

tact with the base of the sign and causing corrosion, I think, is the principal reason for that.

Mr. BLATNIK. Am I correct, counsel, that some of these concrete bases are at least 2 feet above the ground?

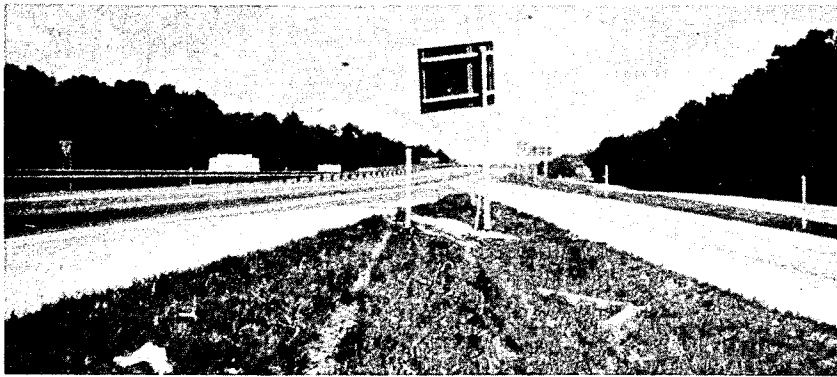
Mr. MAY. More than that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. The installation was made in order to have the metal parts above ground level to avoid corrosion?

Dr. KEESE. With the galvanized metal I do not believe we have a corrosion problem. It might be of interest, sir, if you like, I have a few slides showing the conversion where the Texas Highway Department has gone back and reduced the level of these concrete bases to ground level, before they put on these breakaway devices.

Mr. BLATNIK. Please proceed. I did not mean to interrupt you too long.

Dr. KEESE. This is a typical sign that was hit. In this particular case, the sign worked properly so far as protection of the precious cargo of the vehicle is concerned, but the post broke loose and caused a little more damage to the sign.



In this particular case here again it broke in half, again no injury.

