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**Re: Emergency Structural Condition Assessment 92- Alexander Street,  
Albany, New York**

Dear Valerie:

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at approximately 2:00 pm Engineering Technician Barbara Tozzi and I arrived at 92 Alexander Street where we met Senior Building Inspector Dan Sherman, Sam Wells, Danielle Smith and Director Rick LaJoy. The purpose of this site visit was to evaluate the interior and exterior portions of the structure as it relates to public safety.



**Photograph 1**

Photographs 1 and 2 show the Northerly (front) and Westerly side of the building respectively. The existing building is vacant and has been exposed to water damage and rotting for approximately 15 years. Floor and roof joists span in an

East / West direction with interior stud bearing walls that support floor and roof joists at both the first and second floor levels.



**Photograph 2**



**Photograph 3**

Floor framing members are fractured and failing at each floor level. Photographs 3 and 4 shows some deteriorated and fractured floor joists and failing underlayment at the first floor. There are multiple floor penetrations present at the first and second floor levels. Hence, extreme caution shall be exercised when accessing these areas. There is black mold present and saturated sheet rock and debris at every floor. Photograph 5 shows a typical view of the basement area. Photographs 6 and 7 show a typical view of the first and second floor levels. It shall be noted that some of the floor penetrations cannot be seen because they are covered with debris and rugging.



**Photograph 4**



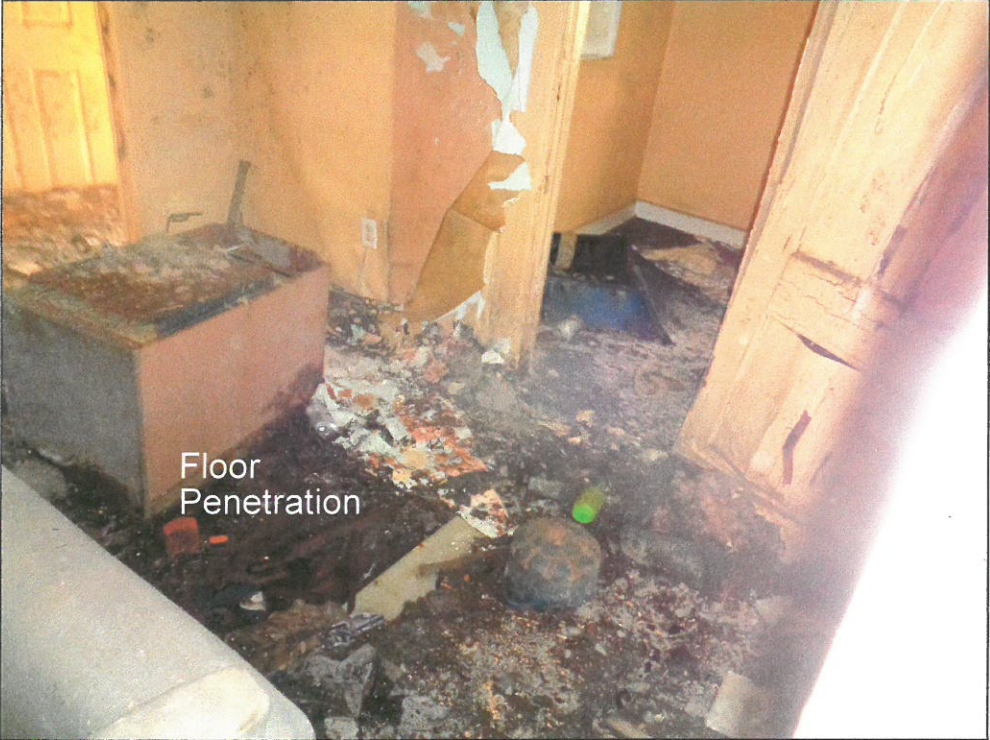
**Photograph 5**

It is estimated that the building was constructed at the beginning of the 1900's (1910) and the City has identified this structure as having possible historic significance and would like to explore the possibility of building stabilization. Because of the extent of deterioration in floor and roof framing members and failure about the perimeter of the foundation, stabilization procedures include temporary shoring measures that would allow for the safe removal and replacement of the perimeter footing and foundation. This engineering report discusses the required tasks needed for structural stabilization along with the estimated costs associated with labor and materials to perform these tasks. It shall be noted that the building was considered structurally deficient due to numerous failures about

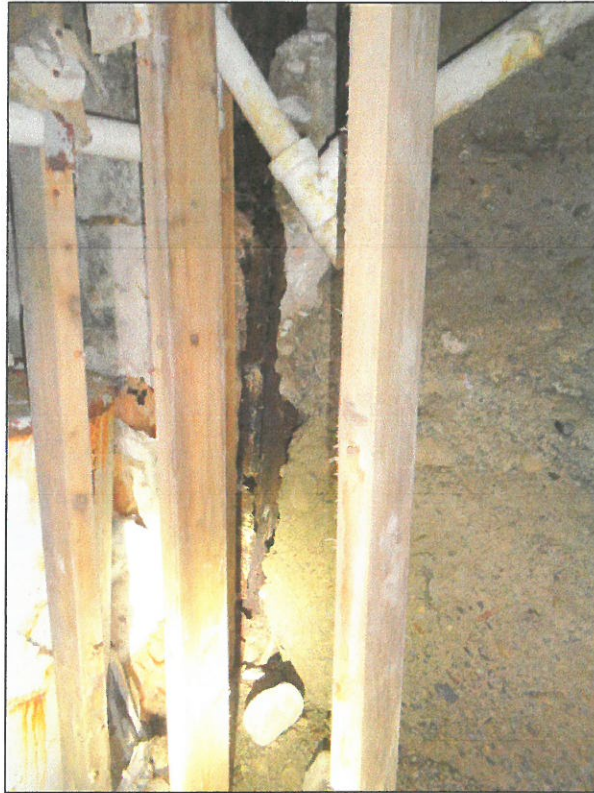
the perimeter foundation and gross deficiencies in the structural framing members. The contractor performing the stabilization work shall be mindful with respect to the overall stability in the structure in that it is possible for the condition of the building to migrate into a dynamic failure state as the work progresses.



**Photograph 6**



**Photograph 7**



**Photograph 8**

At the turn of the century, it was common to excavate for a foundation and use the excavated soils as aggregate for concrete by combining silty clay soils with some rounded stone and Portland Cement. While this deficient “concrete” was functional for a number of years, this Cementous composition degrades substantially with time, variations in moisture contents, subsequent freeze / thaw cycles and heavy loading conditions such as from a combination of both horizontal earth pressures and vertical live and dead loads applied from the weight of the house. Currently, the resulting behavior and consistency of the existing foundation replicates that of a dense Cementous soil and not the resiliency and structural capacity of a proper concrete mixture.

**While the present condition of the building is considered structurally deficient and a hazard to public safety, the following represent structural stabilization measures and associated costs required to stabilize and preserve the structural integrity of this building.**

**Please note that only a qualified and fully insured contractor shall be selected for these stabilization measures. The contractor is wholly responsible for workers’ safety, DOL and OSHA compliance. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only due to the hazard classification. For safety, all**

utilities with confirmation shall be terminated at the curb line (water/ sewer), natural gas and the electrical service, terminated at the power pole.

Description of engineering design drawings and construction materials

- 1). Plan view of building foundation with proposed temporary 2" x 6" shoring to support floor framing members and supplemental micro- lam and column support for the main bearing beam. Sectional view through the foundation first and second floor levels and the roof that establish the applied live and dead loads to the structure.
- 2). Permanent foundation wall replacement and associated structural details.
- 3). Proposed first and second floor level framing member replacement.
- 4). Roof joists replacement and replacement of the roof and roof underlayment.
- 5). Engineer's estimate of construction.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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JOB 92 ALEXANDER STREET  
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SHEET NO. 1 OF 7

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### STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION

<u>ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>MATERIALS &amp; LABOR</u>
1.0 <u>REMOVE ALL DEBRIS FROM THE BUILDING. REMOVE RUGGING,</u>	
i) <u>SHEET ROCK WALLS &amp; CEILING IN THE BASEMENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LEVELS.</u>	
ii) <u>PROVIDE 8 - 30 CY DUMPSTERS @ 400/DUMPS</u>	\$ 4800 <sup>00</sup>
iii) <u>INTERIOR DEMOLITION OF ALL WALL, FLOOR &amp; CEILING COVERING &amp; INSULATION: (LABOR)</u>	
<u>4 LABORERS x 8 hr/DAY x 10 DAYS x 20/hr =</u>	\$ 9,600 <sup>00</sup>
2.0. <u>BASEMENT AREA: INSTALL 3 - 2" x 6" @ 16" ON-CENTER</u>	
i). <u>STUD BEARING WALLS (EAST &amp; WEST SIDE OF THE BSM) AND @ CENTER SITUATED UNDER THE UPPER BEARING WALLS TO MAINTAIN LOAD PATHS.</u>	
<u>2" x 6" @ 16" O.C. 180 LF ≈ 135 2" x 6" STUDS @ 8' LENGTH</u>	
<u>PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 160 EACH 2" x 6" x 8' LENGTH TO ACCOMMODATE MULTIPLE JACK SHODDING AT 4' OPENINGS &amp; KNEE BRACING AT WALL TO FLOOR JOINTS (@ THIRD POINTS FOR WALL STABILITY)</u>	
<u>2" x 6" @ 8' LENGTH STUDS (160 ea x \$14/each) =</u>	\$ 2,240 <sup>00</sup>
ii). <u>TOP &amp; BOTTOM 2" x 6" PLATES (DOUBLE TOP PLATE AND SINGLE BOTTOM PLATE) 2" x 6" @ 16" LONG</u>	
<u>164 LF x 3 = 492 LF = 31 pieces</u>	
<u>31 pieces (2" x 6" @ 16") x 30 each =</u>	\$ 930 <sup>00</sup>
iii). <u>LABOR: 5 CARPENTERS x 8 hrs/DAY x 25/hr x 5 days =</u>	\$ 5000 <sup>00</sup>
iv). <u>MISC MATERIALS: SAW BLADES, NAILS, SCREWS GARBAGE BAGS, ETC.</u>	\$ 1000 <sup>00</sup>
v). <u>2" x 10" @ 5' LENGTH (3 EACH) HEADER @ 4' ACCESS OPENINGS IN EACH WALL SECTION (12 OPENINGS TOTAL)</u>	
<u>36 pieces (2" x 6" x 12') @ \$33 each =</u>	\$ 1,188 <sup>00</sup>
<u>THIS SHEET</u>	
<u>\$ 24,758<sup>00</sup></u>	





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## 3.0 FIRST FLOOR LEVEL FRAMING.

i). 2" x 6" @ 10' LENGTH STUDS AT 16" ON CENTER  
ALONG THE EAST & WEST SIDES OF THE BUILDING AND  
ALONG THE CENTER OF THE STRUCTURE (LONGITUDINALLY)  
160 STUDS EACH @ 10' LENGTH (2" x 6") @ 19/STUD = \$ 3,040<sup>00</sup>

ii). 2" x 6" (DOUBLE TOP PLATE) & 2" x 6" BOTTOM PLATE - SINGLE  
164 LF x 3 = 492 LF / 16' LENGTH PER PIECE = 31 PIECES  
31 PIECES (2" x 6" @ 16') x \$30 EACH = \$ 930<sup>00</sup>

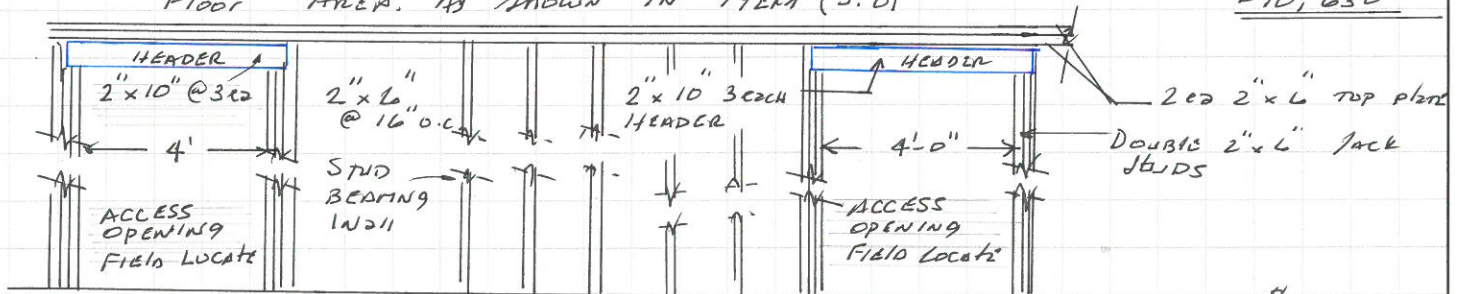
iii). LABOR: 5 CARPENTERS x 8 hrs/Day x 25/hr x 5 DAYS = \$ 5000<sup>00</sup>

iv). MISC MATERIALS. SAW BLADE, NAILS, SCREWS  
GARBAGE BAGS, etc (Refer to sheet 17) \$ 1000<sup>00</sup>

v). PROVIDE 2" x 10" (3 EACH) HEADERS 5' LENGTH @  
EACH ACCESS OPENING (4' WIDE) IN THE EASTERLY,  
WESTERLY & CENTER 2" x 6" BEARING WALLS.  
12 - 4' OPENINGS TOTAL 20 PIECES - 2" x 10" @ 12' LENGTH  
5' x 3 EACH x 12 OPENINGS = 180 LF / 12' LENGTH = 15 PIECES  
PROVIDE 20 PIECES EACH OF 2" x 10" @ 12' LENGTH  
FOR THE HEADERS 20 PIECES x \$33<sup>00</sup> EACH = \$ 660  
SUB TOTAL \$ 10,630<sup>00</sup>

## 4.0 SECOND FLOOR LEVEL FRAMING:

i). SOME TASKS, MATERIALS & LABOR FOR THE FIRST  
FLOOR AREA. AS SHOWN IN ITEM (3.0) \$ 10,630<sup>00</sup>



ELEVATION VIEW 2" x 6" STUD BEARING  
WALL FOR FLOOR FRAMING SUPPORT

THIS SHEET = 21,260<sup>00</sup>



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### 57. REPLACEMENT OF FIRST FLOOR FRAMING & FLOOR UNDERLAYMENT THAT IS DETERIORATED & ROTTED:

i). FLOOR FRAMING: 2" x 8" x 12' LENGTH 28 PIECES x 25<sup>00</sup> = 700<sup>00</sup>

ii). ADVANTECH OSB TONGUE & GROOVE 23/32" OSB BOARD UNDERLAYMENT 4' x 8' SHEETS 20 SHEETS x 100/SHEET = 2000<sup>00</sup>

iii). MISC MATERIALS AS SHOWN IN ITEM I.D- iv (sheet 1) 1000<sup>00</sup>

iv). LABOR: 5 CARPENTERS x 8 hr/DAY x 25/hr x 5 DAYS = 5000<sup>00</sup>  
SUB TOTAL 8,700<sup>00</sup>

### 67. 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR LEVEL FRAMING & UNDERLAYMENT REPLACEMENT (SAME AS ITEM 5)

### 7). ROOF REPLACE DETERIORATED & FAILING ROOF JOISTS, ROOF

i). UNDERLAYMENT. BOLT NEW 2" x 10" ROOF JOISTS TO EXISTING MEMBERS PROVIDE NEW HEADER & BOXED-OUT HATCHWAY FOR ROOF ACCESS. USE GRK 3/8" x 4" STRUCTURAL SCREWS

ii). REPLACE 2" x 10" ROOF JOISTS @ 12' LENGTH 30 PIECES x 33<sup>00</sup> EACH = 990<sup>00</sup>

iii). ADVANTECH 23/32" 30 SHEETS x 100/SHEET = 3000<sup>00</sup>

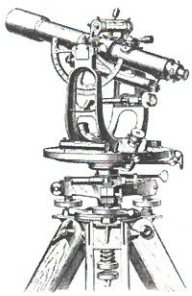
iv). SCREW & BOLT (AS NEEDED) FRAMING MEMBERS TO EXISTING PROVIDE ACCESSWAY TO ROOM 2000<sup>00</sup>

v). 60' x 22' = 1320 SF 12 SHEETS OF 1/2" GYP SUBSTRATE 1200<sup>00</sup>

vi). LABOR: 5 CARPENTERS x 8 hr/DAY x 25/hr x 5 DAYS = 5000<sup>00</sup>

vii). EPDM 60 MIL RUBBER ROOF WITH FLASHING 8000<sup>00</sup>

TOTAL THIS SHEET 37,590<sup>00</sup>



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CON'T Materials & LABOR

8). PROVIDE TEMPORARY RAKER BRACE SUPPORT ABOUT THE 4 SIDES OF THE BUILDING EXTERIOR TO PREVENT MOVEMENT (TRANSLATION) OF THE BUILDING DURING THE DEMOLITION OF THE FAILING FOUNDATION WALL.

i). TOTAL EXTERIOR PERIMETER:  $60' + 60' + 22' + 22' = 164$  LF  
 MAXIMUM RAKER BRACE SPACING: 8'  
 $164 \text{ LF} / 8' = 21$  (22 LOCATIONS)

ii) PROVIDE 2ea 2" x 10" @ 12' LENGTH PER DIAGONAL BRACE  $2ea \times 22 \times 33 = 1452$   
 CROSS BRACING BETWEEN DIAGONAL BRACES:  
 $2" \times 4" \times 14'$  2 BRACES  $\times$  22 LOCATIONS  $\times$  2 DR = 880  
 $2" \times 10"$  BACKER BOARD FOR RAKER BRACES (36" LENGTH)  
 $2" \times 10" \times 12' \times 6ea(\text{pieces}) \times 33ca = 200$

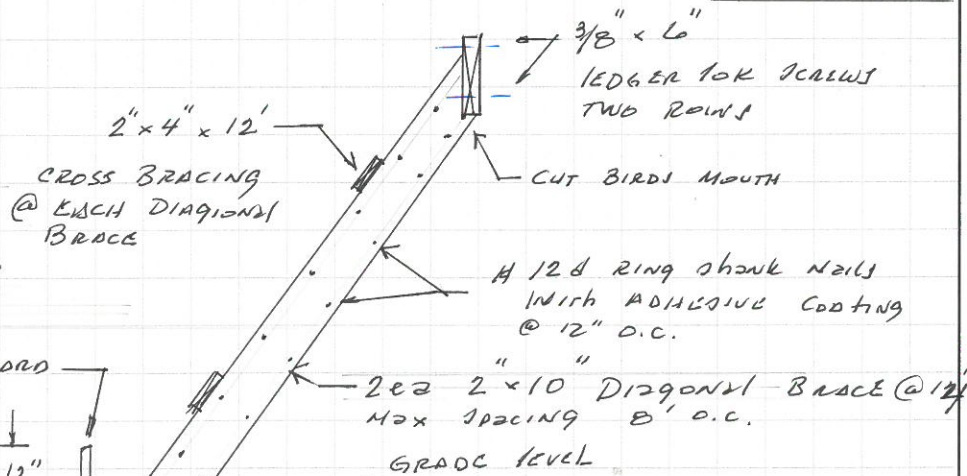
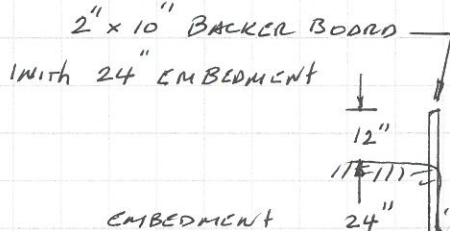
iii) MISC ITEMS REFER TO SHEET 1 ITEM I-IV \$ 1000<sup>00</sup>

iv). LABOR: 5 DAYS  $\times$  5 CARPENTERS  $\times$  8hr/DAY  $\times$  25/hr = 5000 \$ 5000<sup>00</sup>

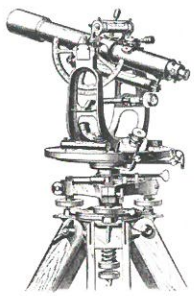
v). LEDGER PLATE 2" x 10" x 12' LENGTH  $164 \text{ LF} / 12' / \text{PIECE} = 14 \text{ PIECES} \times 33$  \$ 462<sup>00</sup>

vi). 3/8" x 6" LEDGER LOK SCREWS @ 16" O.C. 2 ROWS \$ 400<sup>00</sup>

TEMPORARY RAKER BRACE SUPPORT TO PREVENT SIDE-SWAY & LATERAL DEFLECTION.



TOTAL THIS SHEET: 9394 \$ 9394<sup>00</sup>



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## ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & LABOR CON'T

9). BASEMENT AREA: DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING FAILING FOUNDATION WALL & REPLACEMENT WITH A NEW 12" THICK x 24" WIDE REINF. CONCRETE FOOTING & 2 8" REINFORCED CMU BLOCK WALL.

i). DEMOLITION OF 164 LF @ 8' HEIGHT EXISTING FAILING FOUNDATION WALL

	\$	\$	\$ 00
5 WEEKS MACHINE RENTAL	2754/MO + 1377/WEEK =	4131	
4.5 - 5.0 TON JOHN DEERE 50 G MINI-EXCAVATOR OPERATOR	14 DAYS x 8hr/day x 25/hr =	2800	\$ 2800 00

ii). DUMP TRUCK (10 LOADS) x 500/LOAD = 5000 00 \$ 5000 00

iii). LABORERS (5) x 20 DAYS x 8hr/day x 20/hr = 16,000 00 \$ 16,000 00

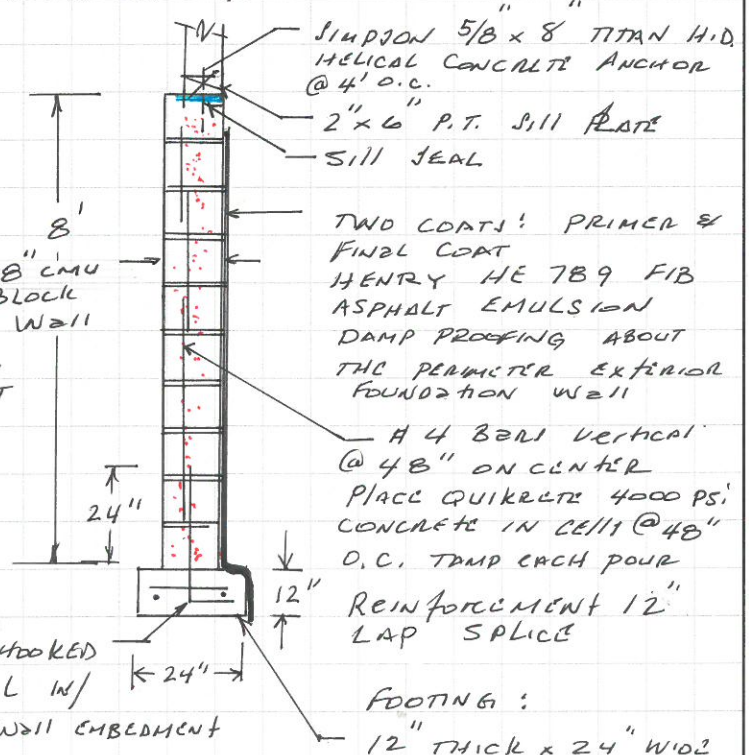
TO RELIEVE THE PERIMETER FOOTING; FORM & PLACE REINFORCING APPLY 8" COMPACTED CRUSHED STONE; FACE BLOCK & CMU REINFORCING APPLY 2 COATS OF ASPHALTIC EMULSION TO THE OUT SIDE

iv). PROVIDE 2" x 12" @ 12' LENGTH FOR FORMWORK FOR THE STRIP FOOTING CROSS TIE PLATE

2" x 12" FORMS  
FORM STAKES  
GRADE LEVEL IN THE BASEMENT

**FOOTING FORM WORK**

2 ea 164 LF.	x 33/piece	= 924	\$ 00
	12 LF/piece		

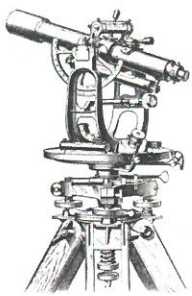


SUB TOTAL THIS SHEET: 28,855 \$ 00

### TYPICAL FOUNDATION WALL

SECTION

REINFORCED CONCRETE FOOTING  
4000 PSI CONC 3" MAX SLUMP  
5-7% AIR



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ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & LABOR

### 97. BASEMENT FOUNDATION CONT.

SUBTOTAL THIS SHEET = 16,810

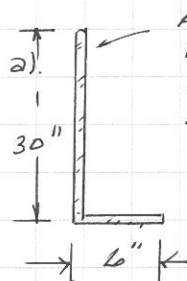
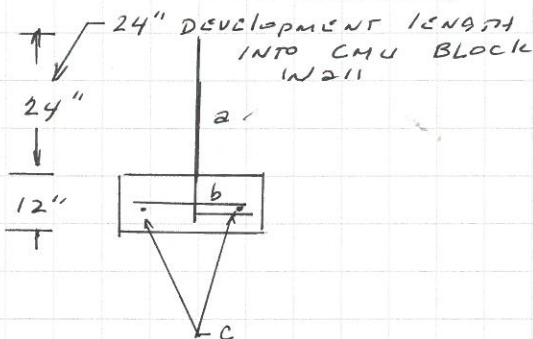
\$ 1600.00

#### IV) FORM WORK CONT.

FORM STAKES & 1"WOOD (1x3") LARCH

TIE PLATES NAILS etc. LABOR & MATERIALS

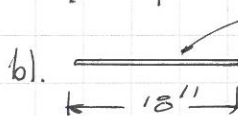
#### V) REINFORCING:



#4 BENT BAR IN 6" HOOK 36" TOTAL LENGTH @ 48" O.C.

164 LF = 41 @ 4' O.C. USE 45 PIECES @ 3' LENGTH

135 LF



TRANSVERSE #4 BAR @ 2' O.C.

164 LF = 82 @ 2 FT O.C.

USE 86 PIECES 86 x 1.5' = 129 LF

c).

2ea #4 BARS CONTINUOUS

LONGITUDINAL 2ea x 164' = 328 LF

CMU WALL REINFORCING

8' WALL HEIGHT x 164' = 41 ea 8 LF = 328 LF

4' WALL SPACING

TOTAL LENGTH OF REINFORCING IS. 135' + 129' + 328' + 328' = 920'

THE #4 BARS ARE PURCHASED IN 10' LENGTHS. #

OR 92 PIECES TOTAL PROVIDE 110 PIECES. @ 11 EACH = 1210

#### VI) DUR-O-WALL HORIZONTAL REINFORCEMENT EVERY OTHER COURSE: 2000.00

#### VII) CONCRETE FOR THE FOOTING: 1' THICK x 2' WIDE x 164 LF = 12 CY PROVIDE 27 CF/CY 14 CY

14 CY x 120/CY = 1680 = 2000

PROVIDE A PUMP TRUCK FOR EACH POUR (3000.00)

#### VIII) CONCRETE FOR FILLING THE CLEFTS OF BLOCK @ 4' ON CENTER 4 BAGS @ 5/BAG PER LOCATION x 41 LOCATIONS = 1000.00

#### IX) CONCRETE BLOCK (164 LF x 12" / FT) ÷ 16" = 12 COURSES = 1476 BLOCK

1476 BLOCK x 2.00 ea = 3000 BLOCK & 3000 MORTAR: 3000 6000



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ENGINEERS ESTIMATE FOR STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION MATERIALS & LABOR

SHEET #	SUBTOTAL AMOUNT
1	\$ 24,758 <sup>00</sup>
2	\$ 21,260 <sup>00</sup>
3	\$ 37,590 <sup>00</sup>
4	\$ 9,394 <sup>00</sup>
5	\$ 28,855 <sup>00</sup>
6	\$ 14,810 <sup>00</sup>
NET TOTAL	\$ 138,667 <sup>00</sup>

LIVE SNOW LOAD ON THE ROOF: ASCE EQN 7.3-1 ASCE 7-14

$$P = 0.7 C_e C_t I_s P_g$$

$$0.7 \times 1.0 \times 1.2 \times 1.0 \times 50 \text{ PSF} = 42 \text{ PSF}$$

GROUND SNOW LOADS = 50 PSF  
 IMPORTANCE FACTOR = 1.0  
 THERMAL FACTOR = 1.2  
 EXPOSURE FACTOR = 1.0

MAXIMUM SPAN OF THE MAIN BEARING BEAM BETWEEN SUPPORTS IS 4'-0" APPLIED UNIFORM LOAD = W

NET APPLIED LOAD FROM THE ROOF, 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR JOISTS

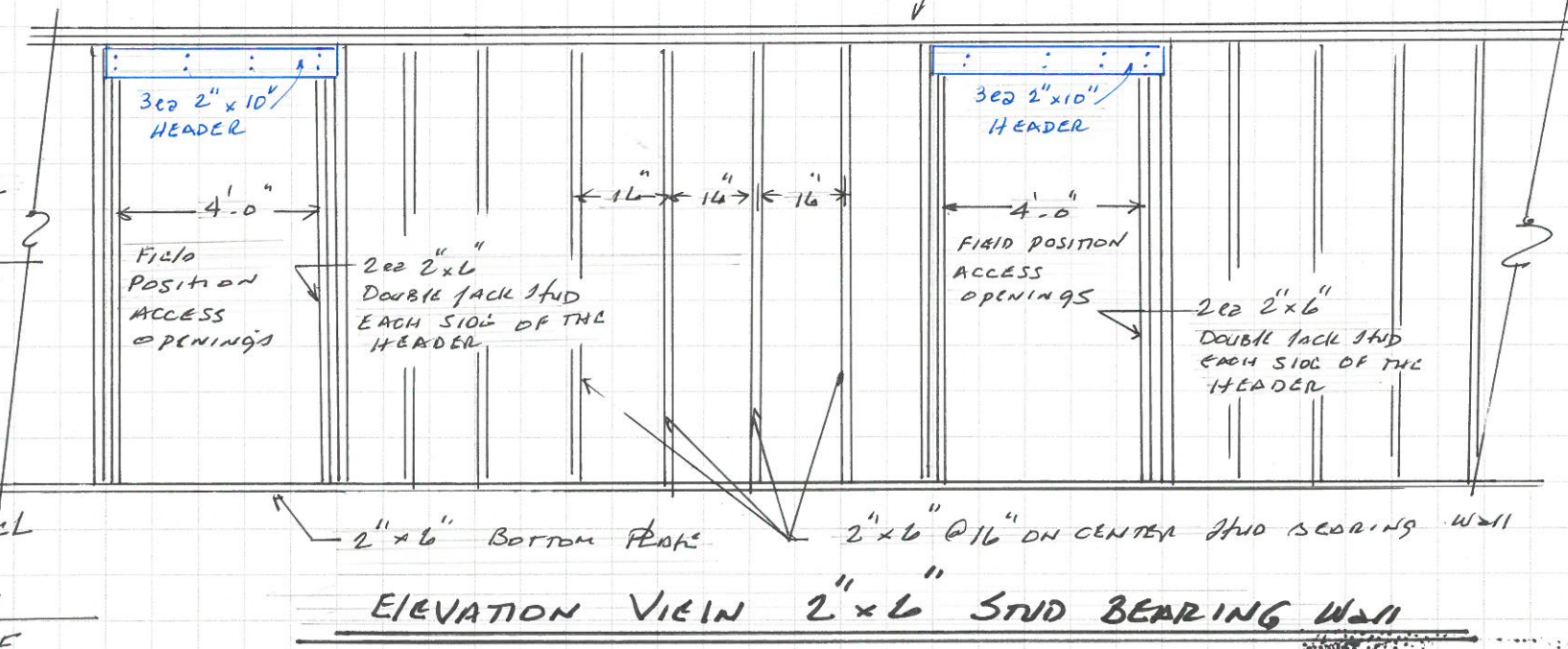
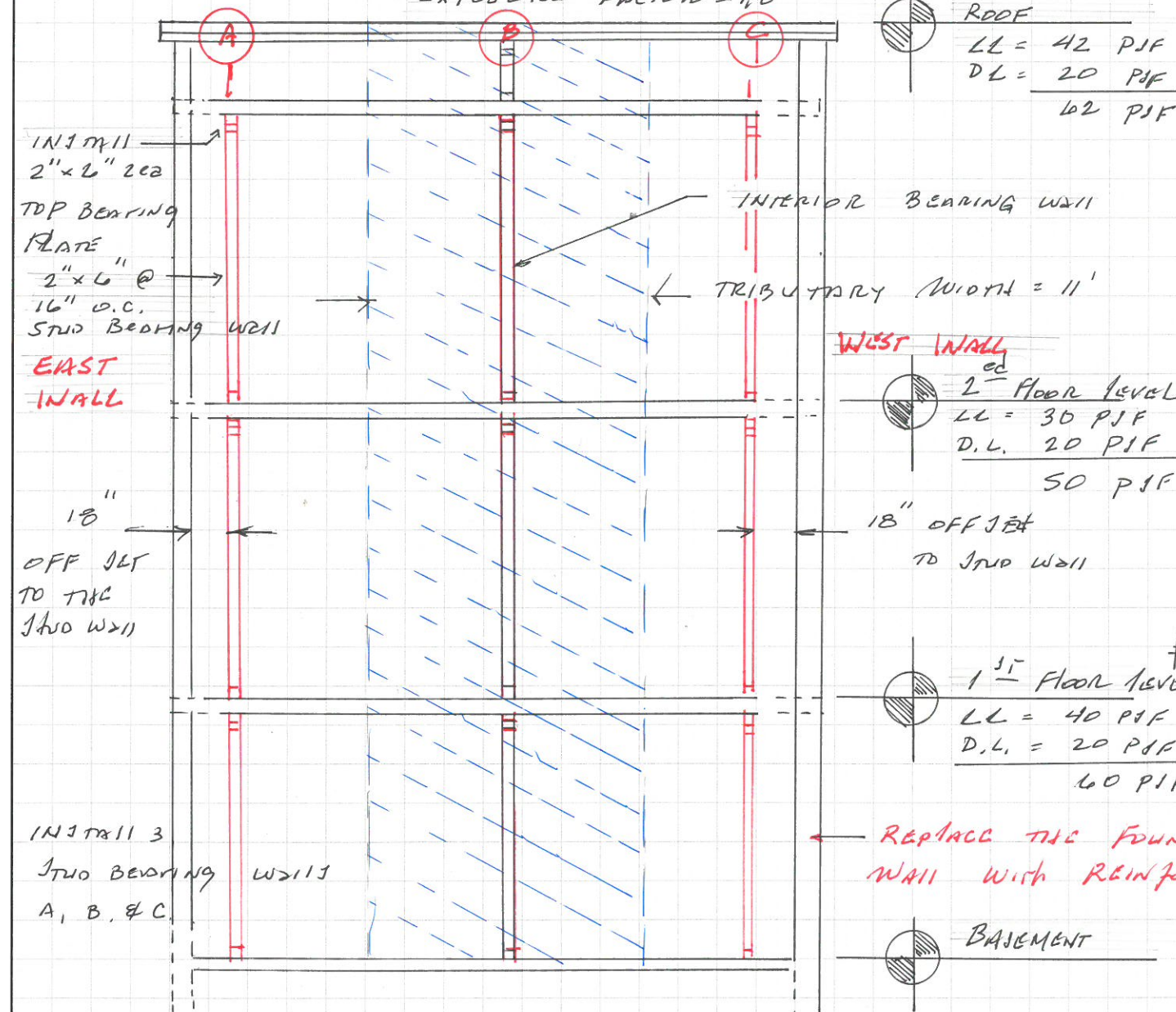
$$LL_{D.F.} = 42 \text{ PSF} + 50 \text{ PSF} + 60 \text{ PSF} = 152 \text{ PSF}$$

UNIFORM APPLIED LOAD =  $W = 152 \text{ PSF} \times 11' = 1672 \text{ #/LF}$

MAXIMUM MOMENT DEVELOPED IN THE 4' OPENING

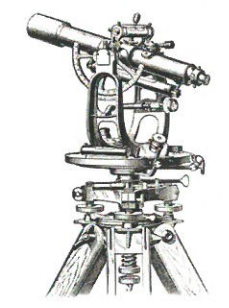
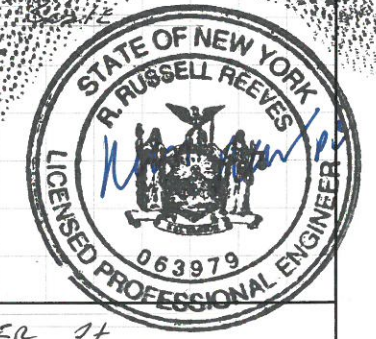
$$M = WL^2/8 = \frac{1672 \text{ #/LF} \times 4'^2}{8} = 3344 \text{ FT LBS. (MIDDLE JOIST WALL)}$$

PROVIDE 2" x 10" (3 EACH) AT EACH HEADER OPENING IN THE CENTER 2" x 6" @ 16" O.C. JOIST WALL



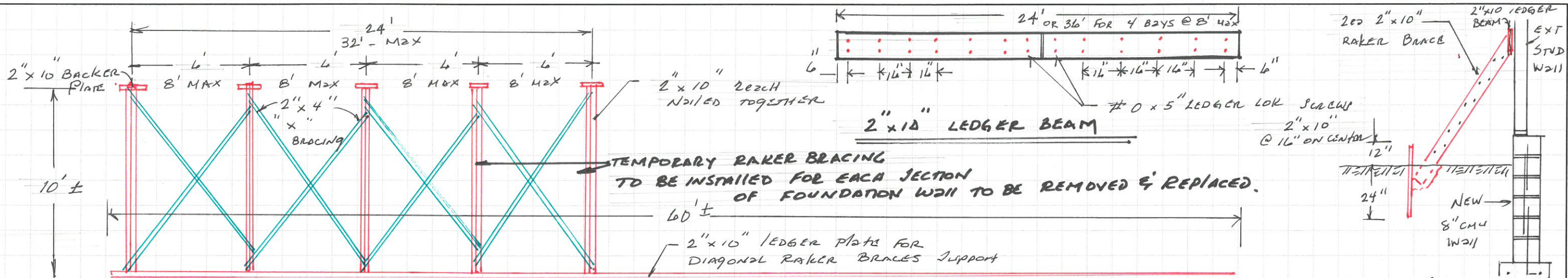
SECTIONAL VIEW THROUGH THE BUILDING & THE APPLIED LOADS  
 SCALE 3/16" = 1'-0"

REPLACE THE FOUNDATION WALL WITH REINFORCED CMU BLOCK (8")

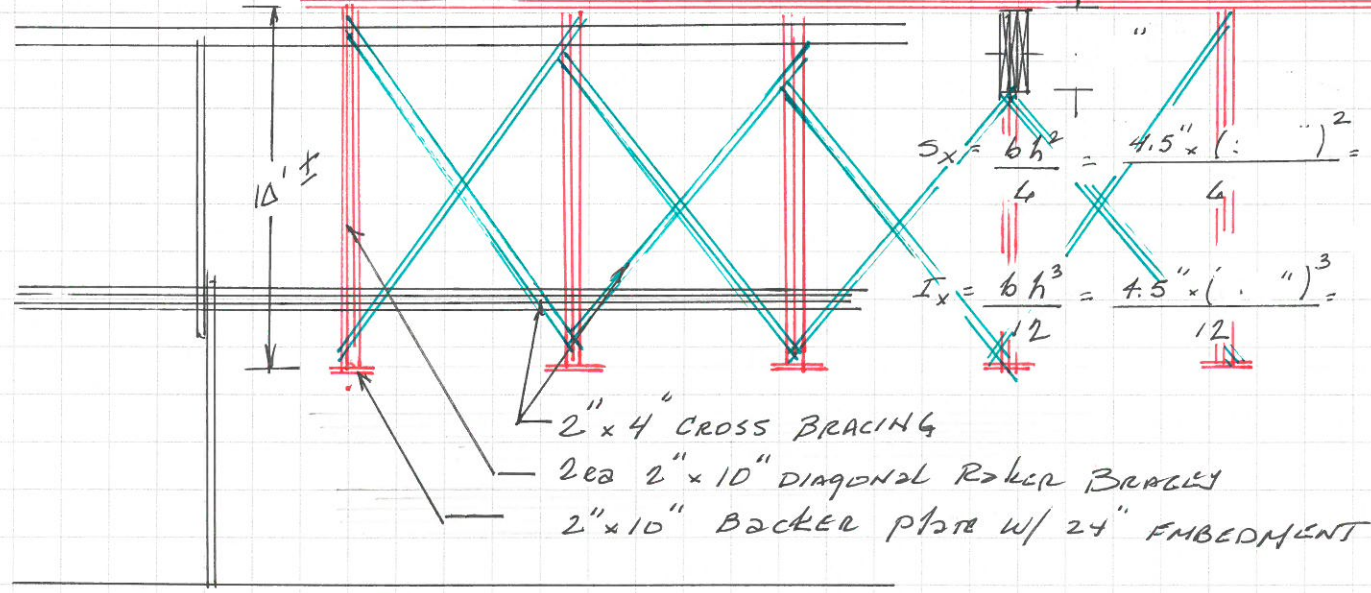
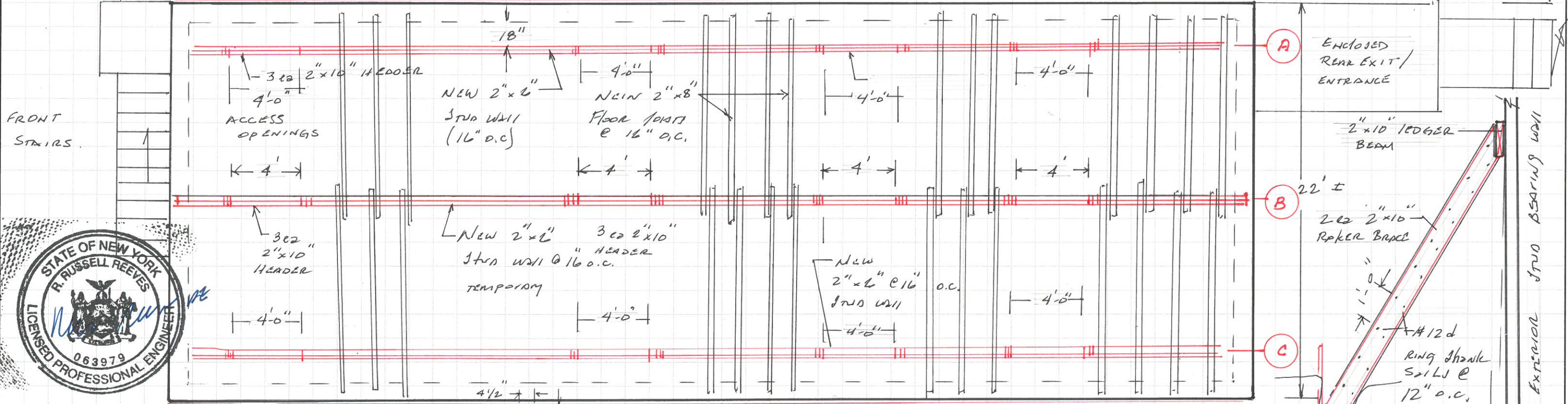


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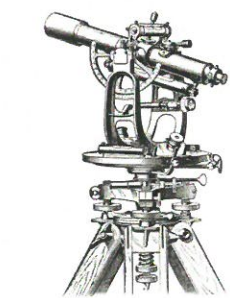
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TEMPORARY RAKER BRACING TO BE INSTALLED FOR EACH SECTION OF FOUNDATION WALL TO BE REMOVED & REPLACED.



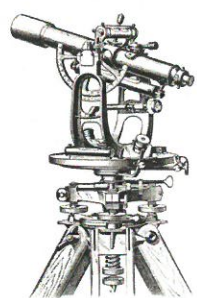
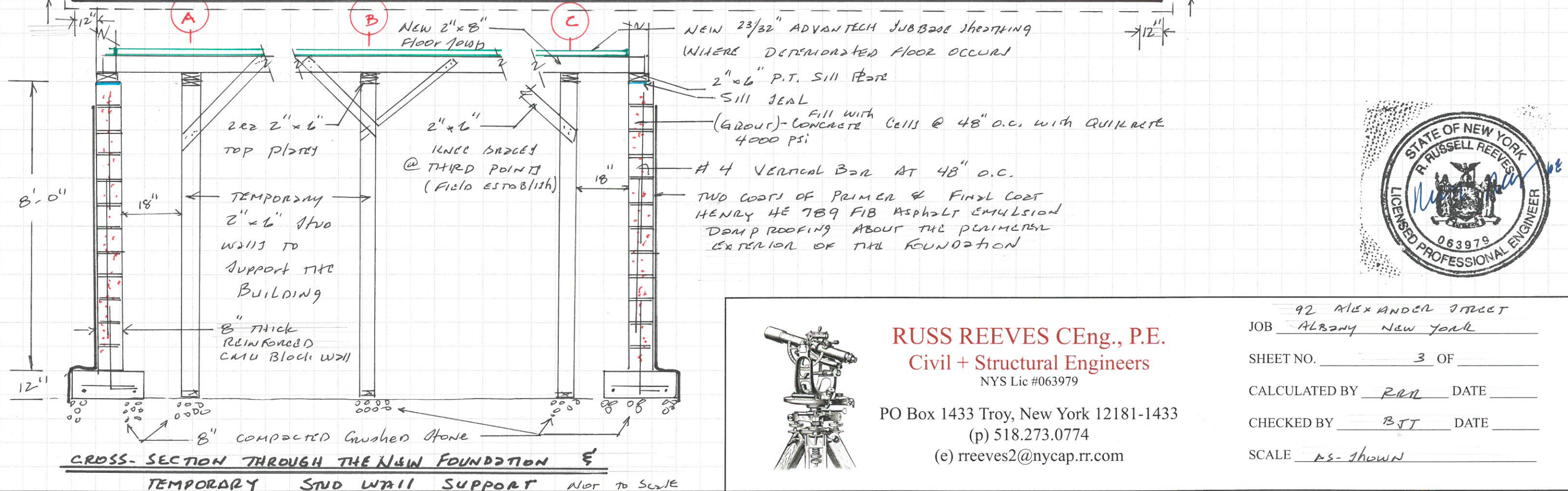
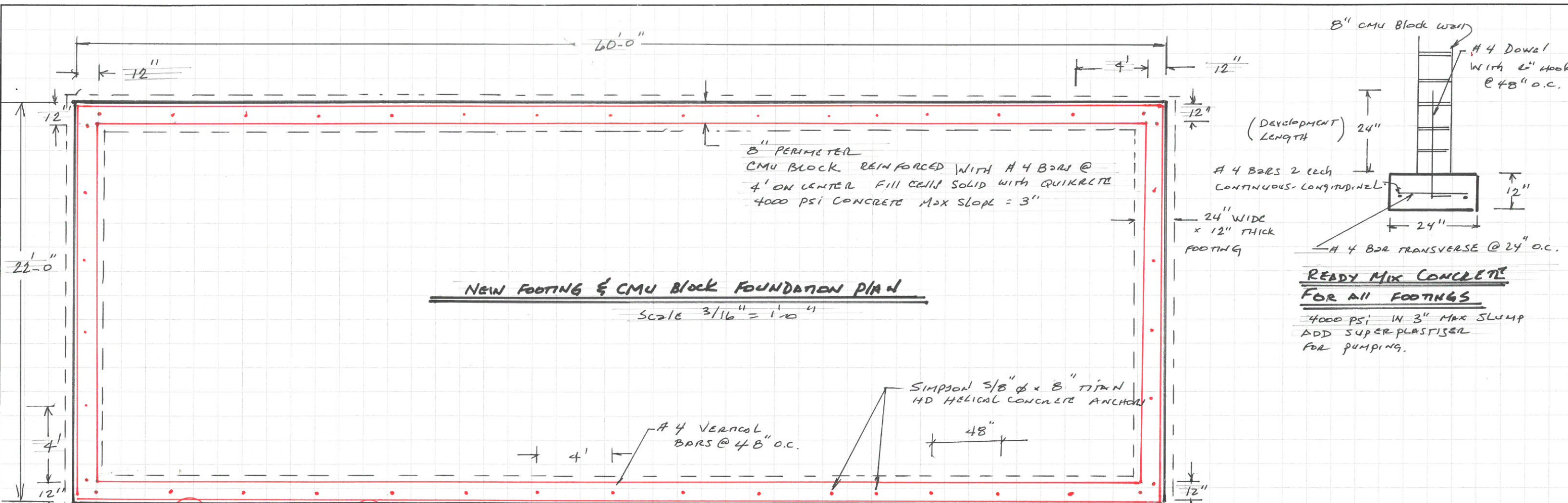
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 $E = 1,400,000 \text{ MAX } 510,000 \text{ MIN PSI}$



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