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General Statement

The relocation of Route 3 in Bedford, Mass. requires extensive cuts for a grade separation at Route 62. This report contains only the results of the geologic and seismic studies that were made for the purpose of obtaining information that would aid in the construction of the inner and outer loops of the southeast ramp. The studies represent part of a cooperative program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and the United States Geological Survey. The work was performed in July 1953.

The site is located in the Wilmington and Lexington 7-1/2-minute quadrangle maps of the United States Geological Survey. Mr. M. E. Chandler and Mr. W. L. Carney, Massachusetts Department of Public Works' Engineers, performed all pertinent survey work required for this project, and prepared the essential plans and profiles. Mr. Chandler also operated the seismic equipment and assisted in the preparation of the seismic velocity data.

Surface Geology

This site occupies a segment of a till-bedrock hill. Numerous exposures of bedrock (granite) occur on the top of the hill within the limits of the site; these exposures are located on the engineering plan, sheet 1.

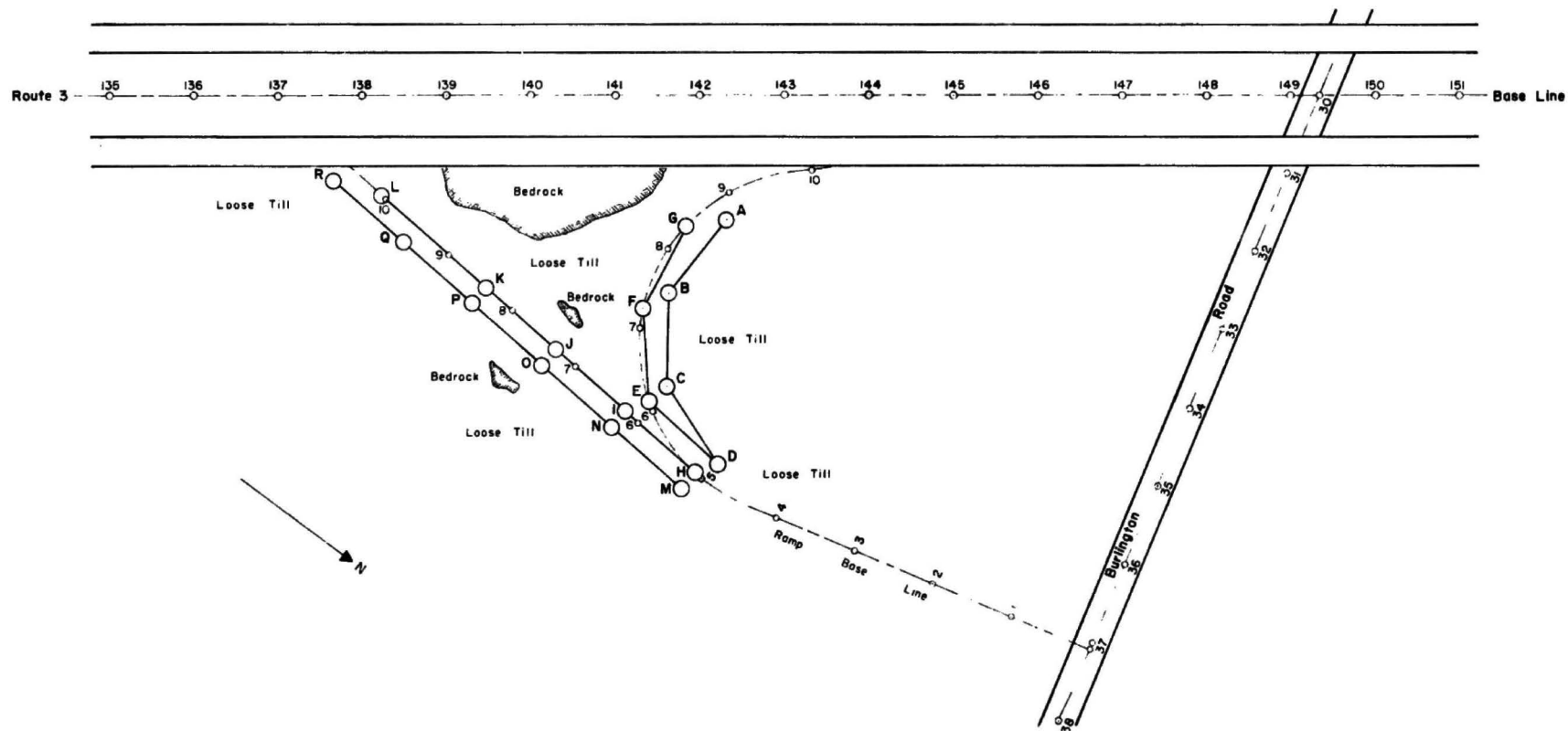
The till in the hill is loose, rather high in content of sand and silt size materials, and contains less than the usual quantities of cobbles and boulders. A surface layer of fine sand and silt, in general, a few inches to one or two feet in thickness, covers most of this site.

Seismic Traverses

Fifteen seismic traverses were made at this site. The locations of the shot points and the arrangement of the traverses are shown on sheet 1.

Subsurface Interpretation

The geologic sections as interpreted from the surface geology and the seismic data are shown on sheet 2. The sections show that bedrock is shallow at this site, from depths of one foot to a maximum depth of approximately thirteen feet. Although the sections suggest a rather smooth undulatory bedrock surface, it is probable that many small ridges, benches or knobs are present some of which are at elevations somewhat above, or below, the elevations as represented by the smooth section lines.



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PLAN OF TRAVERSES

SCALE: 1 INCH = 100 FEET

Letters refer to shot points
at ends of traverses.

Numbers refer to D. P. W.
stations on baseline.

Y Shot point.

V - Apparent seismic velocity(ies) in feet per second.

Dotted bedrock lines indicate inconclusive seismic data.
Vertical measurements refer to elevations above mean
sea level (datum 1929).

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as follows:

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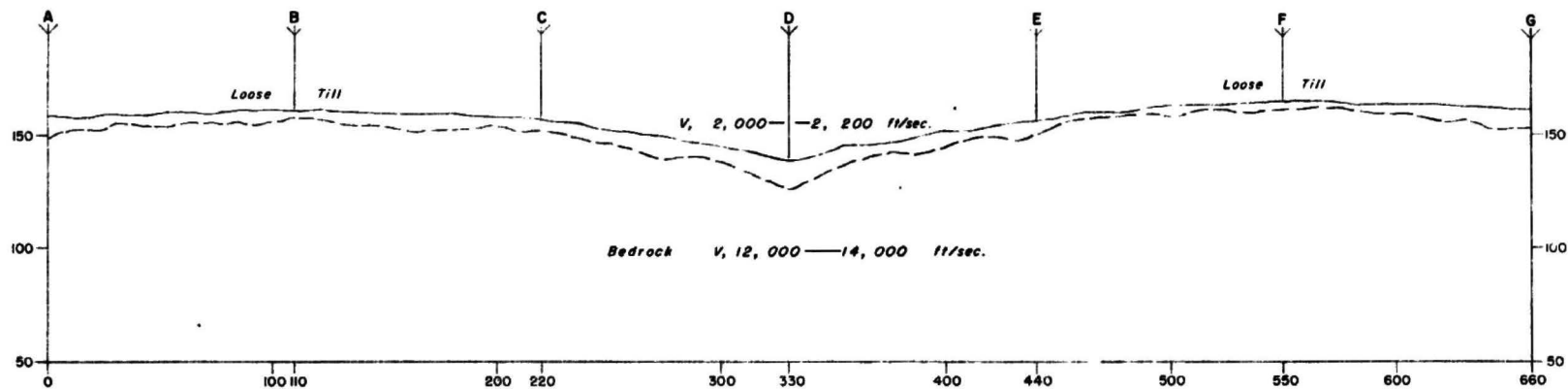
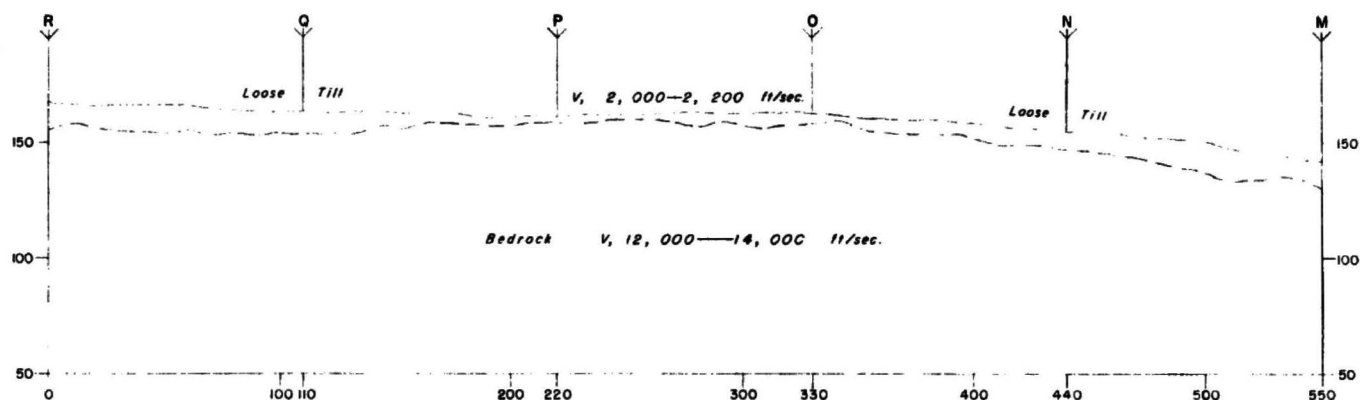
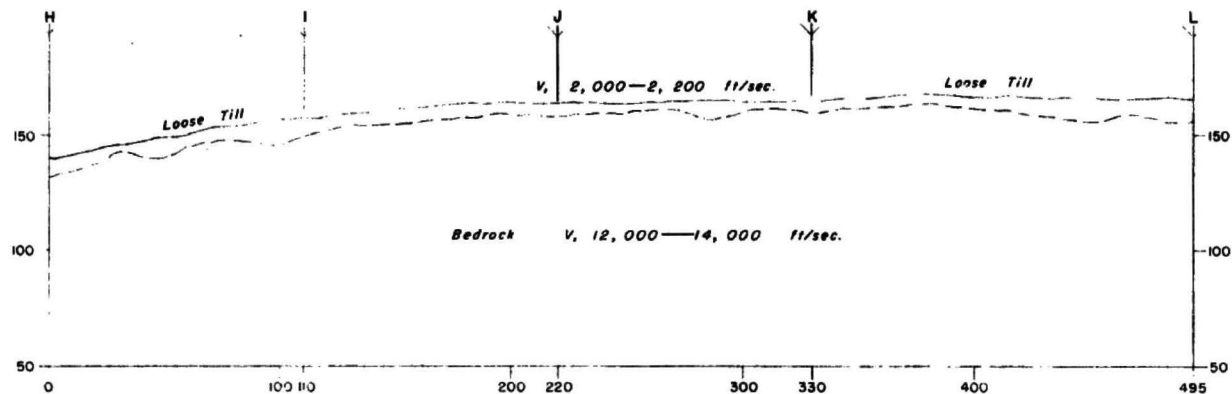
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S. E. RAMP AT ROUTE 62

SCALE: 1 INCH = 40 FEET

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