

Mr. W. MAY. Is that located in Virginia?

Mr. O'HARA. That is a Virginia sign on the Capital Beltway just west of the interchange with Interstate Route 95.

Notice there is no guardrail to shield the motorist from that sign. The steel poles are embedded in concrete. You have quite a bit of information for the motorist to read there, and again you will notice it is just slightly off the shoulder area.

On the far side, the westbound lane, you see a similar sign, of the same mounting, and in the same general location.

Mr. CRAMER. How far off the right-of-way is that high-tension power equipment right there? How far off the right-of-way is that?

Mr. O'HARA. I have no information on that, Mr. Cramer. That may or may not be within the right-of-way.

Mr. CRAMER. It looks even more dangerous than the sign, does it not, from the cars speeding off the road?

Mr. O'HARA. Yes, sir, I would say it would be just as dangerous.

Mr. BLATNIK. Can we have that checked; it is a very important point. Mr. Prisk, a tower of that type would usually be off the right-of-way entirely, would it not?

Mr. PRISK. Normally it would be off the right-of-way. The alignment here bears to the left, a slight curve as you see, and I expect the tower is off the right-of-way just about at the fence line.

Mr. BLATNIK. We will have that checked. But there could be circumstances where the tower could be on the right-of-way; is that right?

Mr. PRISK. Yes. Certainly, I would agree that there could be circumstances where it could be in a more vulnerable location than this sign.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. O'Hara.

Mr. O'HARA. This is another type sign which you will find on the Virginia section of the beltway. Again you have an extremely large sign. Again, the steel post is mounted in concrete and again a few feet from the shoulder area.

And here we have a concrete drain (indicating). Now the staff has seen photographs and the results of what has happened to a vehicle

