

Pursuing this a little bit further with the authorities in Providence since that time, we were unable to find any accident report was filed for this pole knocked down at all. In other words, the driver apparently survived this breakaway-type pole accident with only damage to his vehicle and went on his way.

Here again is a closeup of that particular installation, the one most recently broken.

Mr. CONSTANDY. That picture shows something else, does it not, Mr. Prisk, the manner in which it is provided that the high-voltage lines will not cause an additional hazard by being broken. Could you explain that?



Mr. PRISK. Yes, I had mentioned that on the earlier slide, Mr. Constandy, that there was an automatic disconnect. These ends here and here pull away from the wiring inside the pole so that when it goes down, there is an automatic disconnect of the power, no opportunity for fires to develop or any short circuits in the line or even interruption of service to the other lighting units.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Mr. Ricker.

Mr. RICKER. You might note that that concrete base is about 2 inches out of the ground. That should be about the maximum, particularly when you consider erosion that may take place later on. Not having seen the pictures, I do not know whether you have some others that are higher. But I suspect that 2 inches is about the most that should be allowed to protrude.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Thank you.

Mr. PRISK. Very good observation. Glad to have it, of course. Most of these I would say are limited to within 2 inches.