

Mr. W. MAY. Mr. O'Hara, you just did not select individual signs?

Mr. O'HARA. No, this is not a single sign. There are many of these on the Capital Beltway. But these are best illustrative of the points I want to make.

Again you will notice down here (circle) this is an emergency stopping sign only. It is mounted on a 4- to 6-inch steel pole similar to the poles the speed sign and route markers were mounted on.

Mr. W. MAY. That is a real shame. The bridge piers in this particular span are considerably off the shoulder and the motorist would normally have considerably more recovery area than he generally does with the bridge piers that we have seen. But now they have placed this pipe close by the shoulder, and created an obstacle. Is that right, Mr. Prisk?

Mr. PRISK. Very definitely so. That is an elevated structure. There is plenty of lateral clearance to the right.

Mr. W. MAY. That looks relatively innocent. Yet, we have just seen it can cause an accident. Mr. O'Hara.

Mr. O'HARA. This vehicle ran into a sign similar to the one we just looked at which had the concrete exposed above the ground. And in this accident there were a number of injuries. The police officer who gave me this photograph was not sure whether it was two or three but it was serious, and this accident occurred in 1966 on the Capital Beltway.

