

This is I-95 Expressway near Ypsilanti, a town that is not too far from us. Notice the roadway is a 70-mile-an-hour dual expressway. The median in the center is 35 feet wide. It is flat.

At 70 miles an hour, you are traveling at 103 feet per second, and it does not take you very much time to cross a 30-foot-wide median.

Notice on the right side there is a lake, Ford Lake by name, and there is a steep embankment off the road area down to the shore of the lake.



The only protection that is offered along this segment are these pine pillars, 6-inch-diameter pine pillars, which can be broken off at a vehicle speed of between 5 and 10 miles an hour.

Mr. W. MAY. There are no cables between those pillars?

Dr. HUELKE. No, sir.

Mr. W. MAY. All right.

Dr. HUELKE. And one evening we did have a fatal accident at this scene.

A woman was driving along when she hit this car in the rear.

A little background on this vehicle. He had stopped in Ann Arbor late at night, coming back from vacation with his family. He had "battery trouble," and his muffler had gone out on him. For a small foreign car like this, the gas station did not have a muffler. They gave him a quick charge of his battery and he was going home in the slow speed lane, as we saw in the other photograph, when he was struck in the rear. This car and the other car went through those guard posts, down to the shoreline where this car struck the two trees right at the edge of the water.

The pathetic part of this was that the three children in the back seat each received a fracture of one of their extremities. The father, who was the driver, was running around frantically throwing all the clothing—that had literally exploded out of the rear of the vehicle—looking