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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 2 - REPORTABLE DEFICIENCY - BROADLINE CORPORATION POLAR CRANE ASSEMBLY - REJECTABLE WELDS (NCR 938R)

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Project Section Branch Chief J. C. Bryant on October 3, 1977. The following is our first interim report on this deficiency:

During the assembly of unit 2 polar crane bridge, the bolt holes for one of the two end ties would not line up. Site employees contacted the Division of Engineering Design (EN DES) and it was decided to cut out welds Nos. 1 and 4 (see enclosed sketch), align the members with bolt holes, and reweld.

When these welds were cut out, slag inclusions and lack of fusion were discovered. EN DES was again contacted, and the remaining welds were examined using UT. Four of the six were rejectable, and NCR 938R was issued. Documentation of repair for welds Nos. 1 and 4 was made on NCR 947R. The crane bridge was assembled, and the two welds which had been cut out were rewelded, MT examined, and found acceptable. The bridge with the 600-ton construction hoist was tested successfully and used to install unit 2 major components.

Our final report on this deficiency will be transmitted by December 9, 1977.

Very truly yours,

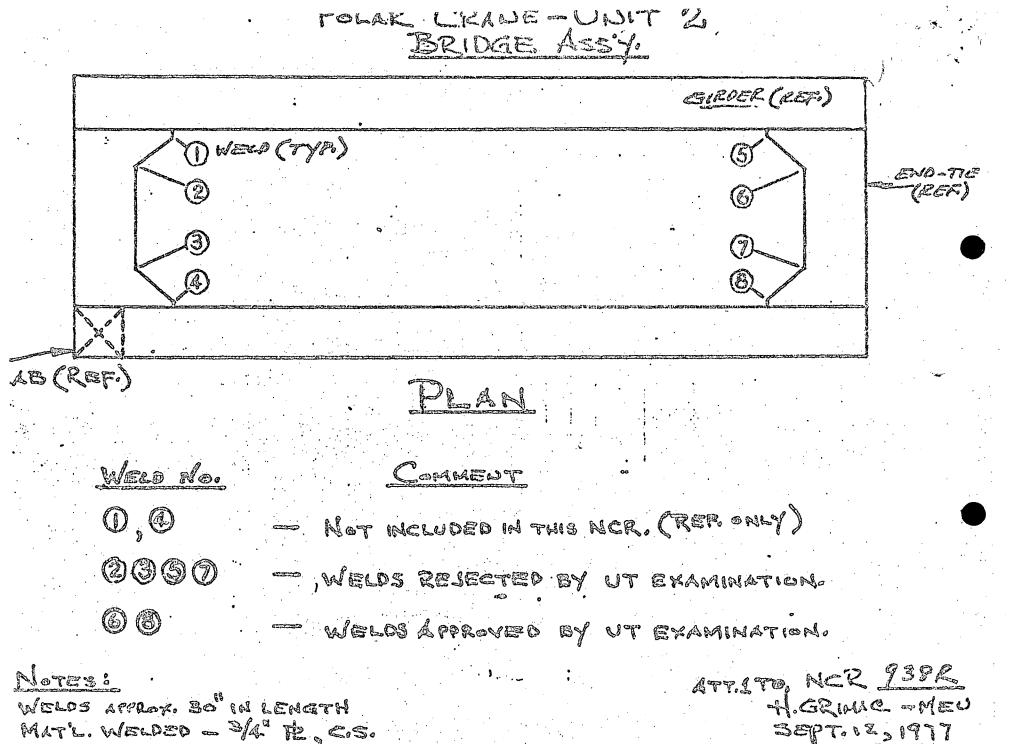
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