

Mr. CONSTANDY. The next section of guardrail is to protect the foundation of the sign?

Mr. PRISK. That is correct.

Mr. CONSTANDY. The one in front of us is the beginning of the guardrail leading up to the bridge?

Mr. PRISK. That is right.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Have we not found where there is a position for a light pole, and there was guardrail already installed for some other purpose, they then put a steel light pole behind the guardrail, and where the light pole fell outside the guardrail, they put the frangible base?

In the far section behind the guardrail they are steel. The next one, as you pointed out in the first picture, is a breakaway, frangible pole. Did it not work out by pure chance that the light pole happened to come behind a piece of guardrail that actually was there for some other purpose?

Mr. PRISK. I do not know. This frangible light transformer base that is on this standard is the result of field change during the project. Originally this was laid out with steel light poles everywhere. So I do not know as it is quite correct to say this is completely a matter of chance. It was a matter of deliberate design that they put a frangible base light pole in the exposed position.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Mr. Ricker, you think this is the kind of situation where you would have the rigid guardrail?

Mr. RICKER. I am not clear as to the first section—that is the third one in this picture—what it was for.

Mr. CONSTANDY. The right-hand entry ramp. It appears the slope on that is a little bit steeper, a little bit higher than it is here in the forefront.

Mr. RICKER. If it is necessary, I think the whole thing should be continuous. I am not sure the first section would be necessary.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Mr. Wilson?

Mr. WILSON. I agree. Here is a place where, obviously, they bought enough right-of-way, and if in fact those slopes are so steep that a guardrail would be required, a very modest amount of fill in the area where the pointer is (indicating), would take care of any danger as far as running off the road is concerned.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Perhaps at no more cost than the expense of the guardrail and its maintenance?

Mr. WILSON. It may even have been a lot less.

