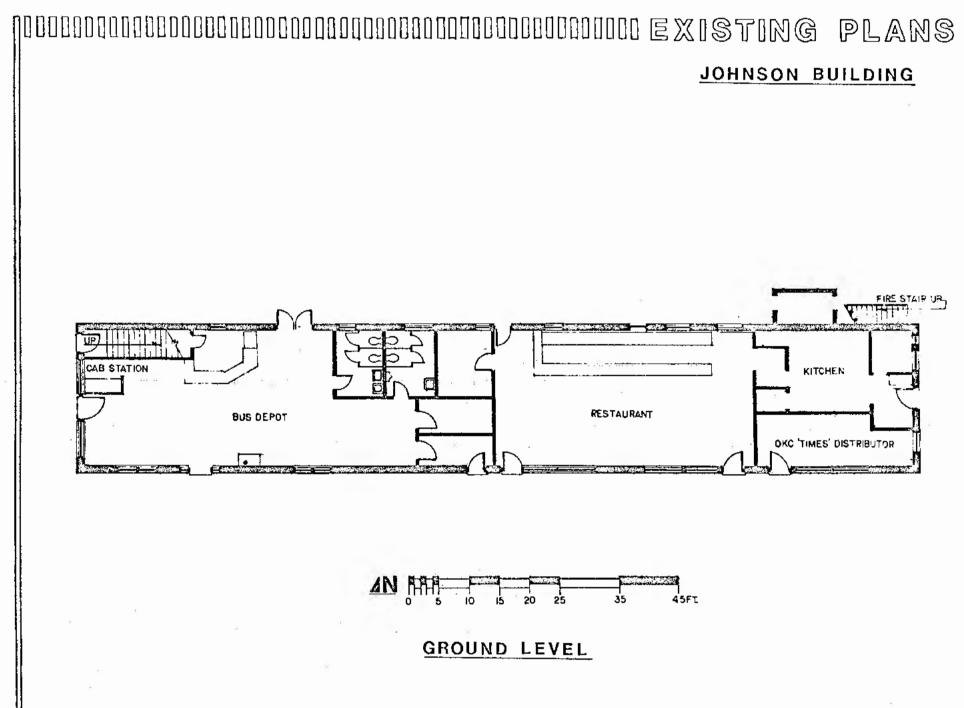
LEASED BY-	EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE-
Low Income Apartment Tenants	2412 Bq. ft.
Owner storage (east half of floor)	2010 sq. ft.
UPPER LEVEL TOTAL	<u>4422</u> sq. ft.
(Square footage total is Net excludi	ng ext. walls, stairs and corridors)

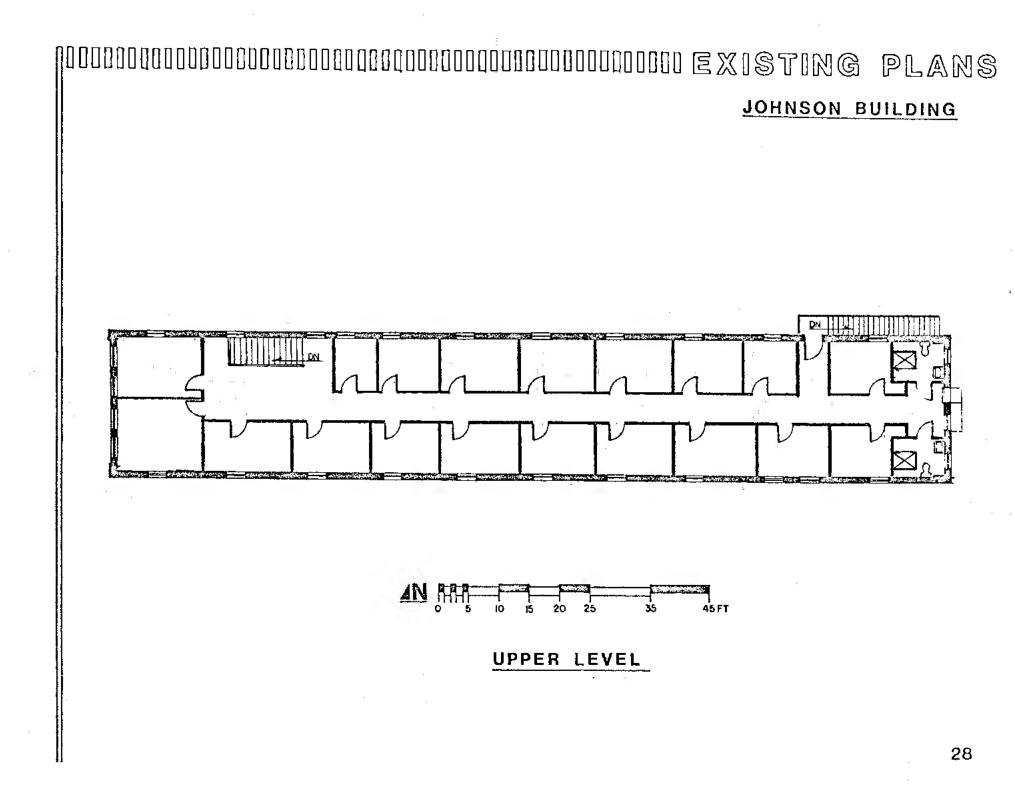


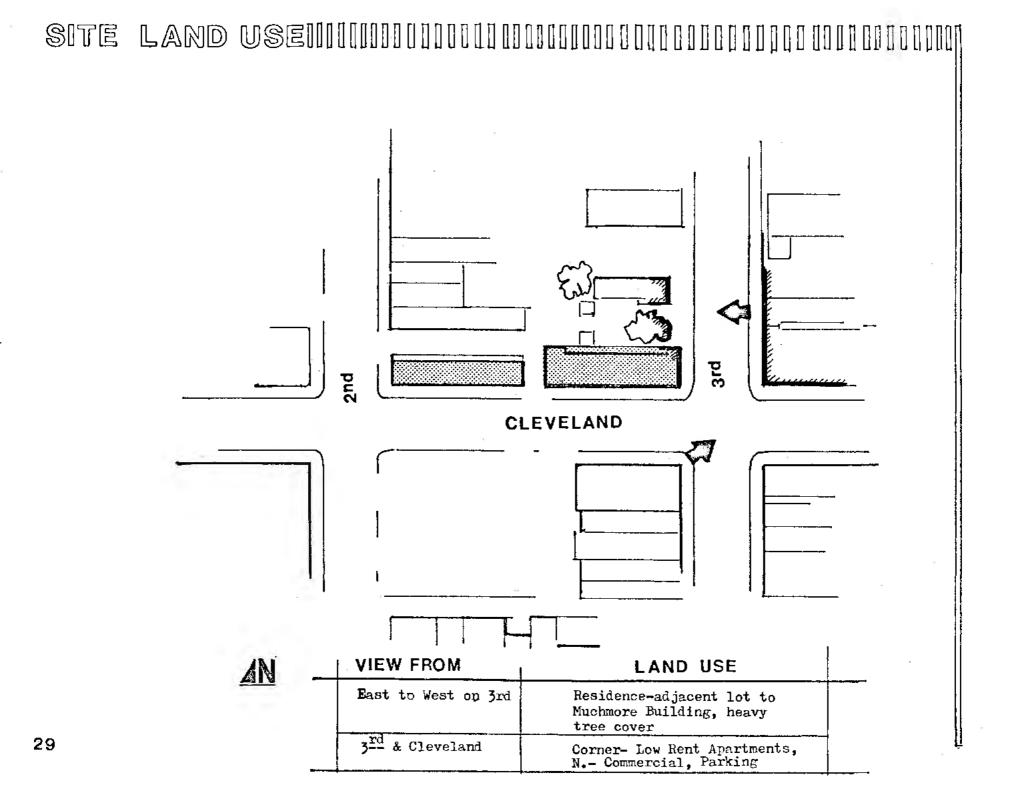


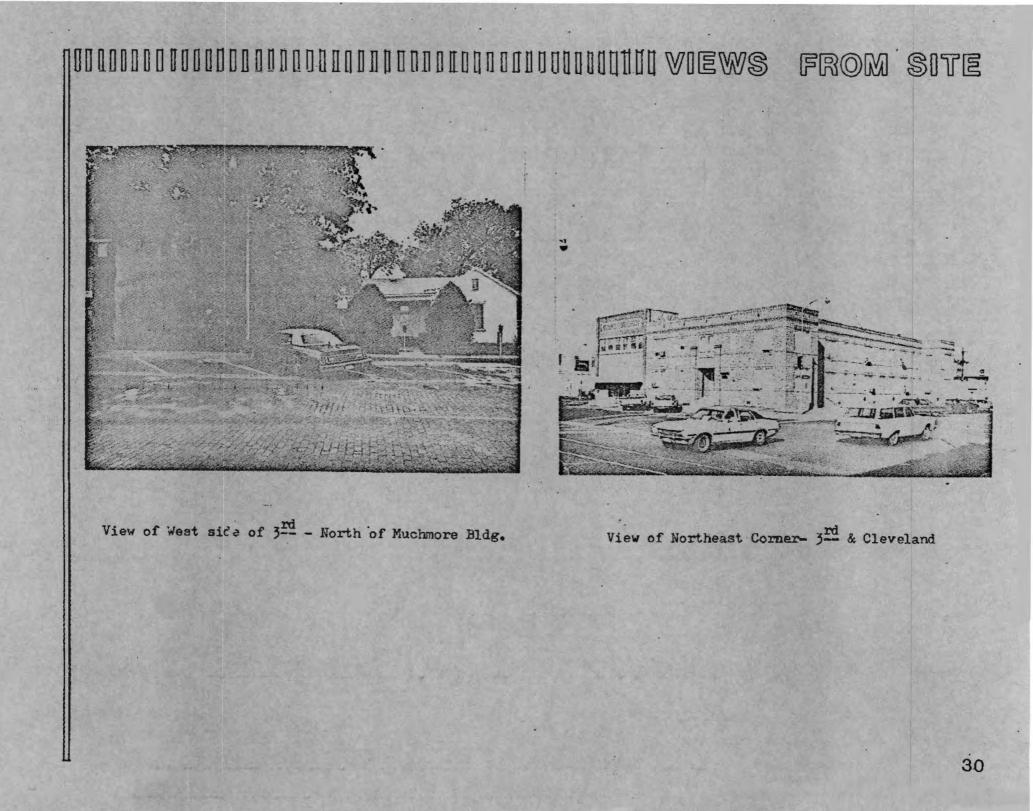
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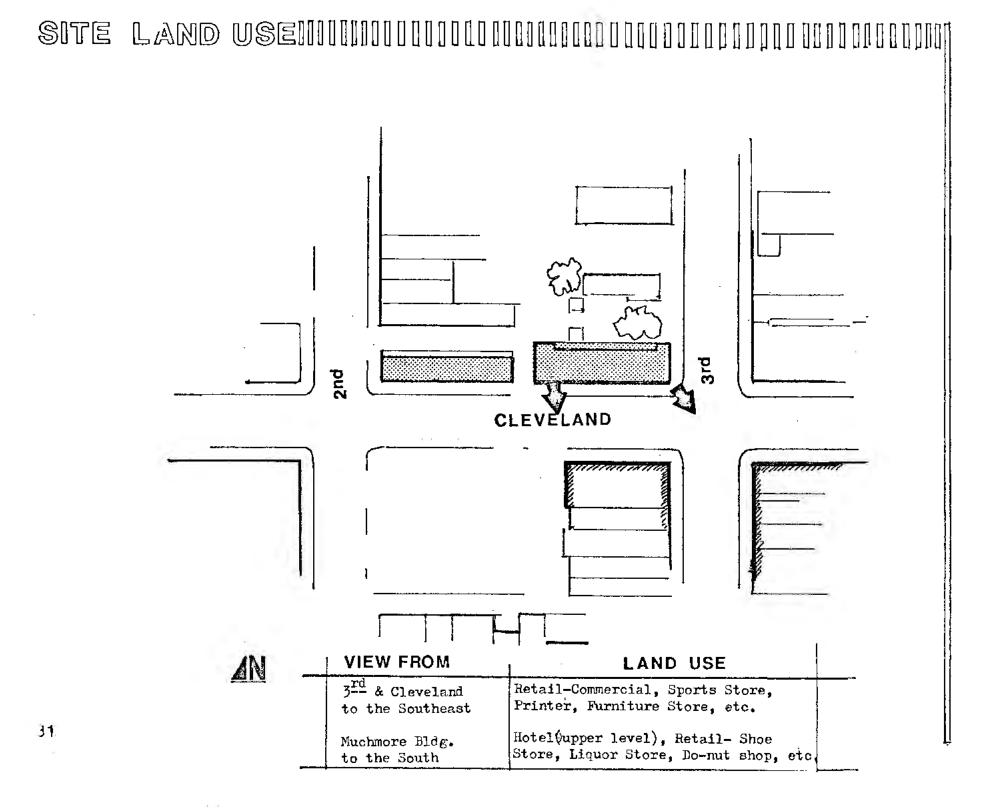
LEASED BY-	EXISTING SQUARE FOOTACE-	
Bus Depot and Gab Comp	1410 sq.	ft.
Restaurant	1365 sq.	ft.
Newspaper Distributor	215 sq.	ft.
GROUND LEVEL TOTAL	<u>2990</u> вд.	ft.
(Square Footage is net rentable-exe	cluding stairs, ext. walls)	

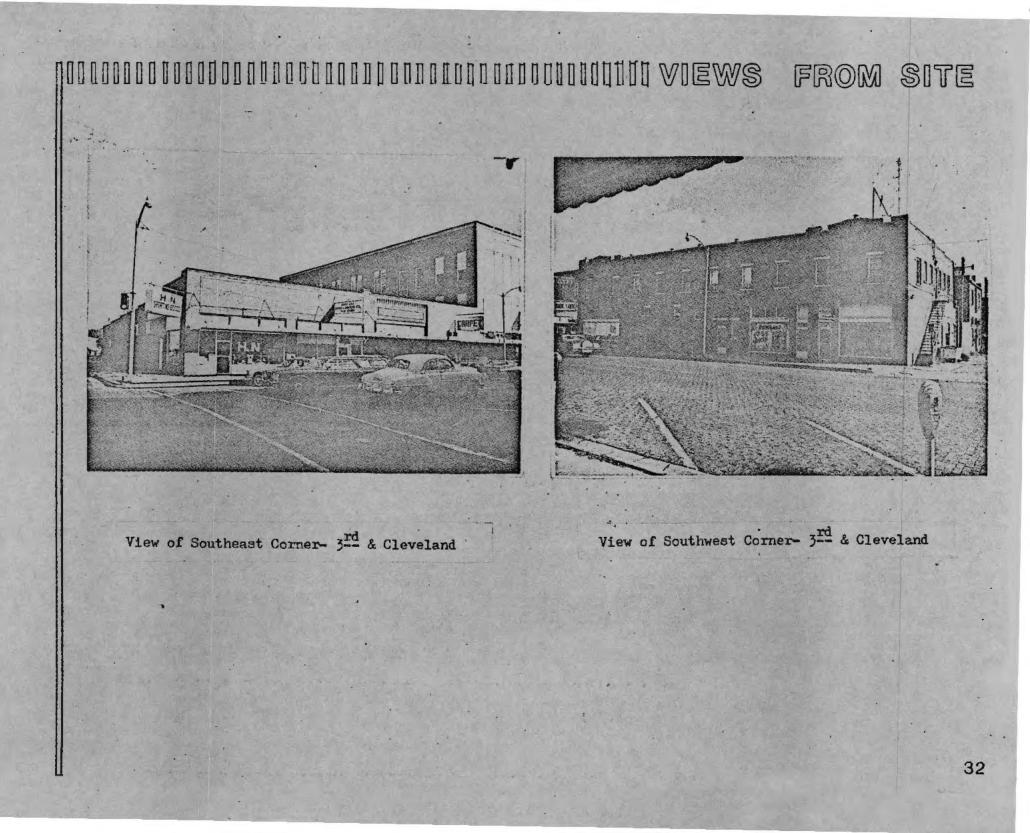


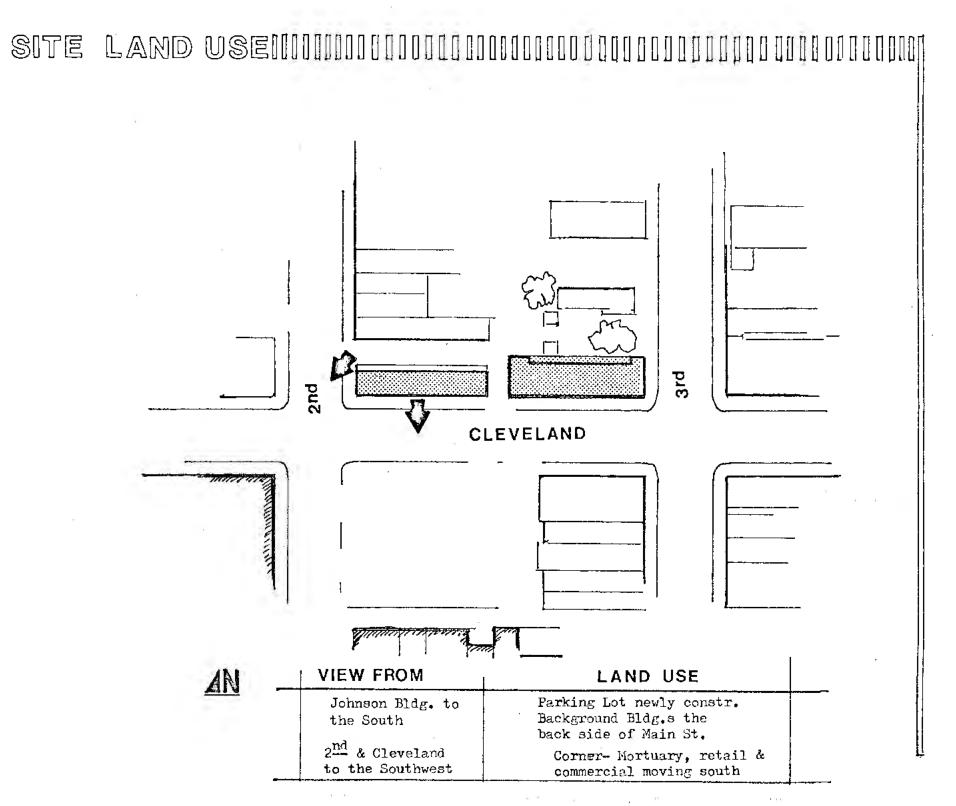


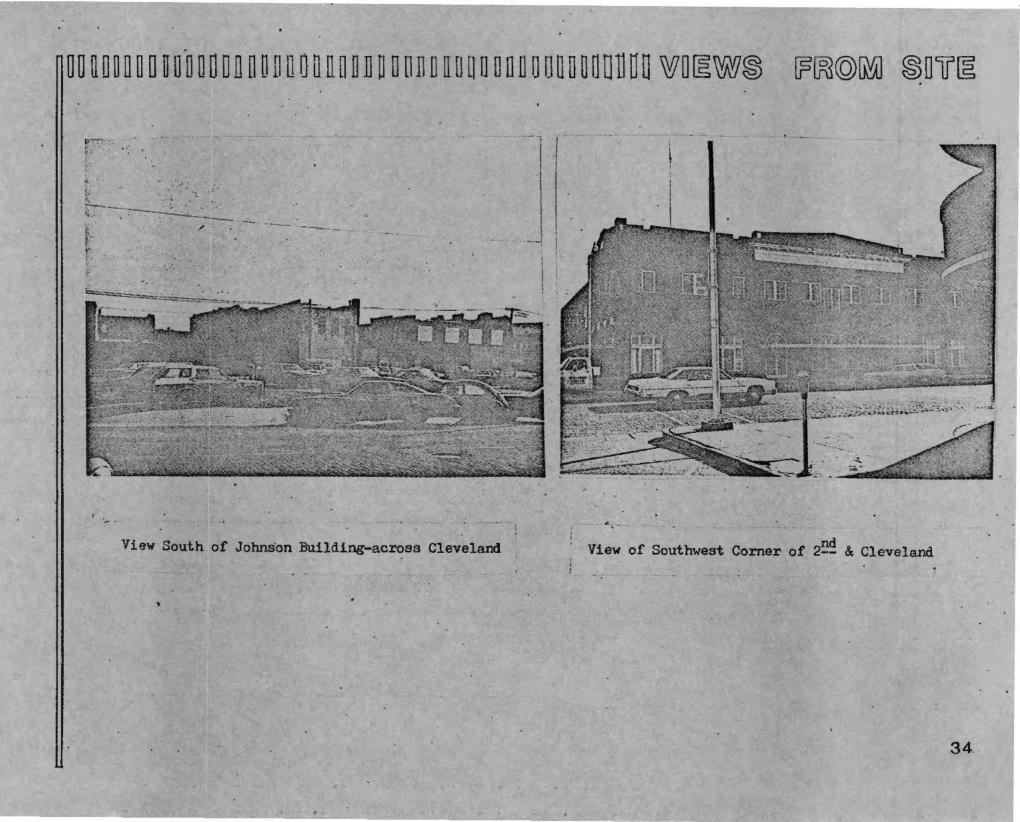


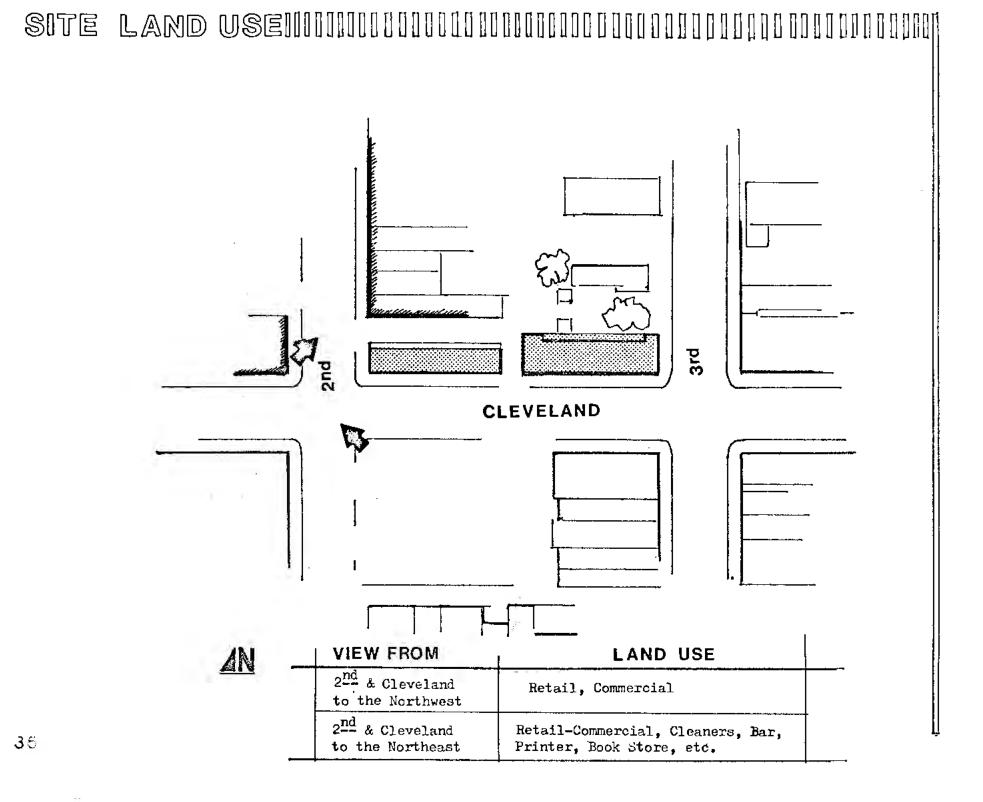


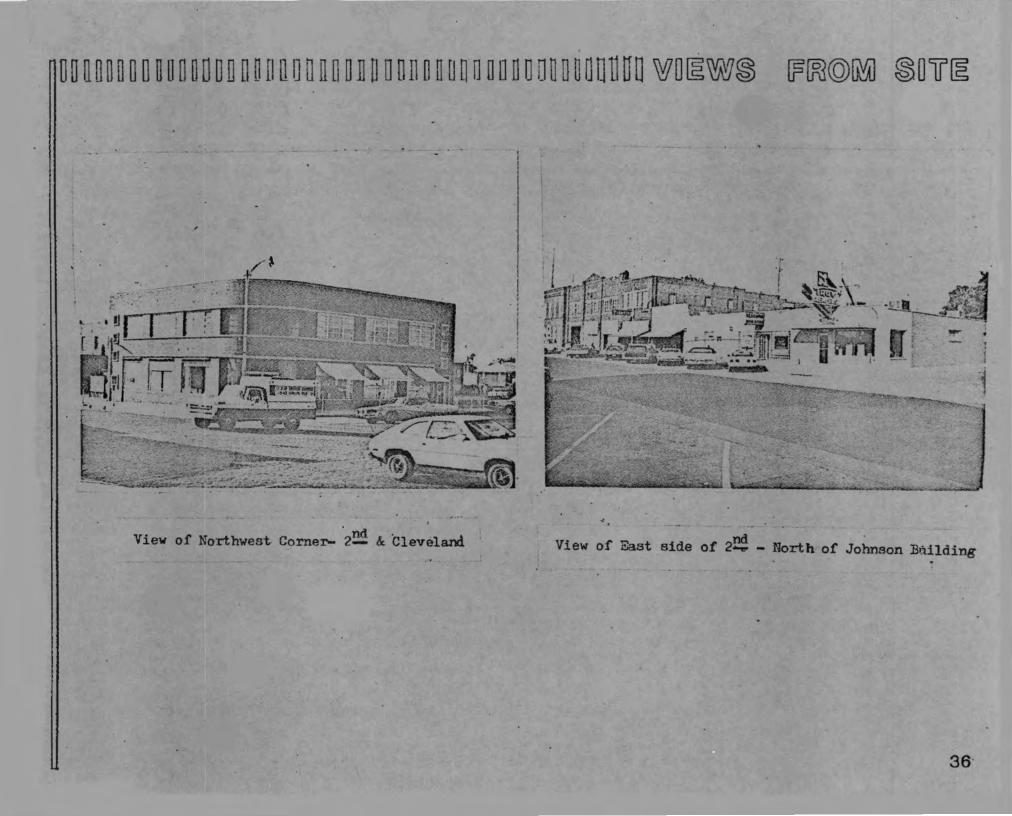












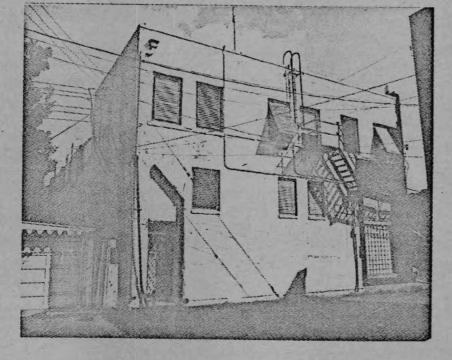


MUCHMORE BUILDING (foreground), JOHNSON BUILDING (background)-view from 3rd & Cleveland

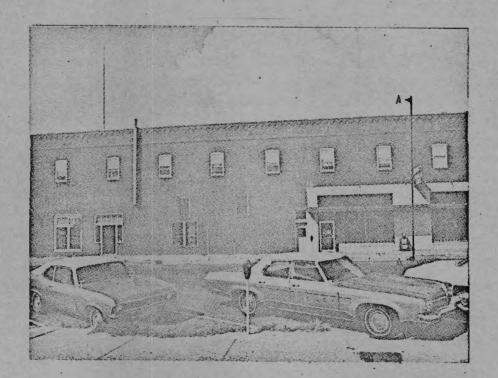


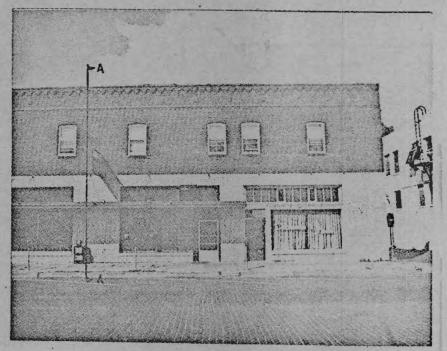


MUCHMORE BUILDING- East Elevation



MUCHMORE BUILDING- West Elevation





JOHNSON BUILDING- South Elevation (match line @ A-A)





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JOHNSON BUILDING- view of Northwest Corner

JOHNSON BUILDING- view of Northeast Corner

In the case of this project, the program of spaces for the Muchmore Building was left basicly open such that a better design might be achieved. There are often many problems that occur in renovating structures, for example, if only certain size offices may be used, wall partitions can end up in window openings. This is very awkward from a design point of view. Therefore, the program of spaces has been developed with the design to avoid some of the usual renovation problems. In the case of the Johnson Building the program of the law firm is somewhat more restrictive. Even in this case, the program requirements were established from initial client interviews and basic research. Therefore, some changes have occured to fit the restrictions of the building. In the case of expansion North of the Muchmore Building, the New Office Building was designed to best fit into the overall project, or in other words to make the best possible return set up if an investment was to be made on a project of this scale.

CROUND LEVEL - JOHNSON BUILDING SQUAP	E FOOT AREA
This level contains the law firm exclusively-	
SENIOR PARTNER OFFICE (J. Paul Johnson)	360
SENIOR PARTNER OFFICE	320
JUNIOR PARTNER OFFICE	160
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CONFERENCE ROOM	225
LIBRARY	190
SECRETARY (office communications)	40
FILE ROOM	50
STORE ROOM	35
JANITOR CLOSET	25
TOILETS (men & women @85sq. ft. ea.)	170
SECRETARY (visitors & security)	110
WAITING ROOM	90
ENTRY	110
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ADDITIONAL-	
Staff entry and corridor space	600
Interior garden area	250

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GROUND LEVEL-JOHNSON BUILDING (continued)	SQUARE FOOT AHEA	
ADDITIONAL- (continued)		
Enclosed entry to second level (elevator included)	225	
Private parking (law firm staff & clients)	1800	
UPPER LEVEL - JOHNSON BUILDING		
This level contains leaseable space for professionals (d	loctors, lawyers, etc.)	
PHASE ONE-		
TOTAL LEASEABLE OFFICE SPACE	2070	
ADDITIONAL-		
Corridors (including elevator)	810	
Jan. Closet	25	
Air shafts (service 1st floor)		
Toilets (men & women @ 80 sq. ft. ea.)	160	
PHASE TWO-		
ADDITIONAL LEASEABLE OFFICE SPACE	1710	

BASEMENT LEVEL - MUCHMORE BUILDING	SQUARE	FOOT	AREA
This level contains the restaurant facilities & mechanical-			
RESTAURANT FACILITIES-			
DINING ROOM (including service stations, seating for 60)		-	1025
PUBLIC SPACE (including toilets, cashier, lobby, elev:)	یر نزان ست کما ک ما سند ک		865
CLUB ROOM (including bar, game room, toilets, seating for 36)	بو که نظریا کا که	••••	1490
KITCHEN AREA	·		1100
RESTAURAN	т тота	L	4480
ADDITIONAL-			
Service Corridor (connect kitchen to above grade service)			895
New mechanical air intake	ويد الله في غير الله عليه	-	190
Mechanical area (including elevator equipment)		-	1420
GRADE LEVEL - MUCHMORE BUILDING			
This level contains a retail shop and an open plan office area	-		
RETAIL SHOP-			
MERCHANDISE AREA (including platform stairs & upper platform)-		_	1 350
ENTRY (set back)		-	125
STORE ROOM (including toilet)		-	290
RETAIL SHO	P TOTA	L ·	1765

GRADE LEVEL - MUCHMORE BUILDING (continued)	SQUARE FOOT AREA
OPEN PLAN OFFICE SPACE-	
MAIN ENTRY AREA (including stair to basement, elev., north &	south entry)-475
OFFICE ENTRY AREA (southeast corner)	90
MAIN OFFICE SPACE	1945
STORAGE (upper level, east - inactive files, etc.)	295
VAULT	45
CONFERENCE ROOM (including 20 sq. ft. rear projection room)	175
LOUNCE	130
TOILETS (men & women @ 115 ea.)	230
JANITOR CLOSET	15
PUBLIC CORRIDOR SPACE (including, coat rack, platform elev.,	stairs)- 770
OFFICE SPA	CE TOTAL 4170-
UPPER LEVEL - MUCHMORE BUILDING	
This level contains open office lease space-	
OPEN OFFICE SPACE	2915
WAITING AREA	125
SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM	90

UPPER LEVEL - MUCHMORE BUILDING (continued)	SQUARE	FOOT	AREA
TOILETS (men & women @ 120 sq. ft. ea.)			240
LOUNCE		-	130
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM (inc. 50 sq. ft. rear proj. room)	بب رسوی ساخت باد کنان	1924	230
PRIVATE TELEPHONE BOOTHS (2 @ 15 sq. ft. ea.)			3 0
EXTERIOR LOUNCE DECK		-	400
PUBLIC CORRIDOR SPACE (inc. air ducts, elev.)	والمراج ويرجد الذخلان	-	1400
(deck excluded) OFFICE SPA	ACE TOTA	L	5160

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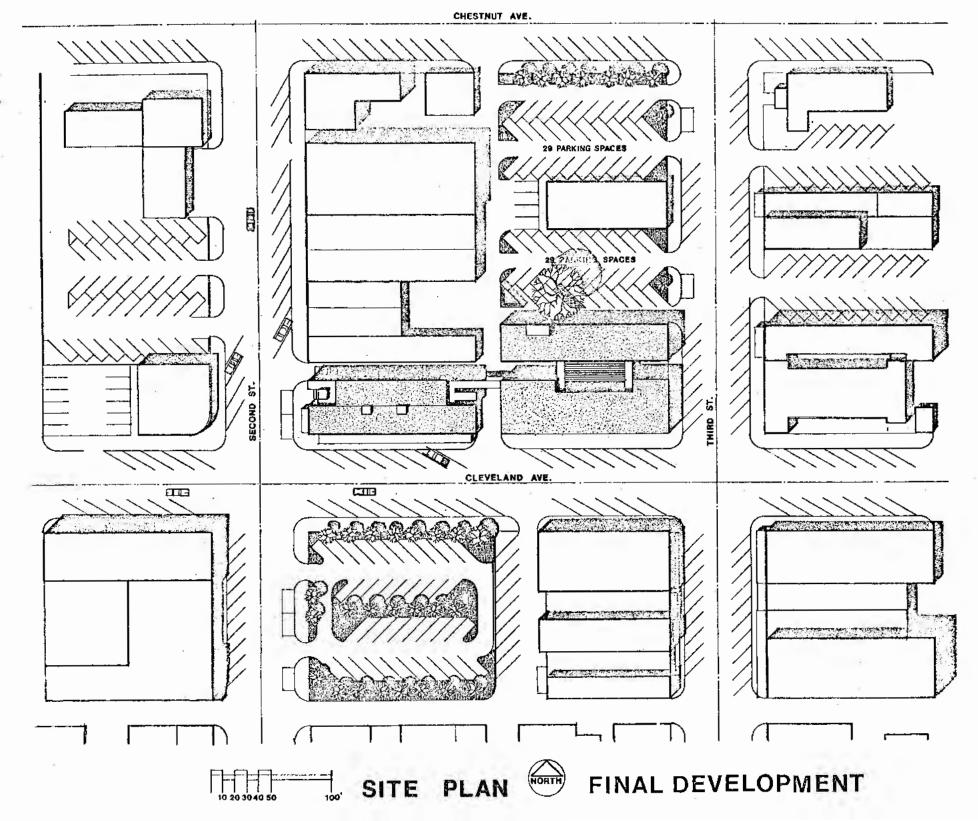
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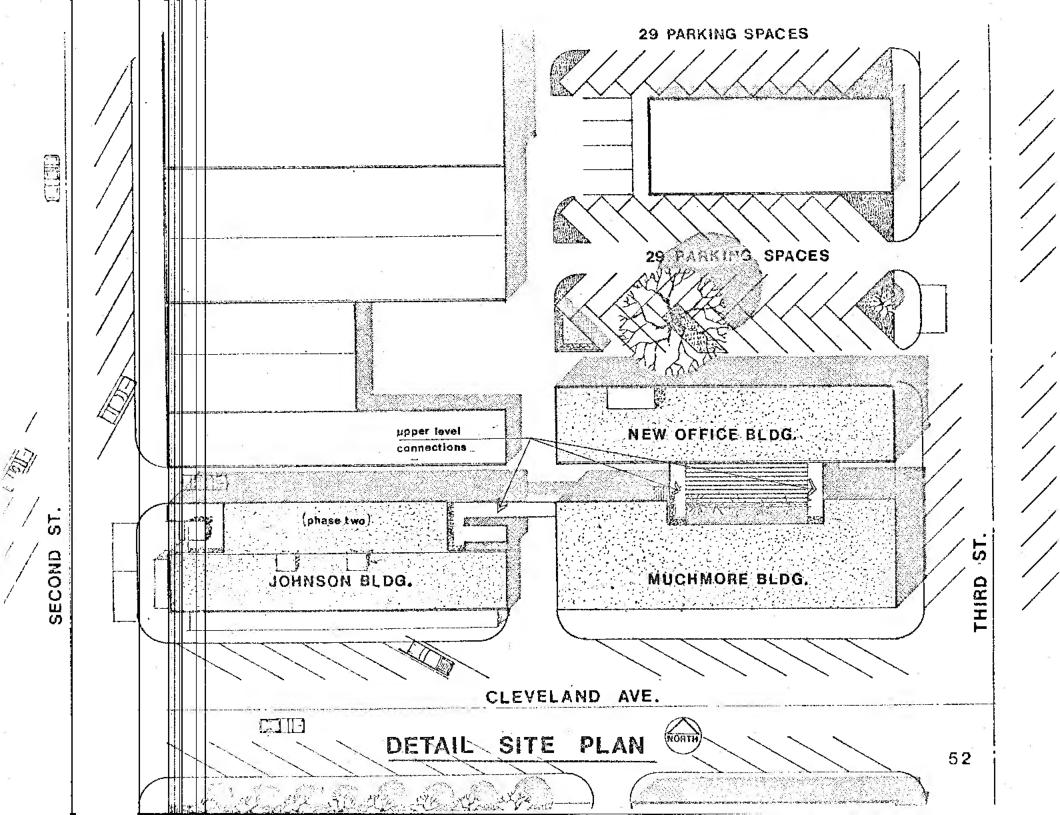
SQUARE FOOT AREA BASEMENT LEVEL - NEW OFFICE BUILDING This level contains open office lease space-OPEN OFFICE SPACE CONFERENCE ROOM STORAGE SPACE (built in) TOILETS (men & women @ 110 ea.) PUBLIC SPACE (including corridors, stairs, elev., planter)---------BASEMENT TOTAL GRADE LEVEL - NEW OFFICE BUILDING This level contains open plan office space, & building mech .-OPEN PLAN OFFICE SPACE-MAIN OFFICE SPACE CONFERENCE ROOM فالأعلية الأرقانيات واجتمد ملذيبة بمارجه فبارتبط وبرجوا ججري وجرعن ججرون ججري حواف يتعاقد فنار عندماد بالاخت TOILETS (men & women at 110 sq. ft. ea.)----- 220 FUBLIC SPACE (including stairs, elev., duct shafts, planters)----------OFFICE TOTAL ADDITIONAL-Maintenance shop (all three buildings) -----

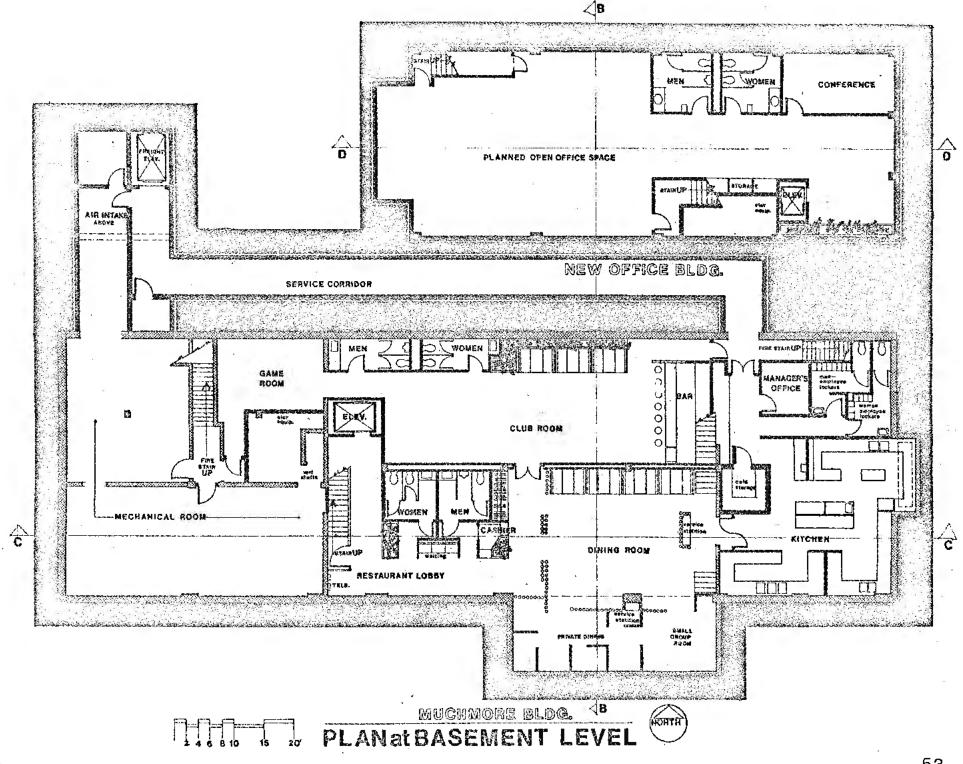
Mochanic	cal s	pace (includ	ling air	intake	area)	ورجي وي وي وي وي وي		212
Service	for	restaurant,	trash as	rea, sta	ir from	upper	level	495

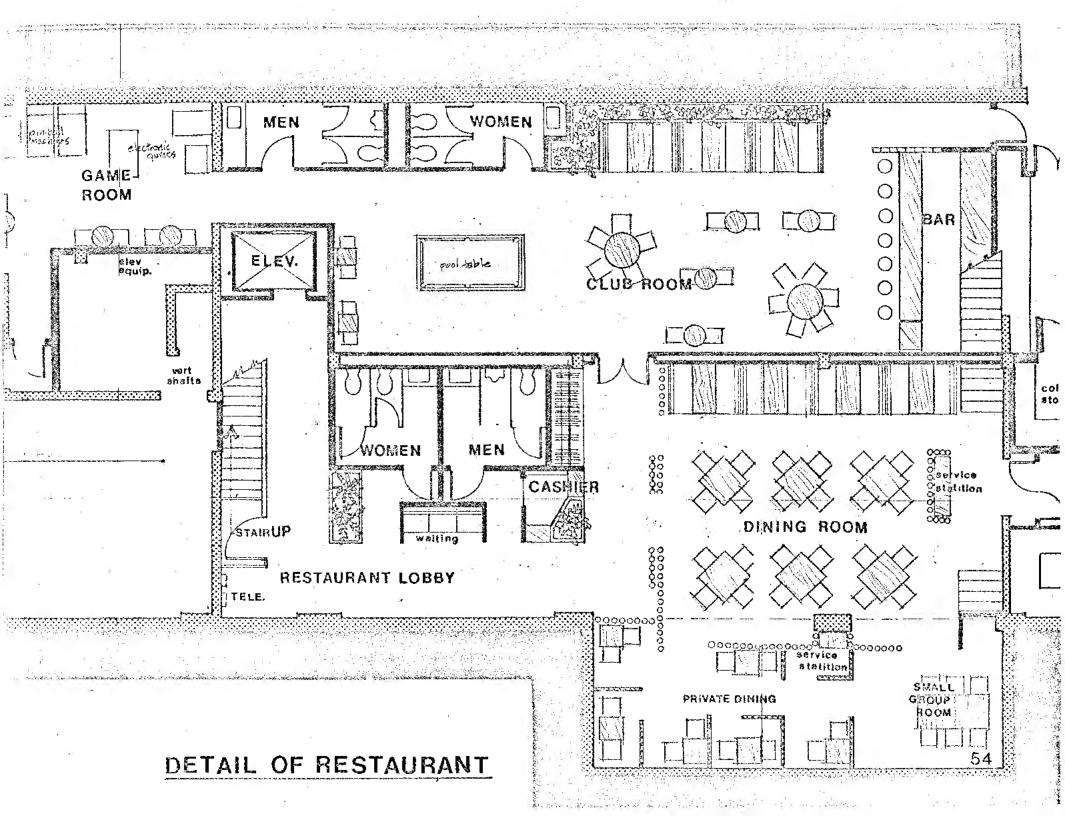
SQUARE FOOT AREA UPPER LEVEL - NEW OFFICE BUILDING This level contains open office lease area-OPEN OFFICE AREA (includes optional computer room @ 480 sq. ft.)-----2210 CONFERENCE ROOM 295 LOUNCE SPACE 115 PRIVATE PHONE BOOTHS (2 @ 15 sq. ft. ea.)-----30 TOILETS (men and women @ 105 sq. ft. ea.)-----210 40 JANITOR CLOSET PUBLIC SPACE (corridors, fire stairs, air shafts, planters)-----1180 4080----

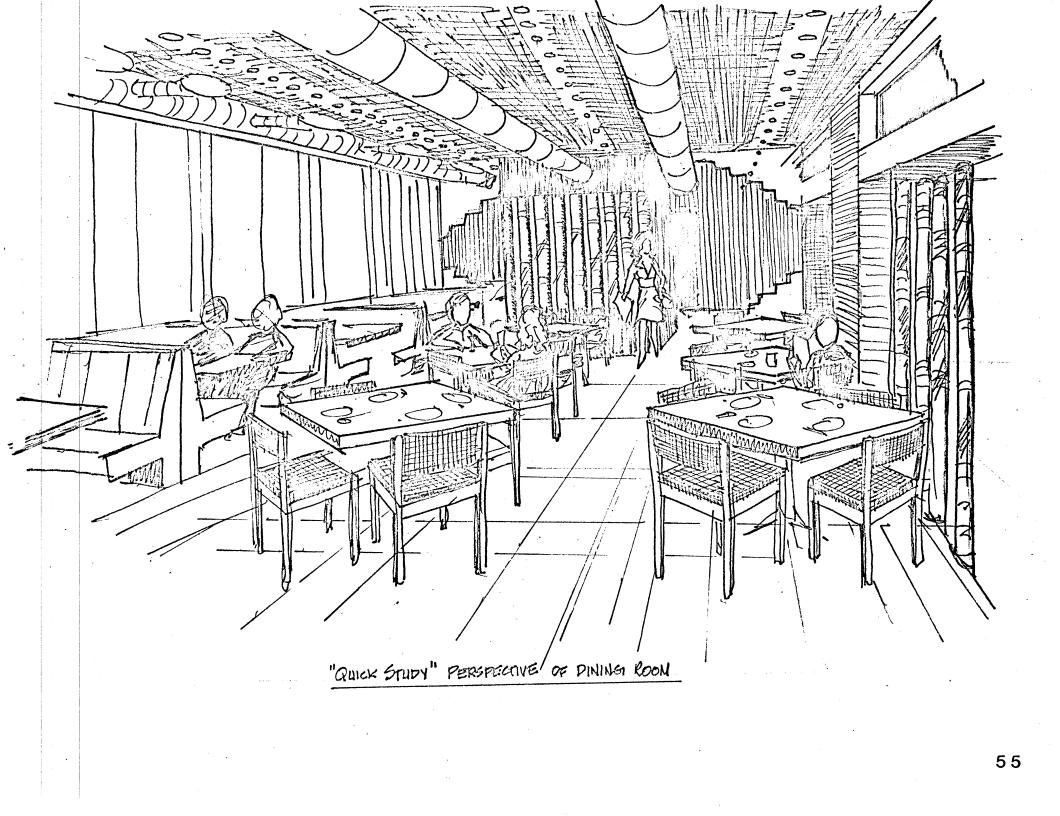


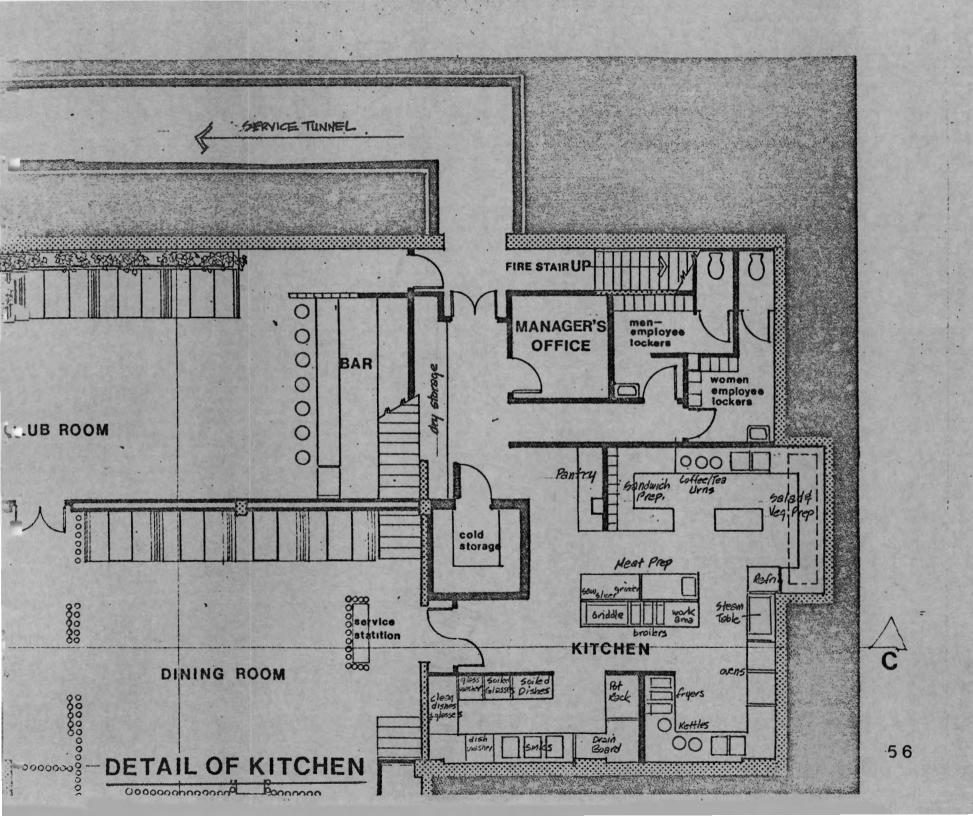
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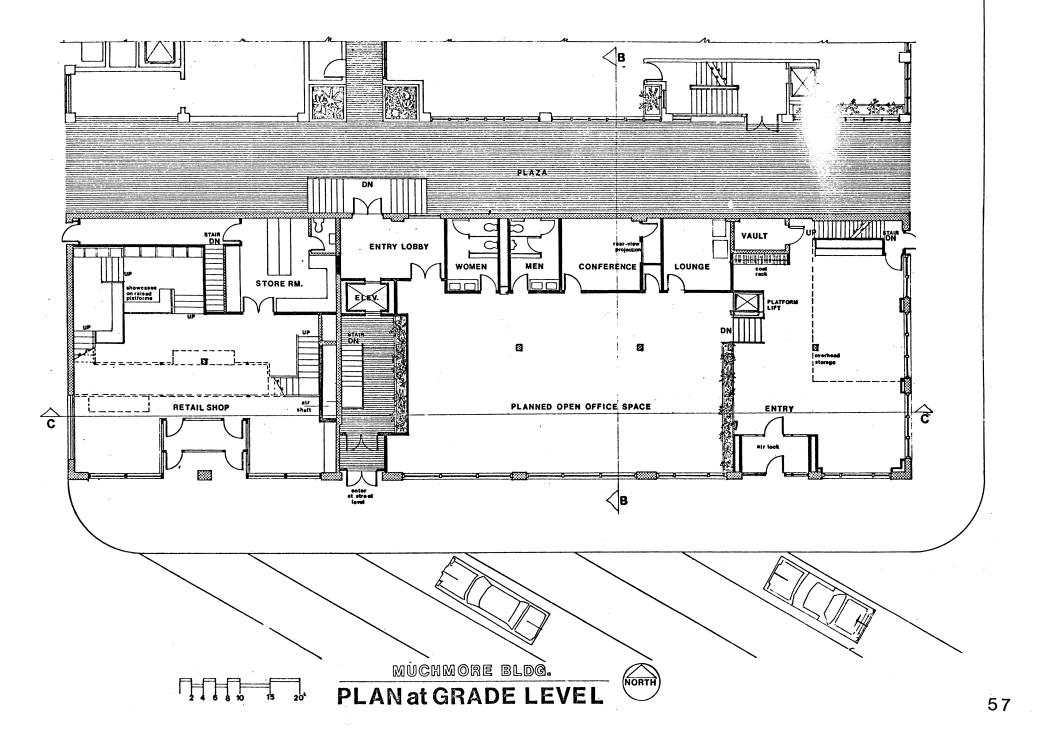


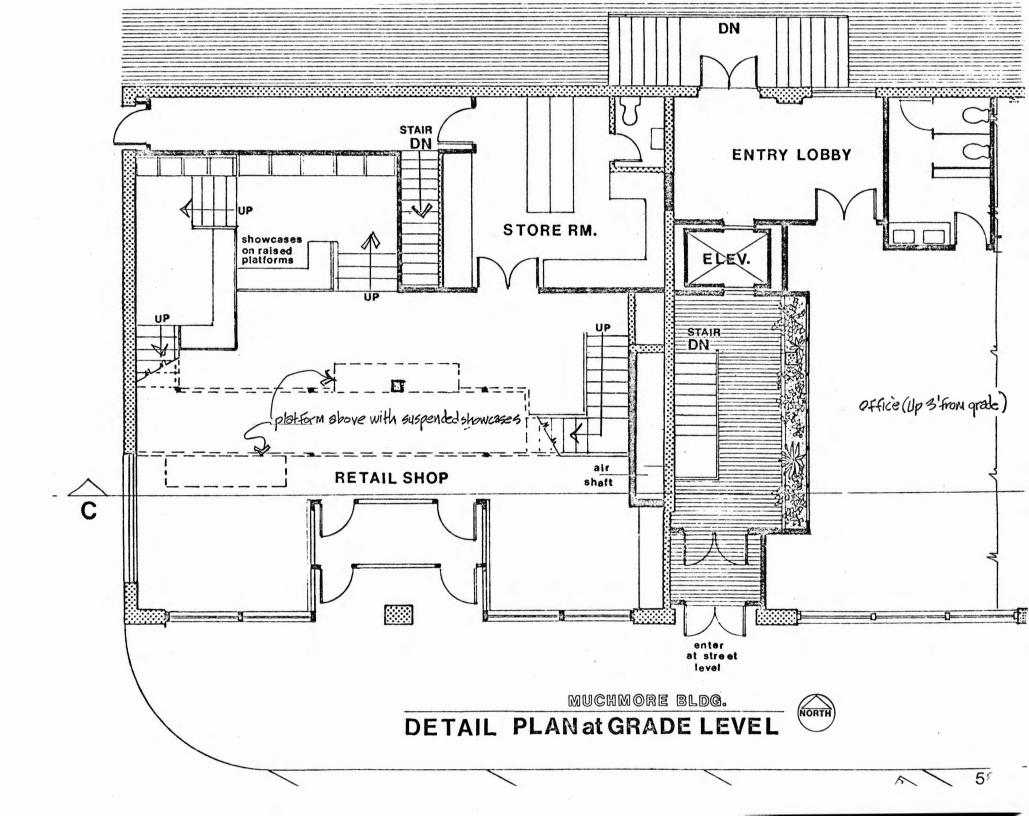


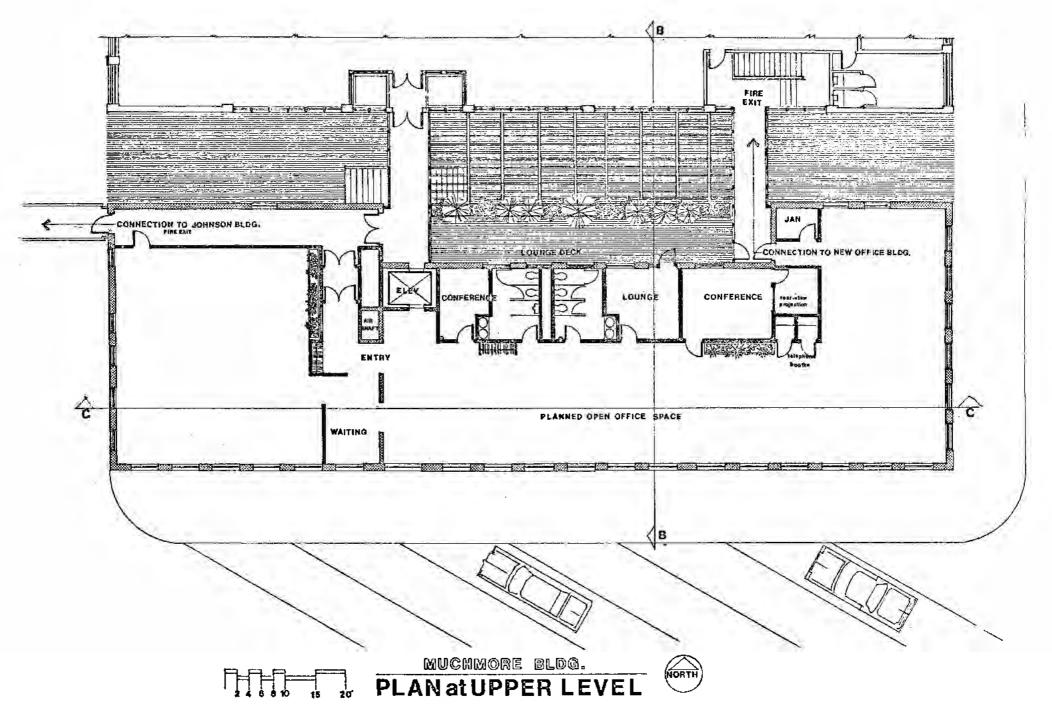


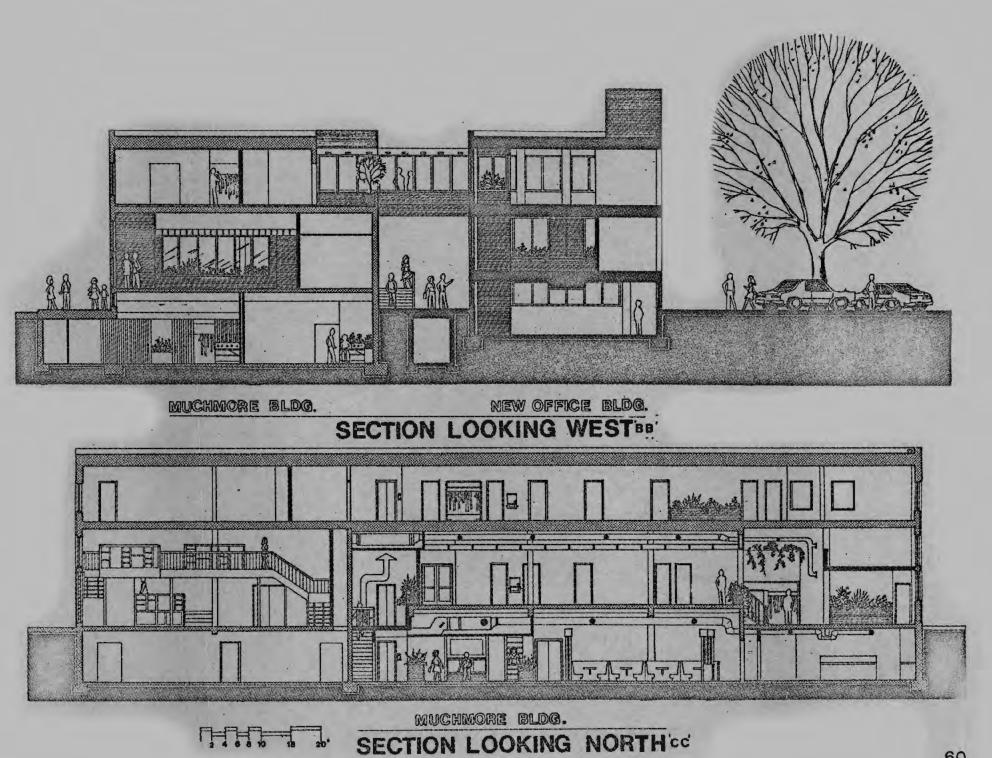


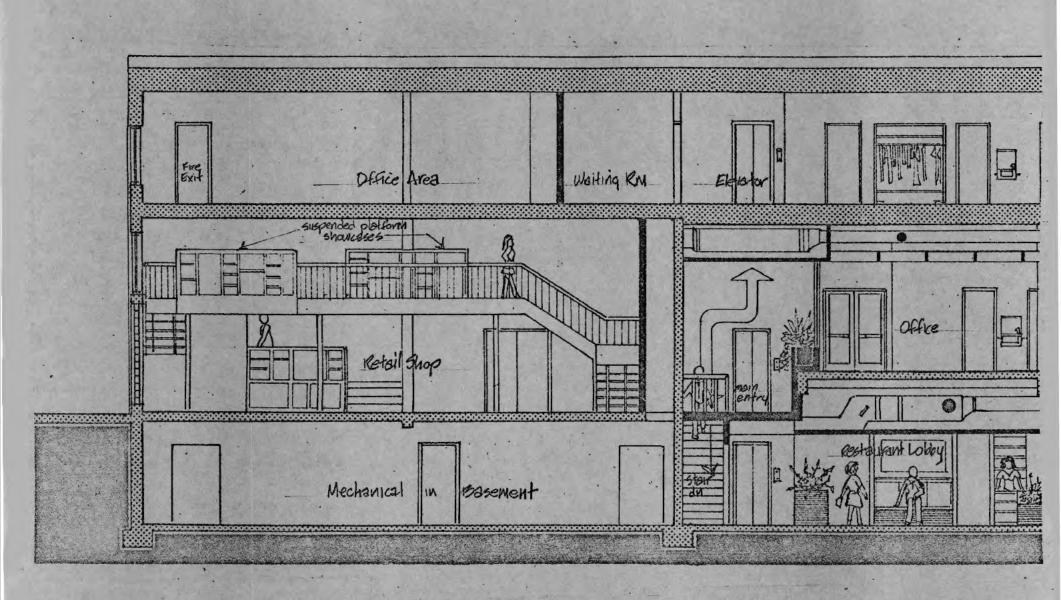




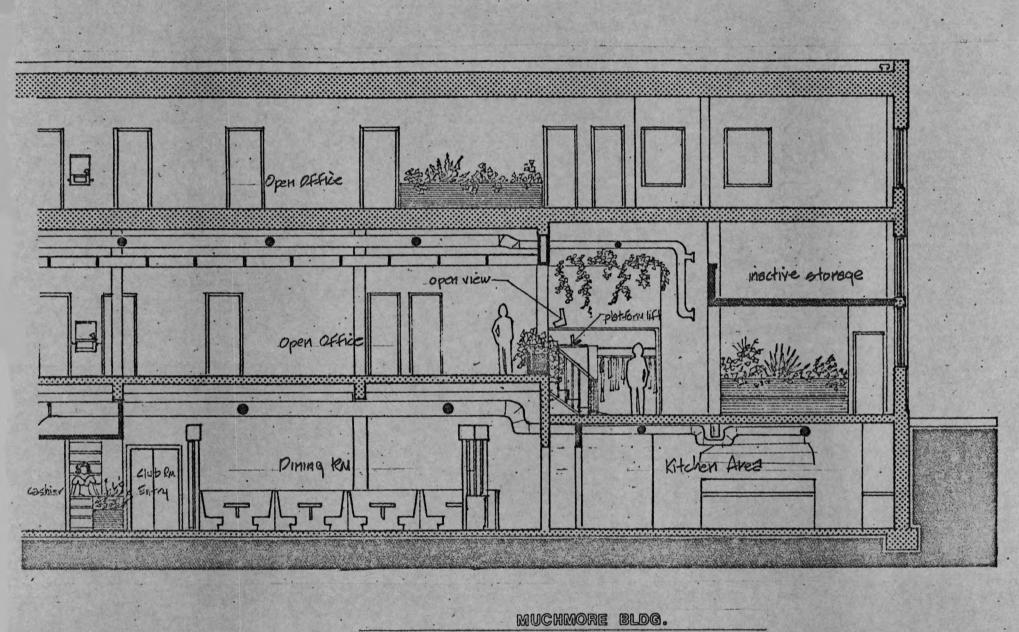




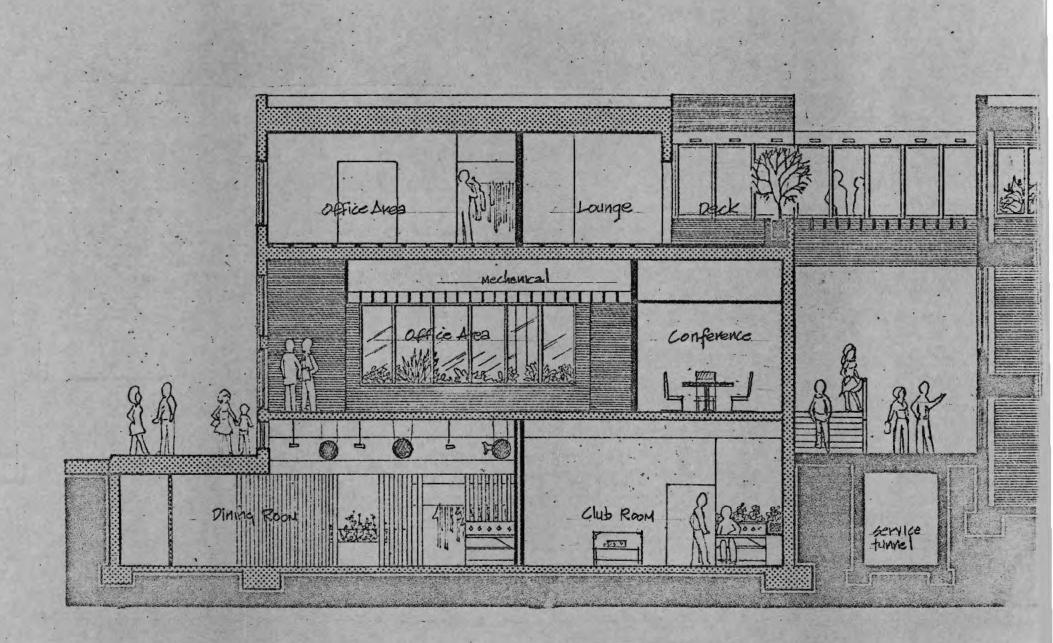




MUCHMORE BLDG. DETAIL SECTION LOOKING NORTH



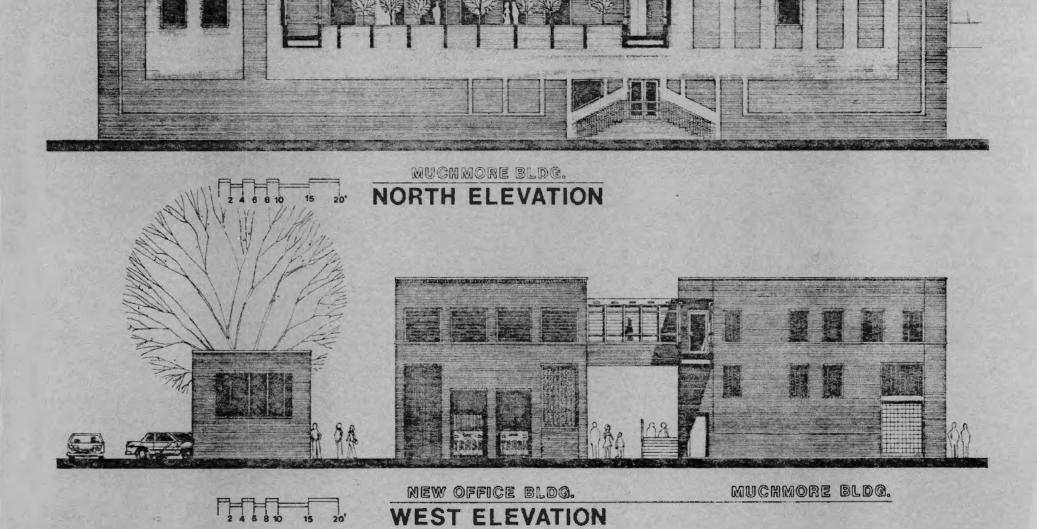
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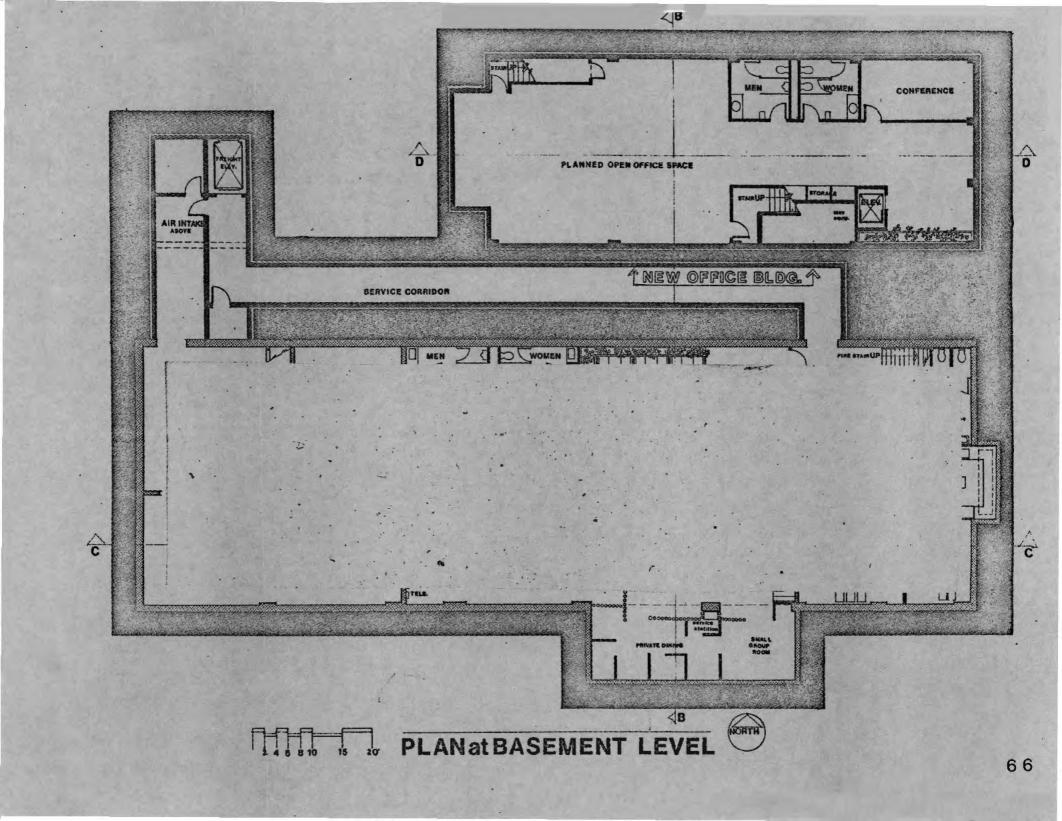


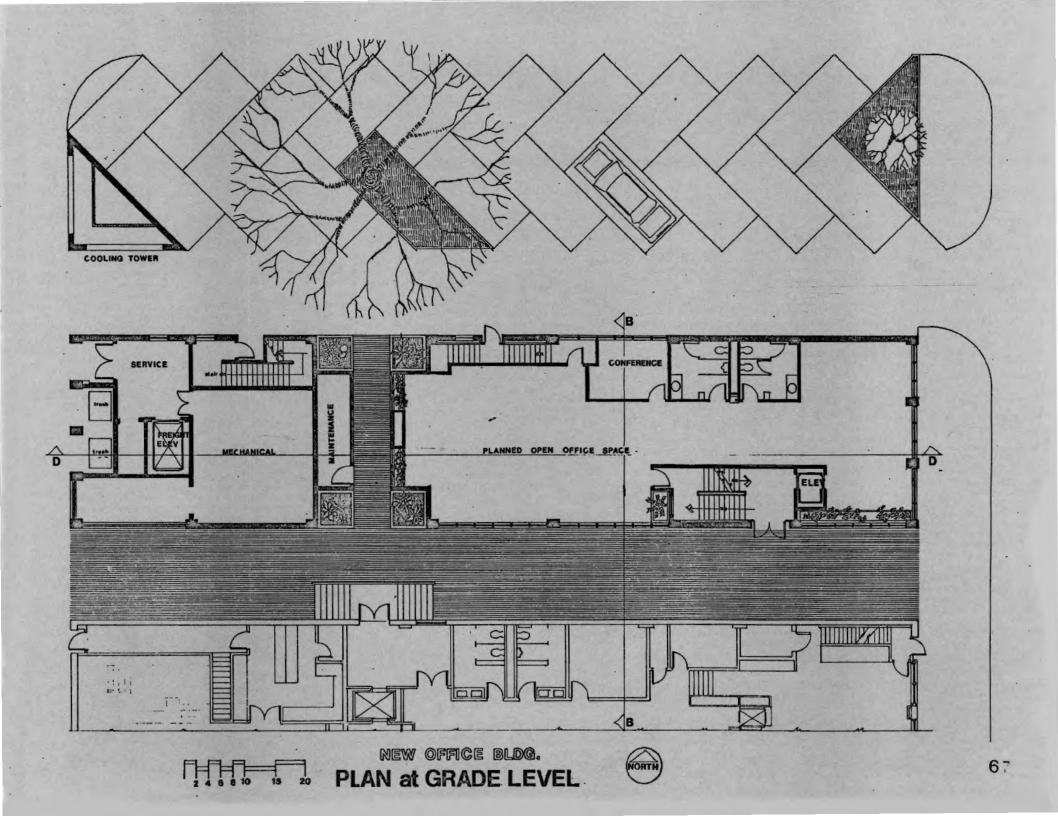
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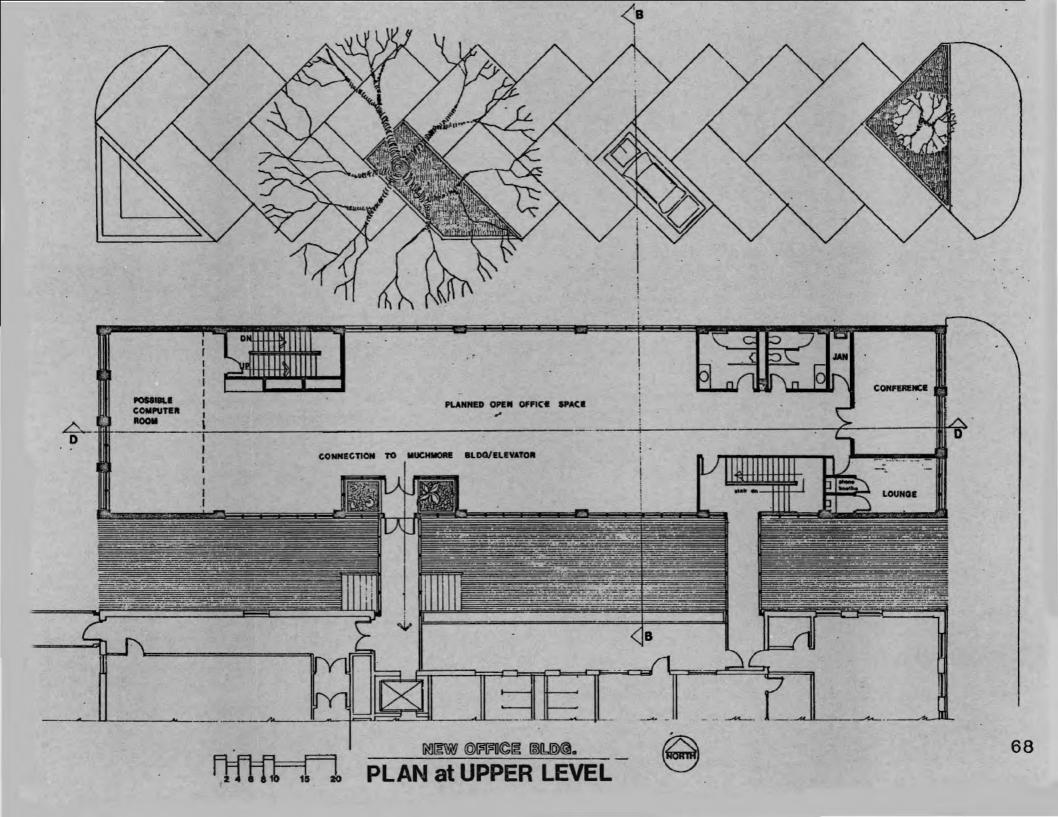


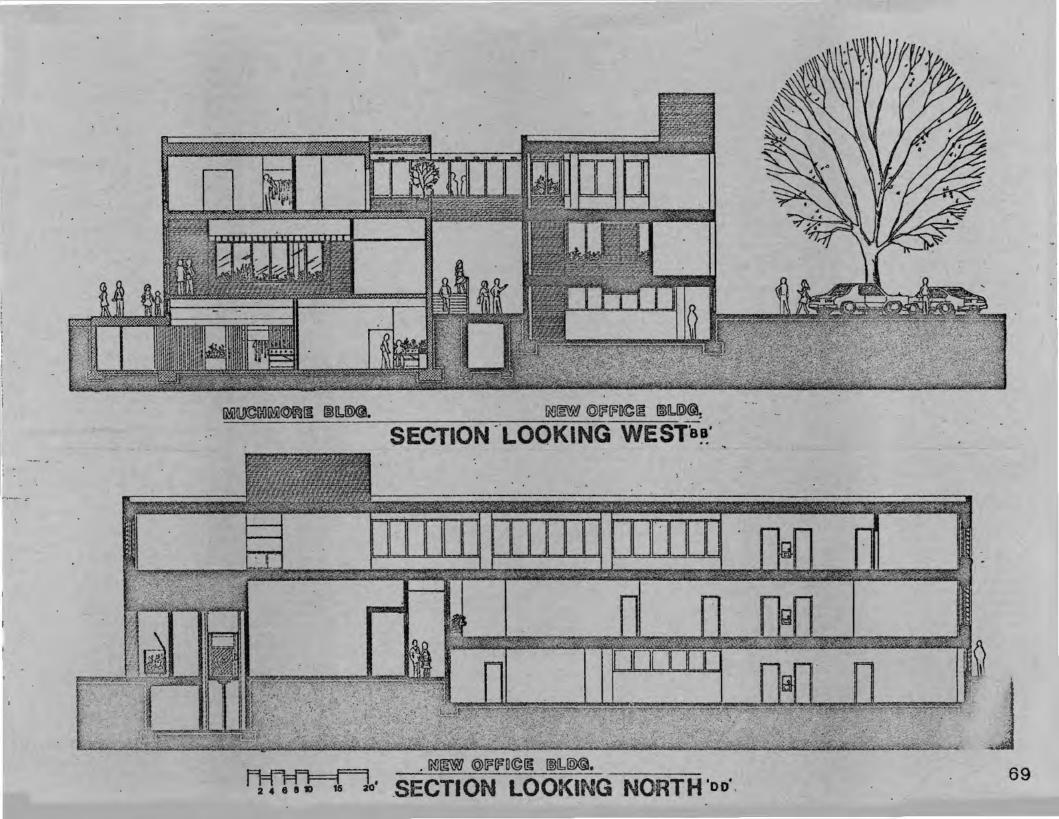
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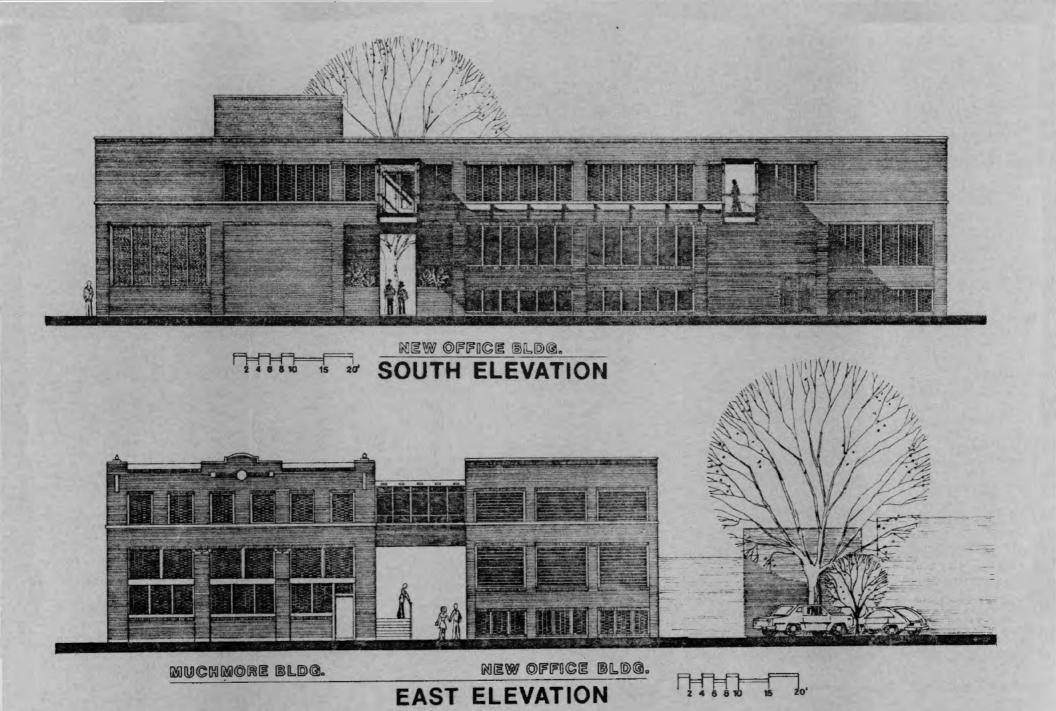


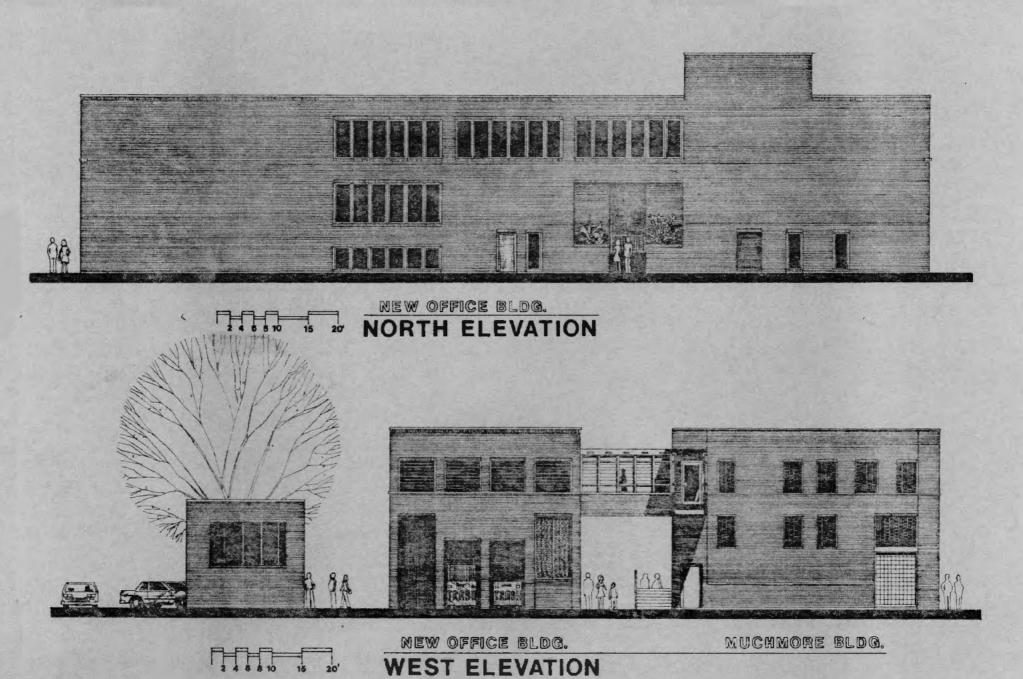


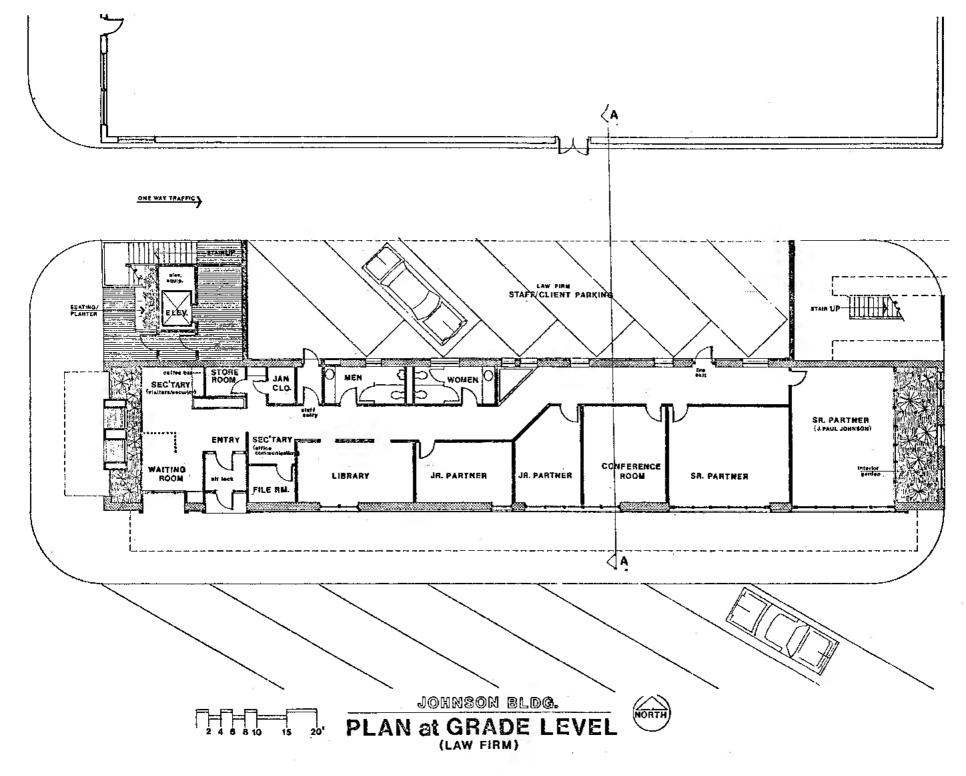


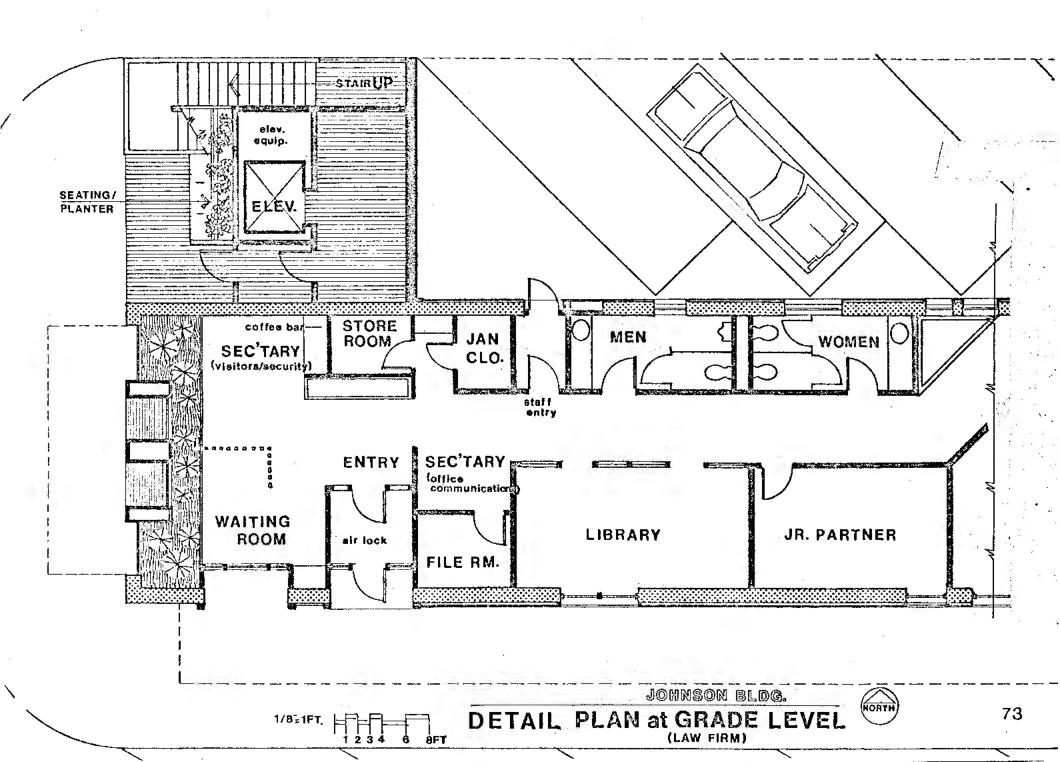




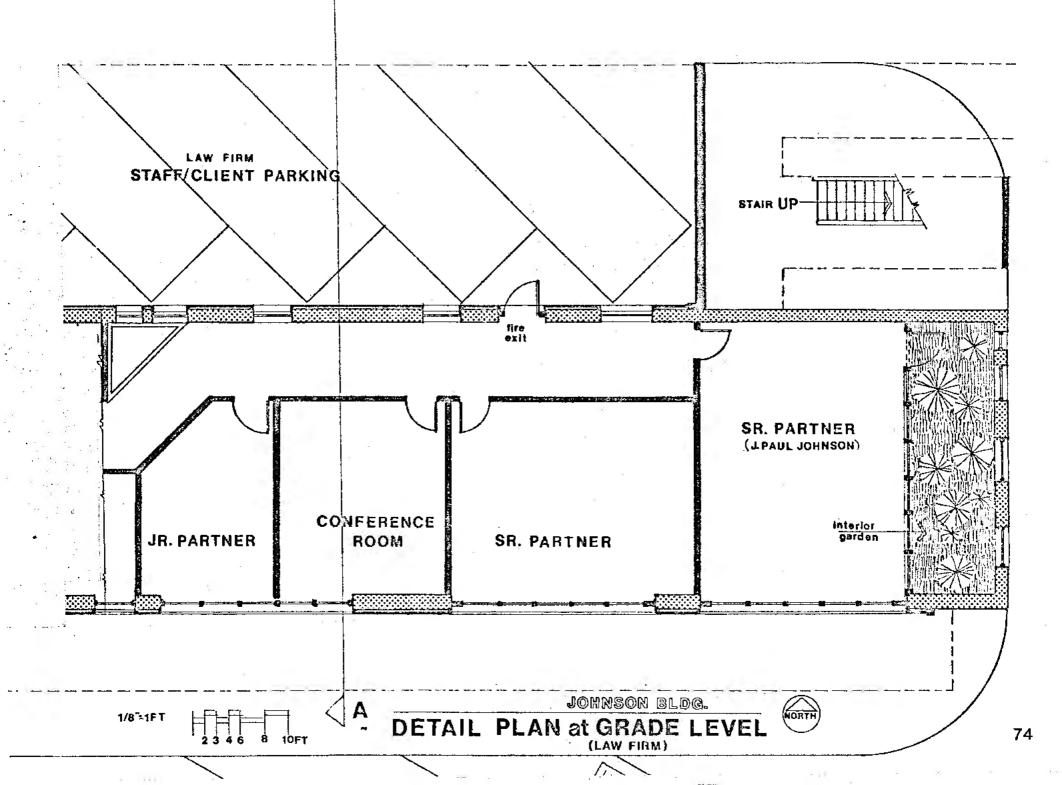


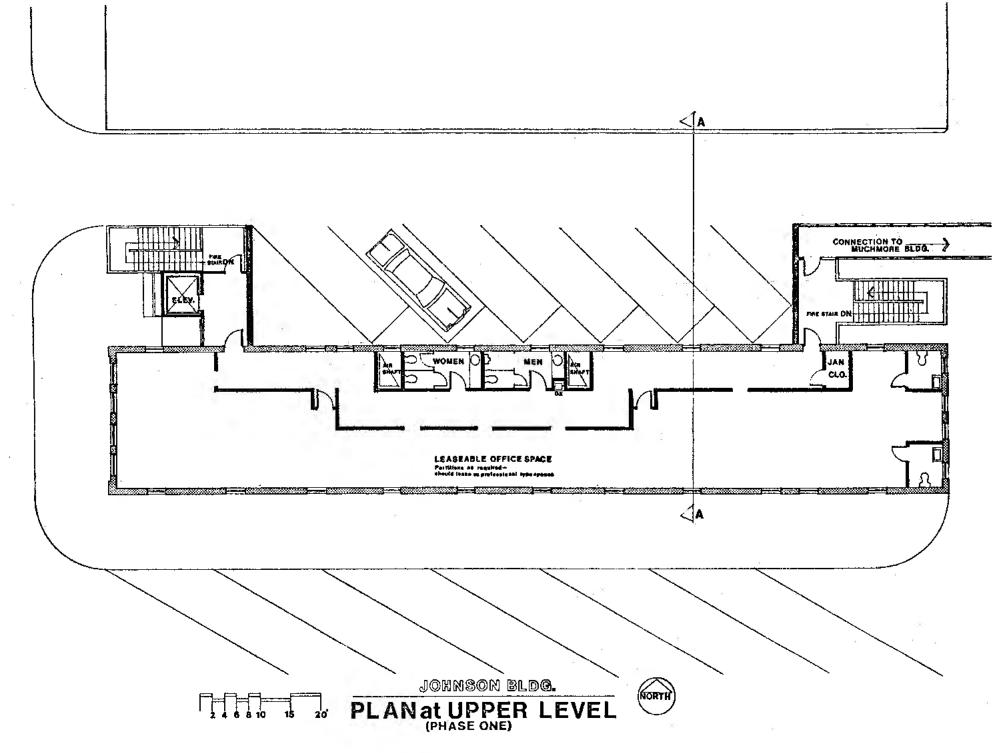


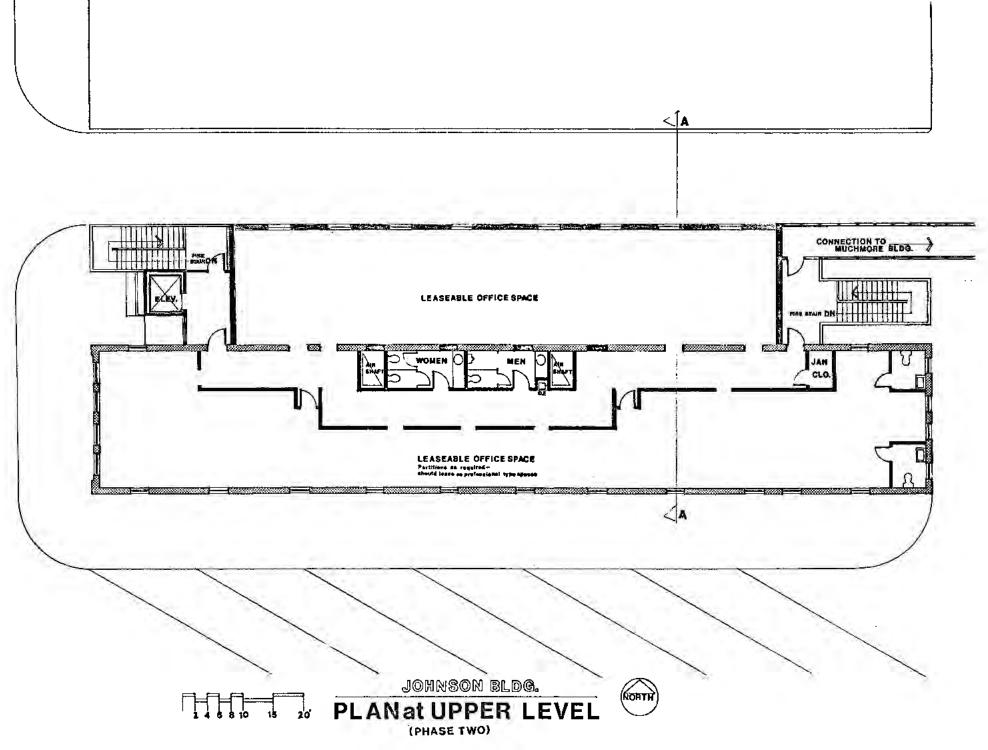


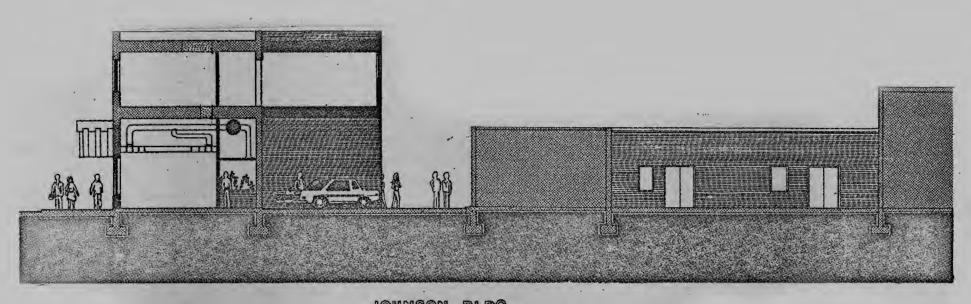


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JOHNSON BLDG. SECTION LOOKING WEST ***

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