

looks at all of these plans before they are put under construction; to review them from a safety point of view?

Mr. McALPIN. Yes, we do, Congressman. We have within the structure of our main office in Albany a unit titled "Bureau of Traffic Engineering." This is the focal point for the entire department's operations in regard to safety features, both design and operations. It has review capacity, it recommends in regard to modifications of designs, it has counterparts in each of our 10 district offices, which perform the same functions.

Mr. McCARTHY. They review all of the plans from the safety point of view?

Mr. McALPIN. When you speak of review of all plans, I have to back off just a little to say that with the volume of plans moving through our main office group it undoubtedly does not review all plans. However, their counterparts in the district offices where the plans are originally developed do review and participate in the design of these, of all facilities.

Mr. McCARTHY. And part of their mission is safety; right?

Mr. McALPIN. This is their major issue.

Mr. McCARTHY. Their major issue. Thank you.

Mr. W. MAY. Could we go to the next slide?

This is just another view of that previous installation we saw. If that were struck in the area that we see in the photograph, Mr. Graham, that rail according to the concept would give way, being a weak post, would it not?

