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Activities described extend from the earliest OSRD contracts, negotiated in July 1941, for the study of the diffusion process, to 31 December 1946, by which time the basic K-25 design had been completed, and administrative responsibility passed from the Manhattan District to the United States Atomic Energy Commission. 4

A number of appendices are attached to illustrate the text by means of tabulations, plan drawings, charts, graphs, photographs, file references, documentary exhibits, and a glossary. «References indicated by parentheses, as (App. Bl), (App. Cl2), etc., refer to Item 1 of Appendix B, Item 12 of Appendix C, etc. ( heference to the Glossary, Appendix H, is made by means of an asterisk.)







The Summary contains an abstract of every major subject treated in Volume 3. · Faragraph numbers in the Summary correspond to section numbers in the main text. ·

A detailed descriptive account of the K-25 Project with special emphasis on design and development has been prepared by the Kellex Corporation: "Completion Report on the K-25 Gas Diffusion Flant" (Contract No. W-7405-eng-23) January 1, 1946 - H. B. Levey, J. F. Hogerton, and J. H. Arnold." This report has provided an outstanding source of reference during the preparation of the present work. "Kore extensive treatment of the design and engineering underlying many of the subjects discussed in this volume may be found by consulting the Kellex report, frequent references to which are inserted in the text." Also referred to are the Kellex Engineering Descriptions, which are tabulated in Appendix D5 of this volume, and the Kellex Operating Manuals, which are tabulated in Appendix C3 of Volume 5." These reference works are on file in the K-25 Division Office of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee."









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1. Introduction. - K-25 Project design, engineering, and procurement activities involved work by many of the Mation's leading equipment manufacturers, and considerable assistance from British sources. Overall responsibility was vocted initially in the K. W. Kellogg Company under OSEP contract OEEsr-406, and finally in The Kellox Corporation under Manhattan District contract W-7405-eng-23, which was administered by the New York Area of the Manhattan District.

2. Initial Work under the Office of Scientific Research and Development. - By January 1942 Columbia University workers had obtained some fundamental gaseous diffusion design data. At this time The N. W. Kellogg Company was awarded GSDD contract OFDer-406 which called for engineering and production studies, and pilot plant construction and operation, directed toward the design of a large scale gaseous diffusion plant for the isotopic concentration of Uranium-235. On the basis of this work, the K-25 production plant was later authorized under Emphattan District contract W-7405-eng-23.

5. <u>Repotiations and Preliminary Planning</u> - On 12 November 1942, the Military Folicy Cormittee decided that the work should be continued, and that the Hellogg Company should be authorized to proceed with the engineering of a 600 stage plant contingent upon deconstration of scientific and technological ability. On 14 November 1942, at a meeting with General Groves, Manhattan District officials, and reprosontatives of the Follogg Company, the 05 P S-1 Executive Conmittee resolved that the work be pressed forward on both the Kellogg pilot





plant and the 600 stage production plant. A priority rating was assigned to the gaseous diffusion plant after the first 2000 units of the proposed electromagnetic plant, and after the first contemplated plutonium production pile. The plant mas estimated to have a nat transport of 1/2 to 1 kilogram per day of U-235 at double concentration, and wan to be so designed that it could be fitted, if desired, into a larger plant for the production of 90 per cent material. On 21 November 1942. Ceneral Groves appointed a Reassessment and Reviewing Committee in order to study relative advantages and disadvantages of the gaseous diffusion process. This committee recommended proceeding immediately with design and construction of a 4600 stage plant with a capacity of one kilogram per day of U-235. On 10 December 1942 the Military Policy Committee authorised General Groves to arrange for construction of the 4600 stage plant with the Eellogg Company as engineers. On 14 December 1942. letter contract W-7405-eng-23 was executed with Kellogs for design, development, procurement, and related services in connection with the construction of a 90 per cent easeous diffusion plant. "The formal fixed-foo contract was signed on 11 April 1944, effective as of the letter contract date. - Estimated cost was \$254,580,698,00 and the fee was set at \$2,424,547.00. The Under Secretary of War approved the contract on 28 Enroh 1944.

4. <u>Design Principles of the Gaseous Diffusion Process</u> - The process material is uranium hexafluoride, which vaporizes at subatmospheric pressures and moderate temperatures. The normal concentration of the U-235 isotope is 0.71 mel per cont. The principle of

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fascous diffusion (more properly "molecular effusion") refers to the tendency of confined gas molecules to the escape through fine apertures in the retaining walls. In the case of a mixture of two types of molecules, the relative rates of escape are in propertion to the respective mean velocities, and therefore in inverse proportion to the square roots of the respective molocular masses. In order to maintain a stoady pressure and concentration state, gas must be continuously withdrawn, while enriched diffusate is concurrently removed from the outer receiving space. ( In the case of separation of  $U^{235}F_{c}$ (nolecular weight S49) from  $U^{236}F_6$  (nolecular weight 852), the theoretical maximum concentration obtained in a single stage process using normal feed is 1.0045 times 0.71, or 0.713 per cent. To effect simificant enrichment, it therefore becomes necessary to repeat the basic operation many times in a continuous multi-stage recycling operation. 'A passous diffusion cascade consists of a multiplicity of stages. 'Diffusate ("A" stream) from a given stage is pumped to the next higher stage for reprocessing, and partially depleted material ("S" stream) is piped to the next lower stage. Each stage is thus fed with a combination of enriched diffusate from the stage below, and particlly depleted residuo from the stage above. Cascade feed is introduced at an intermediate stage, final product is withdrawn from the top of the cascade, and waste is taken off at the bottom. " The process material, Wrg, possesses the indispensable characteristic of ease of volatility, but presents a grave disadvantage by reason of its extraordinary corresiveness. Its extreme reactivity severely mirrows the field of available materials of construction. and imposes

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numerous restrictions on plant design. Thus, the transmous internal exposed surface areas of the plant require that extreme presentions be taken in order to limit the corresive consumption of valuable process interial. The necessity for operation at sub-atmospheric pressures, together with the deleterious consumptive and plugging effects of interaction of  $W_6$  with water vapor rakes it necessary to insure that the entire process system will be extremely tight against inloakage of atmospheric air and noisture. A further necessity imposed by the aggressive nature of the substance is the conditioning of all process equipment with elemental fluorine, which minimizes corresive attack by formation of a protective fluoride film. Effective conditioning, in turn, requires that all equipment previously be sorupulously cleaned. Hulti-step chemical cleaning procedures were accordingly set up both at the site and at the plants of a number of equipment suppliers.

5. <u>Small Scale Testing of Plant Designs</u> - A test floor was constructed at the Kellogg Jorsey City Laboratories in 1942, In April 1944 the construction and testing of a ton-stage cascade was completed, and operations were started. Equipment and operating conditions simulated these of the K-25 plant, but durary diffuser tubes were used, since diffusion barrier was not yet available. Test operations confirmed the feasibility and soundness of proposed equipment decigns, vacuum-tightness features, cleaning and conditioning techniques, and process control. In addition to the operation of the ten-stage cascade, a number of pump and cold trap tests were run in order to obtain design and performance data.

6. Plant Site. - The K-25 plant was located within the Clinton



Engineer Works military reservation since this area was suitable, and had already been obtained by the District for other projects. ' A specific site for the K-25 power plant was chosen adjacent to the Clinch River and to Poplar Creek. 'After consideration of mineteen possible process area sites within the C.E.W., the plant was placed at a location due west of McKinney Ridge on 24 June 1943.' The selection was based upon considerations of topography, isolation and dispersion of C.E.W. plants, and accessibility to rail, water, and power facilities. '

7. <u>Process Dosign</u>. - The gaseous diffusion plant, as originally planned in the Kellex Corporation's "First Progress Report" (15 March 1943) was designed to produce 1 kilogram por day of 90 per cent U-255.

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On 16 August 1943 the District Engineer authorised the construction of a one kilogram per day 36.6 per cont plant. On 16 January 1945 Kollax was authorized to proceed with engineering and procurement work necessary to extend the plant for the production of 65 per cent material. On 16 March 1945 this proposed extension was cancelled, and on 31 March 1945 the construction of the K-27 plant was authorized as a 540 stage side feed annez in order to increase the production capacity of 56.6 per cent material. An ideal diffusion caseade cells for continuously varying equipment size, or process pressure, from stage to stage. The actual K-25 caseade is set up in nine process sections with equipment size and pressure level varying from section to section. It contains 2,622 stages above the point of

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feed introduction, and 270 below.

Each stage contains a diffuser which encloses the diffusion barrier, and a process cooler which utilizes perfluorodimethylcyclohexane as coolant, and which is fabricated integrally with the diffuser to form the "converter". Two centrifugal pumps are provided: the "A" pump for moving enriched diffusate to the next higher stage, and the "B" pump for supplying the converter with a mixture of diffusate from the stage below and partially depleted residue from the stage above. A control valve is used to regulate stage pressure, and suitable instruments are provided for measurement of process pressures, temperature, and interstage flow. Six stages are grouped to form a cell, which is the smallest individually operable process unit. The piping arrangement permits of by-passing a cell, operating on inverse recycle, or operating on direct The former method is a mode of recirculation wherein the "A" reovole. stream leaving the sixth stage is sent to the "B" pump of the first stage, and "B" stream leaving the first stage is sent to the "B" pump of the sixth stage. Direct recycle operation involves sending the flow from the top stage "A" pump to the suction of the "B" pump of the same stage, and is employed when a back pressure tends to develop in the discharge line of the sixth stage "B" pump. Cell connections are available for withdrawal of process samples, for cell evacuation, and for admission and removal of conditioning and test gases. The next larger process unit above the cell is the process building, of which there are 51, each containing from 3 to 14 cells. As with the individual cells, piping and valving facilities have been provided to permit by-passing of an entire building, and operating on inverse recycle. Two lines

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are provided for handling interbuilding upflow, and two for interbuilding downflow. Flow measuring equipment is installed at the building instrument boards. The nine process sections are the largest individually operable portions of the caseade, and consist, respectively, of banks of from one to twolve process buildings containing equipment of identical size, and served from separate sources of power. Bottom intersectional colls provide surge capacity, and top intersectional colls provide nitrogen purging facilities to permit of independent operation of individual sections.

In order to provide facilities for preliminary purification of feed material, a two-step distillation system was constructed involving a stripping tower operating at total reflux and removing noncondensables, and a re-run towor operating at a 5:1 roflux ratio and removing non-volatile impurities. Since the feed material is received in greater purity than was originally anticipated, and since it has been possible to relax the feed specifications somewhat, it has been unnecessary to operate the feed purification system, which is in standby status and available if it should ever be desired to accept sub-specification hexafluoride. A surge and waste system was provided to absorb easeade flow and pressure fluctuations, and to afford a means for withdrawing depleted material from the caseade. A surge drum reservoir connected to the cascade receives downflow from the bottom stage. Rocycle flow pumped back to the ceacade is held constant and independent of surge drum pressure fluctuations. The three buildings of Section 312 comprise a purging system utilising the principle of gaseous diffusion in order to resove light diluent

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gases from the process stream. Furge stages contain flat plate diffusors, external process coolers, and a single bellows-sealed reciprocating pump. Each building contains 21 two-stage colls. The process ges recovery system provides a means for removing the process material from a coll to be opened for maintenance. The system employs a process gas vacuum pump discharging to a refrigerated heat exchanger ("cold trap") wherein the UF6 solidifies. Each process building was originally designed with a two-trap recovery room. Improved methods of operation have eliminated the use of the equipment in present operations, but the process recovery system provides a standby method for process stroam purging. K-25 product is withdrawn by passing process material through product containers immersed in liquid nitrogen. Connecting lines run from the line recorder sanifold in Building K-506-7. Differential process pressure drives the material through the product trap, the light diluents passing on through and back to the line recorder canifold. Portions of the cascade were placed in operation as rapidly as completed. Temporary purging and product removal facilities were therefore required, and were installed at the top of Sections 2a and 2b. The principle of operation is based on selective condensation of UF, in the presence of light gases by means of cold traps, rejection of non-condensables, and return of the purged material to the cascade.

8. Design and Procurement of Process Equipment. - As the result of an intense research program, the material known as A barrier was selected for initial small scale production and further study in pilot plants. Further development was carried on by the Houdaille-Hershey Corporation at Decatur, Illinois. Prominent contributing contractors included the Sharples Corporation, who conducted various experimental investigations and research studies, and A. S. Campbell, Inc., who developed special production techniques. In January 1944, the work on A barrier was discontinued because of inordinate manufacturing difficulties, and plans were made for the conversion of the Houdaille-Hershey plant to the manufacture of K-1 or DA barrier. With the cooperation of a large number of firms, mass production was achieved in ten months, under a program coordinated by the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation.

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design was developed by the Chrysler Corporation who manufactured the units at their facilities in Detroit which were expanded for this purpose. The Whitehead Metal Products Company manufactured flat-plate converters for the purge cascade using rectangular backing strips produced by the Herron-Zimmers Noulding Company.

The contrigual stage pumps were produced by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company at a specially constructed plant in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, using mickel-clad stock supplied by the Lukens Steel Company. Reciprocating, bellows-scaled, purge pumps were manufactured by the Valley Iron Works, conditioning pumps by the Elliott Company, coolant pumps by Pacific Pumps, Inc., process gas vacuum pumps by the Beach-Russ Company,



fluorine yacuum pumps by the F. J. Stokes Machine Company, and high vacuum pumps by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

Process gas coolers are of shell and tube design, and use perfluorodimethyloyolohexane, CgF16, as the coolant medium. External (intercell and inter-sectional) coolers were supplied by the A. O. Smith Company. using finned copper tubes produced by the Wolverine Tube Company. The integral stage coolers form a part of the converters produced by Chrysler. Coolant coolers were produced by the Whitlock Manufacturing Company. Monel tubing for process piping was supplied by the International Mickel Company in sizes up to four inch diameter. Large sizes were produced by the Bart Laboratories who developed a method for nickel plating steel using the rotating piping itself as the plating tank, and circulating electrolyte at high velocity. Process valves were required to be resistant to corrosion, vacuum-tight, and of minimum resistance to flow. A special valve seat material was developed by the British, consisting of a fluorocarbon wax-impregnated "C" rubber. This material was the best available and therefore was installed in K-25 process block valves. However, a program is under way at present to replace all valve seats with the later developed and more satisfactory KFP-10 fluorinated plastic. The principal valve used is the G-17A block valve which involves a double-seat, bellows-sealed, gate design with a wedge-type actuating mechanism capable of exerting seating pressures up to the fatigue point of the metal. In all, about a dosen valves of specialized design were developed for process and auxiliary purposes. The process values were manufactured by the Crane Company.

A central control room at the midpoint of the cascade is equipped with measuring, recording, and controlling devices for coordinating cascade operations. Control of the basic process variable,

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stage inventory, is accomplished by means of a vast system of pressure, transmitting, recording, and controlling equipment. At each stage, the pressure of the converter tails stream actuates a transmitter which converts a fixed range of process pressure to a fixed range of air pressure to be fed to a controller, the latter then actuating the stage control valve. The controller is of the proportional plus automatic reset type with provision for reset cut-out; the control valve is of the diaphragaactuated, bellow-sealed, butterfly type. Pressure control of the process cascade is based on the use of a datum system which utilizes a nitrogen header at an accurately maintained pressure as a reference for pressure measurement. The majority of the K-25 electronic instruments were designed, engineered, and produced by the General Electric Company. The Taylor Instrument Companies furnished consultant and engineering services. and manufactured many of the specialized and standard pneumatic instruments. Butterfly control valves were produced by the Republic Flow Meter Company and by the Fisher Governor Company.

The cold trap is a device which serves the purpose of separating UF6 from non-condensable gases by solidification. Efficient cold trap design depends upon proper arrangement of heating surfaces and gas flow passages so as to effect deposition of solid without obstructing either heat transfer or flow of gas. Two basic designs were ultimately worked out and applied. The larger size cold traps are of the double shell radial fin type, and were manufactured by the Patterson-Kelley Company. The smaller sizes are of the single shell, parallel fin type, and were manufactured by the Schock-Gusmer Company. The shells

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are equipped with calrod heaters for use in warming the trap contents for removal, and all types are heavily insulated with 8 to 10 inches of asbestos felt. Carbon traps are used to supplement the use of cold traps in the recovery of  $UF_6$  from vent gases. As finally designed, the carbon trap consists of a cylindrical steel shell tapering at the bottom to form a conical section. The cone is charged with alumina, and the main body with mixed carbon-alumina. The carbon acts as an adsorbent; the alumina prevents excessive temperature rise and caking. In higher sections of the plant the alumina is impregnated with cadmium oxide so as to avoid special hazards. The carbon traps were manufactured by the Alco Products Division of the American Locomotive Company.

Process Buildings and Utilities. - In external appearance, 9. the process plant proper appears as a large "U"-shaped structure. It is made up of a series of 54 contiguous buildings, three of which house the purge cascades, and 51 of which house the isotope separating stages. All process buildings are similar in form and general arrangement. The basement of each contains ocolant and lubricating oil handling equipment, process gas recovery equipment, and ventilating fans and air filters. An enclosed vault houses electrical switch-gear and transformers. The cell floor contains the banks of sheet-metal-enclosed cells each with six convertors, twelve process pumps, and various auxiliary squipment. The cells are arranged in two parallel rows separated by a motor alley, and the cell floors of adjacent buildings are separated by withdrawal alleys. The pipe gallery level includes process piping and valves enclosed in sheet metal dry air compartments. Operation of each building is controlled from the top floor level which contains instrument

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panel boards and control equipment. Each building is provided with an extensive ventilation system designed to dissipate heat, and systems for heating by unit heaters, lighting, and communication. Converters, leak detectors, and other heavy equipment, are moved in and out of the buildings by means of trailers, tractors, and trucks.

10. Design of Process Service Installations. - Five 10,000-gallon tanks are provided within the cascade court for storage of process coolant, perfluorodimethyloyolohexane, CaFig. These are connected by pipeline to the process building coolant headers. The CaFig is circulated through stage coolers, intercell coolers, and intersectional coolers. Each building is equipped with a coolant transfer pump taking suction for the building drain drum, by means of which contaminated coolant is pumped back to the wet coolant storage tank. The coolant purification system removes water, grease, lubricating oil, and other non-volatile impurities by distillation. The recirculating cooling water system includes a recirculating pump house, a make-up pump house, two cooling towers, and two individual supply and return loops. A total continuous circulation of about 120,000 GPM is maintained through the two loops, and respective process coolers and cooling towers, by means of a battery of recirculating pumps. About 5000 GPN of make-up is supplied by means of a second and smaller battery of pumps. The dry air plant supplies minus 75°F dew point air for equipment enclosures, pump and walve seals, and for various purging purposes. The installation includes recirculation air compressors and coolers, make-up air compressors and coolers, alumina dryers, an ammonia refrigeration system, a brine circulation system, and a dry air piping distribution system. It was originally

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designed as a sirculating system but has been converted to a more efficient "dead-end" arrangement. Air for instruments located within the dehumidified equipment enclosures is taken from this plant and compressed to 55 p.s.i.g. 100 p.s.i.g. air is used for various instruments, maintenance, and miscellaneous services. It is dehumidified to minus 50°7 dow point in order to provide a supplementary source of supply in cases where the output of the dry air plant may fall below the demand. The compressor house contains five compressors.

Facilities are provided for storing, pumping, filtering, and sooling lubricating eil, and for circulating it through the shaft bearings of all process pumps of the easeade. Dry mitrogen is supplied for various equipment purging and scaling operations, and as a reference pressure medium to the building and cell instrument datum system. Nobile high vacuum pumping units are used in leak detection work, n-perfluoroheptane supply, pumping, and disposal units more used in connection with preliminary equipment performance testing. Fluorine supply units are used to supply conditioning gas as required. A temporary mobile fluorine disposal unit was also provided, but spent conditioning gases are normally sent to the disposal plant in the conditioning area by means of a permanent piping system and portable fluorine vacuum pumps. Two temporary UT<sub>6</sub> absorption units were provided for evacuating and disposal of process gas them necessary, before the permanent process gas recovery system could be set in operation.

11. Conditioning Area Design. - The conditioning building was designed basically as an extensive and specialized maintenance plant where equipment could be prepared for service in the process area. The



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building was designed by Ford, Bacon, and Davis, Inc. On the basis of best analyses of the cleaning, conditioning, and maintenance activities planned, a one-story steel frame and brick wall building was designed, 400 feet in width, 1000 feet long, and with a 72,000 square foot basement. Floor area was allocated among a conditioning furnace room, test stand area, cleaning and vacuum testing areas, and various repair and maintenance shops, equipment storage areas, offices, and miscellaneous service facilities.

Righteen large size, and eighteen small size converter conditioning stands were designed to provide a means for pre-treating the stage converters by circulating fluorine-nitrogen mixtures, leak-testing the assembly, and checking barrier porosity before and after conditioning. The heart of each conditioning stand is an electrical, horizontal, bell type furnace furnished by the General Electric Company. It is provided with an ingulated, welded steel easing and a refractory brick floor. Heated air is circulated through the casing, and over three separate heating elements, by means of three contrifugal fans. The upper portion of the furnace consists of a semi-cylindrical, removable head with a skirt-end-trough water seal arrangement to prevent the escape of heated air at the joint during operation. The lower portion is fitted with a completely flexible alignment device for centering converters of varying size and aligning in all directions for proper connection to monel conditioning gas circulating piping which passes through the floor and connects with the conditioning pipes, vacuum pumps, and fluorine removal pumps located in the basement, together with the gas feed lines, exhaust lines, and furnace instrument panels.

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Twenty process pump conditioning stands were provided, each consisting principally of a control panel, pump sub-base, and a hood for enclosing the pump casing during fluorination. Sixteen SOO watt strip heaters are installed in the lower section of the hood. Suitable auxiliary systems are installed for the supply, respectively, of fluorine, mitrogen, lubricating cil, instrument air, and electrical power, and for fluorine disposal, seal and hood exhaust, and instrumentation.

It was originally proposed that each converter should be tested after conditioning to determine its perceity and separation performance under conditions closely simulating process operation, and 19 "running test stands" were planned for this purpose. Sahlater sequent work with a prototype test stand at Chrysler subsequently corroborated the basic permeability transformation theory which had been developed, and the approximate accuracy of calculated friction drops inside the unit. It followed, therefore, that measurements of permeability made on the conditioning stand with nitrogen at atmospheric pressure and low pressure drops could be safely translated, by calculation, to permeability of process gas under operating conditions. It also developed that a sirculating method would be preferable to a static treatment on the conditioning stands. Flow measurements would therefore be available at that point, and the running test became unnecessary as a final acceptance test. Four running test stands were finally installed for the purpose of measuring separation efficiency of converters of each of the four standard sizes. The test stands are arranged in a row along a trench in which are located CyFig supply and



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return mains, nitrogen supply and exhaust mains, and water, instrument air, and lubricating oil lines. The trench leads to a service pit containing equipment for supply and removal of CyF16 and CgF16. Each test stand assembly includes a base for receiving the convertor. and permanently installed "A" and "B" pumps of sizes corresponding to the size of the converter to be tested.

The pipe assembly shop was used by the Midwest Piping and Supply Company for assembling of process piping before installation. Cleaning area facilities include a degreasing tank, five small auxiliary solution tanks, a set of turning rolls for large sylindrical vessels, filters, drying units, and twolve 54 x 5 x 4 feet deep elegaing tanks used for alkaline cleaning, water rinsing, acid pickling, scratch brushing, and surface passivation. The vacuum testing area adjoins the cleaning area, and contains six portable vacuum stands for loak testing pipe assemblies.

After sample tion of the initial activities involved in cleaning, conditioning, assembling, and proparing for installation, the large quantities of process equipment and piping required for the diffusion cascade, a number of internal design and arrangement changes were made in the conditioning building. Six converter conditioning stands and eight pump conditioning stands have been moved in order to make room for development work now being carried out in this area. Maintenance shops have been greatly expended and diversified, and a converter re-tubing and testing area has been set up in the northern third of the building. Construction of a barrier testing laboratory in the northwest corner of the building was begun in October 1946, and is now about 95 per cent complete.

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Accessory conditioning structures include a control house containing electrical and control equipment for apparatus located in the conditioning furnace room, a fan house containing five 50,000 OFM exhaust fans for handling fumes from cleaning area activities, and a storage and pump house for handling hydrochloric and sulfurie acids required for cleaning operations.

The K-25 fluorine plant was designed to manufacture, handle, and store the large quantities of elemental fluorine gas required by the Project for conditioning purposes. - The general design was developed by the Hooker Electrochamical Company. Detailed designs and construction drawings were prepared by Ford, Becon, and Davis, Inc. Several special features were worked out jointly by Hooker, Kellex, and Carbids. The fluorine plant consists of three buildings of steel frame and brick wall construction located goveral hundred feet worth of the conditioning building. The generating building houses generating and auxiliary equipment, mechanical compressors, an office, and a laboratory. Fluorine is generated by electrolysis at 100°C of a colution of potassium fluoride in hydrogen fluoride. A maximum of 2000 amperes of direct surrent at 9.5 volts is supplied to each cell by means of eight copper exide rectifiers. Carbon endes and steel sathodes are separated by a screen. Hydrogen Shuoride contained in the crude, generated fluorine, is removed by passage through sodium the gas is fluoride tray absorbers, and then piped to surge tanks (located in the storage building) which provide damping of pressure variations se as to minimize the load on the automatic control system. Three additional mickel slad tanks 6 feet in diameter, and 20 feet long, provide storage

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for about 1-1/2 days' fluorine production. After various means of handling the fluorine were considered, pressuring by liquefaction was selected as the best available method, but provision was made for subsequent conversion to mechanical compression in the event of successful development of a suitable compressor. Twelve subicles were set up in the liquefaction and bottling building each capable of liquefying the gas and re-vaporising it into either the storage tanks or portable cylinders. The design called for gas admission to an all-nickel boob immersed in liquid nitrogen, and for subsequent warming up of the book and pressuring of the contents. However, by August 1944, Hooker, aided by Kellex, developed a satisfactory diaphrage-type pump which was fabricated by the Wilson Pulse-feeder Company. Two compressors and control equipment were then installed in the generating building. and a revised method of operation begun in February 1945, wherein generated fluorine is compressed and delivered to the storage tanks in a straight-forward pumping operation.

The fluorine disposal plant was designed to absorb the toxis and corrosive fluorine and hydrogen components of various waste gases before venting to the atmosphere, by means of a 200 subic foot absorption tower (or alkaline scrubber) lined with earbon bricks and packed with carbon Raschig rings. Gas flow is maintained countercurrently to a descending stream of 5-10 per cent caustic solution flowing at 50-100 GPM. A 4 inch diameter, 70 foot high emergency stack was also constructed to allow for direct venting of gases at times when the tower may be temporarily out of service. Fluorine disposal plant auxiliaries include a 2250 gallon water tank in which tower effluent containing dissolved

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sodium fluoride is treated with lime slurry in order to precipitate calcium fluoride and regenerate the caustic, a 22,000 gallon settling tank for decantation of regenerated clear liquor, two 26,500 gallon caustic storage tanks, and a control laboratory. In present operations, spent gases from cascade conditioning operations are allowed to enter the process stream for ultimate removal in the purge cascade, and all gases routed to the disposal area are vented directly through the emergency stack. These procedures are made possible because of the small quantities of spent conditioning gases handled in present operations.

An acid neutralising plant, constructed for the purpose of disposing of acid waste from closening operations in the conditioning building, includes a small storage building containing a line hopper, feeder and slaker tank. Slaked line slurry is run to a 25 foot diameter, 10 foot deep, neutralising pit, and mixed with the waste acids. The neutralised solution is discharged to a holding pond 410 feet long, 160 feet wide, and 5 feet deep, from which clear effluent overflows to Poplar Creek.

Process and equipment design for a nitrogen plant, designed to supply Project requirements for moisture-free gaseous nitrogen and liquid nitrogen, was supplied by the Linde Air Products Company; building design was handled by Ford, Bason, and Davis, and the work was coordinated by Kallex. The installation consists of equipment for receiving, storing, and filtering liquid nitrogen, vaporising the liquid, and supplying gas by pipeline at constant pressure to the process and conditioning areas as required.

In a large number of carbon traps throughout the K-25 plant,





the carbon charge must be diluted with alumina pellets in order to avoid caking of the carbon in the event of a flow of concentrated  $UF_6$ . A carbon mixing plant was therefore provided in order to carry out the necessary combining operation in such a way as to form a uniformly mixed charging material. A feed hopper and vibrating feeder deck for carbon, and another set for alumina, deliver to a common blending hopper which empties through a flexible work into the drums to be filled.

A 120,000 pound per hour steam plant supplies steam at 175p.s.i. for building and process heating purposes to the process, conditioning, and administration areas. The original facility contained three 40,000 pound per hour boilers, one 175 foot chimney, and water treatment and miscellaneous auxiliary equipment. When the K-25 plant was constructed, steam generating facilities were increased by installing three additional 50,000 pound per hour boilers, the necessary additional auxiliary equipment, and a second chimney. The steam plant was engineered by Sargent and Lundy under Kellex supervision.

12. <u>Power Plant Design</u>. - The power plant area covers 160 acres, and is located on the Glinch River about 8800 feet southwest of the main process area. Generation facilities are designed to supply electrical power of extremely high dependability factor at frequencies varying from 45 to 130 aycles. Total design capacity is 235,000 KW. An additional 110,000 KW of 60 ayele power is available through connections with the Tennessee Valley Authority. The decision to construct an on-site power plant was based on the importance of an uninterrupted supply, relative case of protection, the variable

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Rature of required frequencies, and limited availability of T.V.A. Power. Considerations of simplicity and reliability of design and installation led to the decision to generate power at desired frequencies by means of steam-driven turbo-generators. An underground system was designed for transmission of power to the process area, using three-conductor, paper-insulated, lead-covered cables, at a transmission voltage of 13,800 volts, which is the level of generation. Three 750,000 pound per hour boilers were required. Two of the demired type and capacity had already been constructed for use by another project. These were obtained and a third ons fordered of identical design. Fourteen turbo-generators were produred. Design and engineering for the power plant was handled by Sargent and Lundy under Kellex supervision.

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An extensive coal handling system includes eight conveyors furnished by Robins Conveyors, Inc., a track scale, two duplex truck hoppers, a transfer house, a breaker house, a soreen house, and a 250,000 ton storage yard. Each boiler is served by a 1,000 ton bunker. Raw erushed coal is delivered from the bunker through automatic scale feeders which supply the pulverisers. Goal is discharged tangentially through three burners at each corner of each furnace. Combustion air is supplied to each furnace by two 96,000 CFM forced draft fans. In the spring of 1946 one boiler was adapted for oil burning service. Combustion gases pass through a superheater, economiser, air heater, and fly ash precipitator. A flexible control system permits either automatic, semi-automatic, or menual control. The boiler house contains three Combustion Engineering Company boilars, each rated for 750,000

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pounds per hour of superheated steam at 1325 p.s.i. and 935°P. Each unit consists of a three-drum, bent-tube boiler equipped with watercooled furnace walls, a superheater with by-pass control, an economiser, and a tubular air heater. Six eight-inch, six-stage Worthington centrifugal boiler feed pumps have a capacity, each, of 600,000 pounds per hour against a head of 1600 p.s.i. Twenty-four Allis-Chalmers condensate pumps range in capacity from 40 to 600 GPM, and in discharge head from 840 to 900 feet. A 75,000 pound per hour Permitit Company cold carbonaceous water treating plant is installed for initial treatment of raw make-up.

Fourteen turbo-generators range in capacity from 1,500 to 35,000 KW. The condensers operate at vacuums of 28 to 29 inches of mercury, have a total heat transfer area of 224,870 square feet, and a total condensing capacity of 1,737,846 pounds per hour, using 254,000 GPM. of cooling water. Cooling water from the Clinch River passes through a crib house and pump house to the condensers. It is sent to Poplar Greek (which delivers to the river at a point downstream from the intake) by way of a 1,006 foot reinforced concrete discharge tunnel, a 2200 foot stone-lined flume, and a second concrete tunnel.

The electrical distribution system includes a constant frequency system supplying 60 cycle power, and a variable frequency system including seven sub-systems which operate separately at desired frequencies between 45 and 65 cycles, and two which operate between 90 and 130 cycles. Utilization voltages are 2400, 480, 208, and 115. The main switch house is the control center for power transmission to the process plant. Connection with the T.V.A. system is made through an outdoor

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switchyard containing three 40,000 KVA transformers which step incoming power at 154,000 volts down to 13,800 volts. The yard reseives power over direct feed line from the T.V.A. plant at Fort Loudon, a tie line from the No. 2 Elsa Substation, and a tie-line from the K-27 switchyard. Power is carried to the utilisation area by means of underground cables enclosed in fibre ducts encased in concrete. There are thirteen banks of 6 ducts each.

13. The Administration Area. - The administration area includes four laboratories, a two-story, four-wing main administration building, an industrial relations office building, two field effice buildings, and various personnel facilities, warehouses, guard houses, and garages. Nost of these are of a temporary, low-cost type, and most are situated in an area southeast of the main process area.

14. The K-27 Area, - The K-27 plant is a structurally separate annex to the main K-25 cascade designed to increase total U-235 production by 35-60 per cent. In most cases, specific portions of the K-27 work were performed by the same contractors who had handled corresponding phases of the original K-25 plant. K-27 buildings escupy a 60 acre plot of land just southwest of the main cascade "U". Design principles are identical with those of the main K-25 plant. In order to expedite the speed of construction, the general policy was followed of extending the diffusion plant process facilities by constructing duplicates of one of the process buildings of Section 2a of the main cascade. Only those changes were made which were absolutely necessary, or by means of which significant improvement could be effected without delaying the progress of construction.

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The K-27 cascade consists of 540 stages housed in nine process buildings, each containing 10 six-stage cells. Feed to the K-27 cascade is obtained as fresh, normal concentration UF<sub>6</sub> from the Harshaw Chemical Company, and as partially processed UF<sub>6</sub> recycled from the bottom of the K-25 cascade. No purification equipment is necessary for the former material, fresh feed stock being vaporised directly by immersion in hot water baths and sent through feed filters to the K-27 cascade. The recycled stock may be passed through a batch still purification system in order to remove such impurities picked up during prior processing as ecolant and light diluents. The installation consists principally of a packed tower and re-boiler, a still pot, condenser, and reflux drum. A UF<sub>6</sub> disposal system is provided in order to recover hexafluoride from vent gases, purge gases, and relief valve discharges by absorption in water, precipitation with caustic, and filtration in a plate and frame press.

A completely spared surge and waste system is provided, similar in design and purpose to that of the main cascade. The building is equipped with a unique ventilation system in which certain areas where process gas is handled at super-atmospheric pressures are maintained at pressures below atmospheric, so that leakage of process gas to the atmosphere will not contaminate other parts of the building. In those parts of the building where process pressures are below atmospheric, the pressures are held slightly above the normal barometric level in order to minimize further the flow of contaminated atmosphere into such areas.

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The purging system for the K-27 cascade is based upon the use of the top two to five process cells of the cascade to produce light diluent of high purity. A purge stream is taken from the "A" stream of the uppermost stage, which normally operates on direct recycle, and compressed to atmospheric pressure by means of a Beach-Russ vacuum pump. It is then passed through a cold trap-carbon trap system and exhausted to the atmosphere.

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The K-27 process gas recovery system differs from that of K-25, in that a single, central station is provided. Three two-pump vacuum pumping stands, spaced at equal intervals along the cascade, exhaust gas from process equipment when necessary, and discharge through mist filters to a header leading to the recovery station, which includes three cold traps, and auxiliary earbon traps and controls.

The K-27 product withdrawal system serves to transfer K-27 product to K-25 at a metered rate, and provides a means for stockpiling K-27 product, and continuing operation of either K-25 or K-27 when the other may be shut down. Product is taken off from a cell near the top, where light diluent concentration approximates three mol per cent. It is normally transferred to K-25 in the wapor phase by means of interconnecting pipelines, but facilities are also available for liquefying the process material and transporting it to K-25 in tared drums.

K-27 converters are identical with the Size 2 converters of the K-25 cancade, but are equipped with "Z" barrier which is an improved form of blocked DA barrier, and makes it possible to operate at somewhat higher process pressures and interstage flow rates. For

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this reason the "A" and "B" stage pumps are respectively equipped with 75 horsepower and 150 horsepower motors. The various other special pumps required are similar to those utilized in the main K-25 process area with the exception of one new model developed for service in both the waste system and product system of K-27, where a positive displacement machine was required to compress UFg to 35-55 p.s.i.a. prior to liquefaction. A number of design modifications were made in a Beach-Russ process gas vacuum model, and a two-stage unit was developed with increased cylinder clearance and an improved lubrication system. The K-27 cascade contains no intercell coolers, and utilizes stage coolers identical with those of the K-25 cascade. The only change in process piping at K-27 involved the use of nickel-plated steel in the three and four inch sizes. Process block valves contain improved seat rings utilizing MFP-10 fluorinated plastic. Changes in stage control valve design and other instrumentation were made in cases when it was found possible to effect simplification or improvement without delaying the program. Cold traps used in the purging system were salvaged from cancelled recovery rooms of the K-27 cascade. K-27 pecovery traps were specially designed, and represent a modification of the radial fan design. Carbon traps are similar but somewhat larger than those of K-25.

The K-27 process coolant system differs from that of K-25 in that it contains a number of minor mechanical improvements. The 55,000 GPM K-27 recirculating cooling water system contains a 14 cell induced draft tower, and draws make-up from the K-25 system. K-27 dry air distribution operates as a dead end system, and is supplied from the K-25

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dry air plant, as is all instrument air, which is compressed to 10-55 p.s.i.g. by means of four compressors. "Plant air" for miscellaneous purposes is drawn for the K-25 compressor house. The lubricating oil and dry nitrogen supply systems resemble those of K-27 except in minor details.

The K-27 plant was designed to run entirely on constant frequency 60 cycle power. The K-27 switchyard receives 154,000 welt power from the T.V.A. Watts Bar Station, the Elsa No. 1 Substation, or the K-25 switchyard, and steps it down to 13,800 welts. It supplies the K-27 switch house which is similar to the larger K-25 switch bouse. In order to provide for possible future expansion, all electrical equipment down through the 13,800 welt switchgear has been designed for a maximum load of 150,000 KW. From this point on, the K-27 electrical distribution system is designed for 100,000 KW, which is based on a stream efficiency of 100 per cent.

The K-27 plant is served by the conditioning and administration areas in the same way as in the main K-25 caseade.

15. <u>Assistance from Britich Sources.</u> - Preliminary talks with the British group were begun in February 1942, at which time the principle of diffusional separation was discussed. The plant design was reviewed in the fall of 1943. Included in this review were barrier materials, the stage recycle principle, the cascade of cascades principle, the purge cascade, pressure control, flat plate diffusers, and cold traps. Although their suggestions were not always concordant with American theories, they were valuable, and later assistance with theoretical problems, such as exact calculation of equilibrium time, helped



anticipate problems of plant design. The British suggestion for the development of scraper cold traps was followed, although this type of trap, after having been successfully engineered, was abandoned because of the difficulties anticipated in controlling its process gas inventory.

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16. <u>Safety and Security.</u> - The New York Safety Committee, comprised of Kellex personnel, a liaison officer from the District Medical Section, and a representative of the SAM Laboratories, served in a consultant and advisory capacity to the New York Area Regineer in safety matters pertaining to handling of fluorine, uranium hexafluoride, and other hazardous chemicals. By April 1965 the responsibility of this activity was transferred to the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporatioh. The security program included personnel clearance, visitor control, educational programs, and designation of restricted areas.

17. Costs. - X-25 design, engineering, and procurement costs (exclusive of the special chemicals program) amounted to \$253,672,173 as of the close of the fiscal year 1946, at which time the current total estimate for completion of contracts was \$275,449,699.

16. Organisation and Personnel. - The New York Area Engineer was responsible for supervision of all Kellex design, engineering, and prosurement activities. To facilitate the work and permit close association with all contractors, additional sub-areas were established to handle administrative details connected with Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company activities at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Houdaille-Hershey Corporation activities at Decatur, Illinois, and Chrysler Corporation activities at Detroit, Michigan. On 7 January 1943 Lt. Colonel J. C.





Stowers was designated both as Unit Chief of the K-25 Project and New York Area Engineer. After 28 February 1946, the latter position was held by Major W. C. Campbell until the Area was dissolved on 23 August 1946. On 23 February 1943 the Milwaukee Office was opened and Lt. Colonel R. C. Gregory was assigned as Project Engineer. Captain R. C. Hill assumed the position of Area Engineer on 15 July 1943. This position was subsequently held by Major J. L. McCormick, Jr., and Captain J. D. Anderson. The Milwaukee Area was dissolved on 30 June 1946. Captain J. H. Brannan was assigned to the Decatur Office as Project Engineer on 24 May 1943. He assumed the position of Decatur Area Engineer on 20 July 1943 and was succeeded in that position by Major C. E. Choate, Major J. J. Horan, and Captain R. L. Crawford. The Decatur Area was dissolved as f 1 July 1946. The Detroit Office was opened by Major N. R. Archer on 17 Way 1943. On 21 July 1943 Lt. Colonel A. Tammaro was assigned as Area Ragineer. He was succeeded by Major F. H. Belcher. The position is now held by Captain J. D. McCormick.

Because of the magnitude of the undertaking contracted for in N-7405-eng-23, for accounting and security purposes, The N. N. Kellogg Company organised the subsidiary Kellex Corporation for the purpose of prosecuting the work in the K-25 Project. As of 31 Karch 1945, total Kellex personnel amounted to 1,676 persons with 354 stationed in the field, and the remainder operating in or out of the New York Office. The K-25 activities of the Kellex Corporation were directed by P. C. Keith, vice-president of the corporation, and A. L. Baker, general manager.

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SECTION 1 - INMORTHON

1-1. <u>Purpose.</u> - The design, engineering, and procurement activities described in this volume were aimed at the specification and planning of facilities, equipment, and materials required for the rapid construction of the large scale gaseous diffusion production plant which was to form the heart of the K-25 Project.

1-2. Soope. - The unusual nature and size of the plant, the first of its kind ever attempted, presented a large number of practical and technical problems which frequently appeared insoluble (Vol. 1, Sect. 5). It was necessary to call in for consultation rany of the nation's leading equipment manufacturers to permit subsequent development and manufacture of especially designed equipment. In order to meet construction schedules, important decisions often had to be made before complete data were available regarding performance and properties of equipment and material. In this connection, valuable cooperation was obtained from a group of British scientists and engineers (Sect. 16).

1-5. Authorization. - Authorization of the activities described in this volume was handled similarly to other phases of the K-25 Project as monthened in Volume 1 of this book, and described more fully in Volume 1 of Book 1.

1-4. Administration. - Overall responsibility for the design





engineerin, and procurement of equipment for the N-25 plant was vosted in the Kellez Corporation (initially in the parent organization, the N. D. Hellog Company), originally under OSMS contract OESST-406, and finally under Manhattan District contract B-7405-eng-23. (The administradition of this contract and its subcontracts was hundled by the New York Area of the District, aided by sub-areas established to cover procurement sources of the Kellez Corporation, and located at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Detroit, Michigan; and Decatur, Illinois. (

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SECTION 2 - INITIAL WORK UNDER THE OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PEVELOPMENT

2-1. <u>Introduction</u>. - When the M. W. Kellogg Company began their work, a method of preparing uranium hexafluoride had been worked out (Book VI, Par. 2-3b; Book VII), and Columbia University had obtained some fundamental data on production and testing techniques, barriers, barrier plugging, sealants, materials inert to UF<sub>6</sub>, and methods of measurement of quantities and pressures for infinitely small changes. A system of close cooperation was now set up between the Columbia University group and the Kellogg Company in the development of the gaseous diffusion process. The Kellogg Company, and later, The Kellex Corporation, took these fundamental data, developed them further, and applied them to the design of the gaseous diffusion production plant at the Clinton Engineer Works.

## 2-2. Preliminary Work by the M. W. Kellogg Company.

a. <u>Contract OEMsr-406</u>. - In January 1942, the Office
of Scientific Research and Development awarded contract OEMsr-406 (App.
F1) to the N. W. Kellogg Company, providing for preliminary investigation
of the gaseous diffusion method as applied to the production of Uranium235. \*

b. <u>Scope of Contract</u>. - The scope of the work authorized by the contract, with its subsequent modifications, included five principal items:

1. An engineering study looking toward:

a. Design of a pilot plant to carry out the separation





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- b. An analysic of the requirements of a large plant
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- 2. Studios and experimental investigations principally in connection with:
  - a. The corresion of various matals when subjected to uranium herefluoride.
  - b. The suitability of various types of small pures. 
    c. Tests of diffusion membranes.
- Construction of a pilot plant and accessory equipment for production.
- 4. A study of methods of improvement of production.

5. Operation of the pilot plant. (

c. <u>Accompliaiments.</u> - Work under this contract resulted primarily in the design of a pilot plant, development of a process flow diagram for a large production plant, preliminary estimates of requirements for materials of construction, special equipment, chemicals, and utilities, and preliminary designs of principal mechanical equipment such as pumps, diffusers, coolers, and valves. This work is summarized in a report entitled "The Diffusion Flant - First Progress Report", (App. F2).

d. <u>Subsequent Action</u> - On the basis of these studies, the construction of a production plant was later authorized under Hanhattan District contract N-7405-cm -234 Experimental and research work under contract 0-Ter-400 was terminated as of 1 April 1943, except for the completion of the pilot plant building construction, which extended

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through 30 June 1943. Experimental and research work, as included in the scope of this contract, was carried on after 31 March 1943, under the Manhathan District contract by the K. W. Kellogy Company and the Keller Corporation. ( SECTION 3 - RECOTIATIONS AND PRELIMINART PLANNING

S-1. Conoral.

a. <u>Decision to Continue the Pilot Plant</u> - On 12 November 1942, after condidering various aspects of the Manhattan Project, the Military Policy Countites decided (App. P4): first, that work on the gaseous diffusion pilot plant, being handled by the M. M. Kellogg Company, under contrast OEMsr-406, should be continued, but that requirements for critical materials for this work would not be allowed to interfere with the pile and electromagnetic plant construction projects; and, second, that if the M. W. Kellogg Company should present matisfactory evidence of scientific ability to the OSED S-1 Executive Countitee, and satisfactory evidence of engineering ability to Brigadiar General L. R. Groves, they would be authorized to proceed with the engineering of a 600-stage gaseous diffusion production plant.

b. <u>The 600-Stage Diffusion Plants</u> - The term "600-stage" was derived from the initial encoopts of what would comprise the primary portion of the plant. Design and engineering plans were not fully orystallised at that time, and the emact number of stages was still a tentative figure.

S-2. OSRD Approval of 600-Stags Production Unit.

a. <u>Resolution of the OSED S-1 Executive Constitute</u> - On 14 November 1942, representatives of the M. W. Kellogg Company met with General Groves, representatives of the Manhattan District, and members of the OSED S-1 Empoutive Committee (App. P5). After the Kellogg Company representatives had reported on their previous work in connection

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with the gas diffusion process, the OSED S-1 Executive Committee passed a resolution, the essence of which was as follows:

- 1. That it was feasible, and would fit into the program, to proceed with the Kellerg gaseous diffusion pilot plant and the proposed 600-stage production plant simultaneously.
- 2. That, on a priority basis, the 600-stage plant should some after the first 2000 production units of the proposed electromagnetic plant, and after the first, but before the second, pile of the contemplated pile process for the production of plutonium.
- 5. That the plant referred to in the resolution was one which, at double concentration of Dw235, would have an assured not transport of 1/2 kilogram per day, with a reasonable expectation that, by improvement of the barrier material, the net transport would be increased to one kilogram per day.
- 4. That the plant referred to should be so designed that it could fit into a plant which would be capable of producing material containing 90 per cent U-255.

b. <u>Relative Priority.</u> - Dr. A. H. Compton of the S-1 Executive Committee, reserved opinion as to the relative priority of the proposed plant and of the pile plant, and Dr. L. J. Briggs, also on the constituee, was of the opinion that, assecue Diffusion Project should come after the first 1000 but before the second 1000 tanks of the electronametic plant. (In accordance with the previous decisions of the



Military Policy Committee, General Groves stated that, prior to authorimation of design and construction, further study should be made to determine the extent to which the 600-stage plant would interfere with other war production.

5-5. Review and Reassessment of Cas Diffusion Method.

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a. <u>Reassessment and Reviewing Countities</u> - In order to review the gaseous diffusion process completely, not only as to its own possibilities and problems, but also as to its advantages and disadvantages when compared with the pile and electromagnetic projects, Ceneral Groves appointed a Reassessment and Reviewing Committee on 21 November 1962, consisting of Dr. W. K. Lewis, of the Hassachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. E. V. Murphree, of the Standard Oil Development Company, and Hessrs. Reger Williams, T. C. Cary, and C. H. Greenewalt, of E. I. du Pont de Hempurs and Company. This constitues, after enterful consideration of the three methods, recommended (App. F6) proceeding immediately with the design and construction of a 4600-stage diffusion plant with a sepacity of 1 kilogram per day of U-255.

b. The 4600-Stage Diffusion Plant, - The "4600-stage plant" represented the design, as then contemplated, of a gaseous diffusion plant that would produce 1 kilogram of material per day, which would consist of 90 per cent U-235. Subsequent investigation and studies, however, proved the feasibility of construction a diffusion plant that would produce material considerably loss concentrated in U-255, and which could serve as a feeder plant for the electromagnetic project.





5-6. Selection of the Contractor.

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a. Decision to Construct a 4600-Stage Plant. - The report of the Reassessment and Reviewing Committee, as well as a favorable report as to the engineering ability of the M. W. Hellogg Company, was presented to the Military Policy Committee by General Groves, and on 10 December 1942 (App. F4), this committee authorised General Groves to arrange for the construction of a 4600-stage gaseeus diffusion plants with the M. W. Kellogg Company as engineers.

b. Letter Contract W-7405-eng-23. - On 12 December 1942, the M. W. Kellogg Company was informed by General Groves of the government's desire for them to proceed with the design of the diffusion plant. Two days later secret letter contract W-7405-eng-23 was executed (App. F5) for design, development, and procurement services and for all other things necessary to procure all process equipment for a plant to enrich uranium hexafluoride from the normal 0.71 per cent to 90 per cent U-235 by the gaseous diffusion process.

S-5. The Kellogg Contract,

a. <u>Scope of Work</u>. - The negetiations for the Kellegg Company sontrast extended ever a considerable period of time. Because of the many basic problems that required solution, it was necessary to await a preliminary analysis of the Project before a realistic determination of the scope of the work and the estimated cost could be made. The formal contrast W-7405-eng-25 (App. A, F5) was executed on 11 April 1944, effective as of 14 December 1942, and provided that the contrastor would furnish "research and development, procurement, architectural, engineering and supervisory, and consultant services", on a cost-plus-

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a-fixed-fee basis, leading to the construction of a complete plant near Wheat, Tennessee, for the manufacture of a "Product". The word "Product" was defined, and the quantity and purity thereof set forth, in a secret letter dated 14 December 1942 (App. P7). The scope of the work included, in addition to the design of the main process plant and the procurement of the process equipment, the design of a complete steam-electric power plant, with all auxiliary facilities.

b. <u>Unusual Provisions.</u> - The unusual provisions of the contract are as follows:

- 1. Because of the unusual nature of the process, and because of the fact that it was in an experimental stage, the contract relieved the contractor of any guarantee of responsibility that the plant could be successfully designed, engineered, constructed, or operated.
- 2. For purposes of fee computation, the period of service was estimated as thirty months from 14 December 1942. / Provisions were made for an extension beyond this period with equitable adjustment of the fixed fee. /
- S. For reasons of security, and to facilitate accounting, the right was granted the contractor to organize a wholly-owned subsidiary corporation, The Kellex Corporation, for the sole purpose of prosecuting the work called for by the contract.
- 6. Because of the magnitude of the Project, the contractor requested, and the government granted, relief from the financial burden involved in the procurement program.

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Accordingly, much of the equipment and materials were purchased under standard Covernment supply contrasts, with the Kellex Corporation acting as a representative of the Contracting Officer on inspection, tests, acceptance, and other technical phases of the work. Kellex also purchased cortain other materials. Shipments were usually consigned directly to the constructor at the plant site.

5. It was recognized that it would probably be necessary to employ unusually qualified personnel at salary rates over the maximum rates prescribed by the Secretary of War for cost-plus-fixed-fee contractors. Provisions were therefore made for the reinbursement of salaries, as approved by the Contracting Officer, up to \$25,000 per year for top executives in the New York home office. Salaries were limited, however, to \$9,000 per year for personnel at the plant site, the normal salary limits for government cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts.

e. <u>Fee.</u> - The fixed fee agreed upon after negotiations was \$2,424,547.00 on an estimated cost of \$254,560,698.00 (App. F8), which was approved by the Under Secretary of War on 24 February 1944. The Under Secretary approved th⊕ contract on 28 March 1944. A breakdown of the estimated cost of \$254,560,698.00 is shown in Appendix GL.

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SECTION 4 - DEBIGN PRINCIPLES OF THE GASEOUS DIFFUSION PROCESS

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4-1. <u>Generals</u> - As indicated in a previous section, the gaseous diffusion plant is designed to concentrate the Uranium-235, or U-235, by diffusion of the chemical compound, uranium hemafluoride. This compound is a salt of sufficient volatility to exist as a gas at moderate temperatures and sub-statepheric pressures. The distribution of the uranium isotopes in the hemafluoride as received at the plant is precisely the same as in all matural manium cross, income approximately 0.71 per cent Dranium-256 and \$9,29 per cent Uranium-258, with only a trace of Branium-256 and \$9,29 per cent Uranium-258, with only a trace of Branium-254. Thus the diffusion process is essentially one of partial separation of the ten isotopes, D-258 and U-258.

4-2. Separation by Gasepus Diffusion.

an <u>Definitions</u> - The generic term "gaseous diffusion" is applied to the dispersion of a gas through spaces. The dispersion may result from a variety of eauses, one of which is notion of air masses as in gas convection. The gaseous diffusion process, however, has a more limited definition, being confined to the dispersal of a gas due solely to the motion of the individual molecules, independent of mass movements of the gase

b. <u>Concept of Melecular Effusions</u> - A mass of pure gas consists of billions of minute, identical particles called melecules, the size of which is negligible compared to the average distance between them. These molecules possess considerable energy, and nove at relatively high velocities. They travel about in a random fashion so that they experience frequent collisions with one another and with the walls of confining vessels. The number of such collisions is propertional to the mean speed of the gas molecules. If a number of very fine holes are pierced in the container walls, the gas will escape from the vessel because of this nolecular motion. This type of gas transport is referred to as molecular effusion.

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(1) <u>Holecular Speed versus Holecular Mass.</u> - Consider a mixture of games such as belium and hydrogen whose molecular passes are in the ratio of two to once. The laws of physics state that the lighter hydrogen molecule will travel at a higher mean speed than the heavier holium molecule, and that these speeds will be inversely proportional to the square roots of their masses. Thus the hydrogen molesule, with a mass approximately half that of holium, travels with a velocity about 1.41 (square poot of 2) times as great.

(2) <u>Separation by Effusion</u> - In a 50-50 mixture of hydrogen and helium, 141 molecules of hydrogen collide with the walls for every 100 of helium, 'If the walls of the vessel are performed with openings, the diameters of which are larger than the molecules, but smaller than the average distance between molecules, then gas will escape by molecular effusion, and 141 molecules of hydrogen will leave the box for every 100 helium molecules.' Consequently, the diffused gas now contains 50.5 per cent hydrogen as compared to the 50 per cent originally present.' Thus the light component is enriched by molecular effusion.'

d. <u>Circulation of Feed.</u> - As the diffusion or passage of gas through the perforated wall continues, the hydrogen in the original mixture obviously becomes depleted. Therefore, the number of hydrogen molecules diffusing for each 100 of helium decreases. For example, once the number of hydrogen molecules, within the box has fallen to 80 per cent of the helium molecules, only 80 per cent of 141, or 115 molecules of hydrogen, will diffuse for each 100 molecules of helium. Therefore, if a certain enrichment of hydrogen is required, it becomes necessary either to interrupt the process periodically, or to replenish the supply of hydrogen molecules continuously. The latter method is preferable from the engineering point of view, since a continuous process is desirable, and is readily accomplished by pumping a steady stream of fresh gas mixture into the container, and withdrawing steady streams of enriched and partially depleted gas.

c. <u>Removal of Enriched Case</u> - As the diffusion continues, the molecules in the diffused fraction cutside the container collide with one another, obanging direction as they do so until their motion is again entirely random. 'As a result, there is a tendency for some of the enriched gas to flow back into the container.' This tendency, usually referred to as "back diffusion", if allowed to prevail, completely vitiates any separation. 'Singe the gas flowing back ultimately reaches the same composition as the diffusing gas, the net effect is sore separation. 'Back diffusion can be eliminated to a large degree by evacuating the outside of the box and thereby sweeping away the moleoules almost as fast as they diffuse.' The higher the vacuum, the more effective is this method. 'However, there is a practical limit to the vacuum attainable, imposed by the size of pump required and by the power demanded.' Therefore, some back diffusion occurs in all systems,

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thereby reducing the efficiency of separation,

Application to Process Gase - The above considerations 2. apply equally as well to the separation of the two predominant isotopes of uranium in the paseous hemafluoride (cosmonly referred to as Process Gas) as they do to mintures of helium and hydrogens / Again, there are involved two types of molecules having different masses and, hence, travelling at different mean speeds. However, the relative difference between masses is now such smaller. For example, the relative mass of granium herafluoride containing Branium-256 is 352, whereas that make from Dranium 255 is 549. Thus, the masses of the isotopic components in the process gas differ only by 0.05 per sent, and the speed of the lighter compound is only 1,0045 times as great as that of the heavier forms Thus, if the concentration of the light hemafluoride in the sirenlating stream is 0.71 per cent, the theoretical maximum concentration in the diffused fraction attainable by a single diffusion step is only 0.718 per center Furthermore, the actual separation to be realized in practice would be only 80 to 70 per ourt of this theoretical maximum, because of back diffusion and other unavoidable inefficiencies of the separation system. (Vol. 2, Par. 3-2d).

6-5. The Diffusion Caseade.

a. <u>Builtiplicity of Stages.</u> - In view of the small sepasation realized in a single diffusion step or stage, it is obvious that a gas mixture must be reworked a number of times to achieve a significant increase in concentration over that of the original feed. In fact, to produce the design concentration of the diffusion plant, literally thousands of stages are required.



b. Schematic Representation. - The stages are arranged most effectively when linked into a single series or caseade, as illustrated by Figure 1. Five stages are shown, each portrayed by a restangle. Broken lines, representing percess diffusion barriers, divide the rectangles into two sections, a lower soction which represents the feed circulation side, and an upper section which contains the enriched diffusate from a given stage.

Stage Operation. - The middle, or third, stage in the diagram is typical of all stages of a cascade, with three exceptions to . be noted presently. The gas mixture enters the lower section of the middle stage from the right. Part diffuses to the upper sections denoted by the vertical arrows, and is swept out by the pump "A". " The residue flows out of the lower section to the left. The diffused fraction "A" is pusped to the stage above, or fourth stage, where it joins the residual fraction "B" flowing down from the top, or fifth, starce. The mixture is then subjected to a second diffusional operations. The residual fraction "B" from this second diffusional operation returns to form part of the feed to the middle stage. The residual fraction "B" from the middle stage flows down to the stage below, or second stage, where it joins with the diffused fraction from the bottom, or first, stage, and this mixture is also subjected to another diffusional operation. / The diffused fraction "A" from this diffusional operation is purped to the middle, or third, stage and, with the residual fraction from the fourth stage, forms the feed to the middle stage,  $\checkmark$ 

d. <u>Net Flow Pattern.</u> - The pattern of flow for the plant becomes clear from the foregoing description of a typical stage. There

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is a continual flow of diffused material towards the top of the plant, and a counter flow of residual material towards the bottom of the plant, The diffused material becomes richer and richer in light component as it travels upward from stage to stage, and the residual fraction becomes heavier as it flows downward, The flow of materials described is the result of pressure differences across diffusion barriers produced by the pumps, and is controlled by automatic valves, The terms "top" and "bottom" of the plant are used for convenience only, and have no relation to elevations, since the force of gravity is not involved.

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s. <u>Gritical Stares.</u> The three exceptions to the hypical stage are the top stage, the bottom stage, and the feed stage. At the top stage a small portion of the diffused stream is withdrawn as product with the bulk circulated back as part of the charge to the same stage.' In a typical stage this part of the charge is the residual stream from the stage above. 'Likewise, at the bottom stage a small amount of the residual stream is withdrawn as waste, and the remainder sirculated back to the same stage.' The feed stage differs from the typical stage in that a portion of the charge to this stage is the net charge or feed to the system. 'The feed stage is located somewhere between the top and bottom stages, and it divides the cased into two sections, the upper or enriching section, and the lower or stripping section. '

4-4. Factors Determining Separation Efficiency.

. Cascade Characteristics.

(1) Feed Point. - Obviously, the degree of sepa-

ration attainable with any cascade is partially determined by the number of stages in the cascade, 'Somewhat less obvious is the fact that the concentration of the product is chiefly affected by the number of stages above the feed point, and the concentration of the waste by the number of stages below the feed point.'

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(2) <u>Circulation Fate</u>. - A second factor contributing to the degree of separation is the rate of circulation of material through a stage relative to the feed rate. The higher the rate of circulation, the greater the separation.

(3) Optimum Combinations - Both increased number of stages and increased circulation rate represent increased capital investment and increased operating cost. The design of the most economical plant for any particular job involves the establishment of the optimum combination of the two.

b. Volatility of Branium Hemafluoride. • The uranium hemafluoride molecule, as the name implies, is composed of six atoms of fluorine and one of uranium. The hemafluoride is a white solid at room temperature and normal barometric pressure; however, it sublimes as the pressure is reduced or the temperature increased. For example, it will edupletely change to gas if the temperature is raised to  $140^{\circ}F_{*}$  it will also change to gas at  $35^{\circ}F$  if the pressure is reduced to less than onefifth of an atmosphere. (At higher temperatures and pressures, e.g.,  $160^{\circ}F$  and two atmospheres, the hemafluoride exists as a liquid. In the range of operating conditions maintained in the diffusion plant cascade, the hemafluoride exists as a gas; otherwise, the process would be inoperable. c. Reactivity of Uranium Hemafluoride.

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(1) <u>Correstve Action</u> - Uranium hexafluoride is one of the most reactive and correstve chemicals known. At elevated temperatures it reacts violently with almost all substances except nitrogen, the rare gases, saturated fluorides, and fluorine. Even at the moderate operating temperatures of the diffusion plant, 100-180°F, the hexafluoride reacts instantly with water vapor and with all metals and most non-motals. The extreme reactivity or correstve mature of the hexafluoride has markedly narrowed the selection of materials of construction, and has imposed a number of other restrictions on the plant design.

(2) <u>Consumption of Process Case</u> - The corrosion problem has been aggravated by the tremendous surfaces over which the gas passes. The diffusion plant has literally thousands of times the surface of an ordinary chemical plant processing an equal amount of materials. The consumption of the gas because of corresive section is far more serious than the ultimate weakening of the equipments. If the rate of corresion were allowed to increase indefinitely, the entire product of the plant would be consumed, and hence the plant output would drop to sero long before the rate of corresion could reach serious proportions in terms of the structural weakening of equipments.

(5) <u>Reaction with Mater Waper.</u> - Another source of destruction of the hexafluoride is interaction with water waper. The bulk of the equipment operates under vacuum, and if the equipment were no tighter than ordinary commercial vacuum installations, and moist air from the atmosphere were allowed to leak into the plant, the desstruction of process gas would be prohibitive. ' To avoid this condition,

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all equipment has been made far tighter than customary for industrial installations, and, in addition, has been blanksted with dry air.

4-5. <u>Conditioning</u> - The extremely correstve effect of uranium hexafluoride has made necessary the "conditioning" of all surfaces which come into contact with the process gas. (Prior to operation, all active plant surfaces are exposed to fluorine under conditions leading to the formation of protective surface films of saturated fluorides. Since the hemafluoride is reactive only as a fluorinating agent, that is, it gives up fluorine which enters the molecule of the material being attacked, it will not reast with materials already saturated with fluorine. By selecting materials which form stable fluoride films, the consumption rate of the hemafluoride has been reduced to a very low value.

4.6. <u>Eleanliness</u> - Successful conditioning, resulting in the formation of an adherent, protective fluoride film, requires that the surface to be fluorinated first be made scrupulously cleans. / Furthermore, contamination by foreign matter leads to process stream consumption or dilution, and to berrier plugging. Specifications for berrier plugging mates, and for UF<sub>6</sub> consumption rates as a result of berrier sorrosion, have been set forth in Volume 2, Paragraph 4.2. In the specification and maintenance of Gleanliness standards for all metal equipment surfaces to be exposed to the process gas, the closest practical approach was made to surgical conditions, Cleaning procedures are aimed at complete removal of dirt, grease, exides, scale, fluxes, and other extraneous matter. Such material, aside from its tendency to consume UF<sub>4</sub>, can work loose and clog barriers, valves, and instruments.

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Cleaning methods were set up by the Kellax Corporation based upon procedures developed by the Chrysler Corporations. The individual steps showen are not unusual in industrial practice. It is their combination, rigorous enforcement, and comprehensive application to the thousands of equipment items in the K-KS plant which is nost noteworthy. Depending upon the initial condition of the equipment surface to be alouned, any number of steps up to tem or more were required. The following procedure for minical plated steel pipe is typicals

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Chrysler Corporation - tubular converters Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company - process pumps / Lukens Steel Company - nickel clad parts / Crane Company - valves 🗸 Fisher Governor Company - valves / Republic Flow-Meter Company - valves Whitehead Metal Products Company - flat plate converters ( A. O. Smith Corporation - coolers / Fulton Sylphon Company - bellows Clifford Manufacturing Company - bellows ' The William Powell Company - walves " Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company - mist filters The P. J. Stokes Machine Company - vacuum pumps / Patterson-Kelly Corporation - cold traps < Schock-Gasmer Company - cold traps Gook Electric Company - bellows The Beach-Russ Company - vacuum pumps Chapman Valve Company - valves / Moore Products Company - differential pressure transmitters Valley Iron Works Company - pumps 🧭 The Elliot Company - pumps ( The Matson Automotive Equipment Company - mobile C7F16 units The York Corporation - mobile CyF16 units

In the case of certain pipe assemblies and miscellaneous equipment items, it was found more convenient to carry out cleaning operations at the X-25 plant site. This circumstance led to the design and construction of the conditioning area (Sect.  $\overline{P}\overline{P}$ ).

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SECTION 5 - SMALL SCALE TESTING OF PLANT DESIGN

Introduction. - The early development of the design of the, 5-1. gaseous diffusion plant was done under The M. W. Kellogg Company's OSRD contract OEMsr-406. " With the selection of this company by the Manhattan District, and the formation of The Kellex Corporation early in 1943, the design and engineering of the production plant proceeded at an increased tempo. ( At the same time, experimental research and development on fundamental problems (wid) centralized at Columbia University. Y Experimental pilot plants constructed and operated for the purpose of studying and solving problems involved in the K-25 research program have been discussed in Section 7 of Volume 2. Volume 5 presents an account of the experimental operation of one of the process buildings as a "54 stage pilot plant". The present section treats of installations operated for the purpose of determining or confirming various data utilized in K-25 equipment and process design. < All installations described below were erected at the Test Floor, a part of the Kellex Jersey City Laboratory.

5-2. The Test Floor.

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a. <u>Construction of Filot Plant.</u> - Contract OEMsr-406 provided for the design of a pilot plant to test the separation of uranium hexafluoride by gas diffusion methods. This contract was supplemented to provide for the construction and operation of the pilot plant. Work was started about 1 July 1942 on the buildings to house the pilot plant, the control laboratories, and the maintenance facilities. These buildings were erected within the yard of the Jersey City plant of the M. W. Kellogg Company.

b. Conversion to Test Floor. - Originally, a 15-stage

cascade pilot plant was planned, with its objective the producement of basic engineering data from which a production plant could be designed. However, in view of the urgency of the gaseous diffusion program as a whole, and the necessity for obtaining quantities of U=235 at the earliest possible moment, it was foreseen that the E=25 production plant would have to be designed, and orders for cortain equipment would have to be placed, before it would be possible to obtain full and complete engineering data from a pilot plant. The pilot plant was abcordingly converted to a test floor, where the design principles of certain specialized equipment for the production plant could be proved before full coals manufacture of these items was begun. On 31 March 1945, the pilot plant program was placed under the Kellex Corporation contract W=7605-eng=25.

e. Operation of Test Floor. - Considerable preliminary work was conducted on various pieces of equipment concurrent with the design of the large plant. The fundamental studies on the chemistry and physics of the process were also continued. Exphasis was placed upon various phases of the experimental work, as distated by process and mechanical engineering requirements. The chief objective was to get the large plant into operation at the earliest possible date. Therefore, the accomplishment of more limited objectives, such as completing the test floor caseade, were given lower priority.

5-3. The Ten-Stage Caseade.

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a. <u>Construction of the Cascade</u> - Once preliminary work on equipment development for the full-scale plant was sufficiently advanced to give a reasonable probability of success to the undertaking.



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plans were laid for the erection of a ten-stage cascade pilot plant. It was considered advisable to have those manufacturers providing the principal equipment for the large plant produce the units for the test floor cascade. This led to some delay in delivery because of higher priorities generally given to orders for the large plant.

**b**. Operation of the Cascade. - In April 1944, the construction and testing of the ten-stage cascade were completed, and operations were started. The equipment of this plant was similar in all important respects to that being manufactured for the production plant, with the exception of the diffusers. The diffusers did not contain barrier tubes because material for their construction was still in the research stage and, therefore, was not available in time for their manufacture." Perforated tubes were used instead, so that flow conditions could be reproduced, although no separation could be effected. ? However, pressures and temperatures simulated design conditions of the large plant, and flow conditions were similar to, but slightly lower than, those of Section 3 of the large plant (Par. 7-8). Operation of the cascade was continued through December 1944. Some difficulty was encountered with various mechanical features of the plant, particularly pump seals. The frequency of such troubles was reduced as operating experience was gained, and smooth operation was achieved during the last few months of operation. A large number of technical men, later concerned with the operation of the production plant, were trained at the test floor cascade.

c. <u>Results of Cascade Operations.</u> - The cascade performance was equal to all expectations. Detailed results of the test

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floor caseade aperations are presented in a series of ten technical reports (App. Flo). Among other things, it was demonstrated for the first time that:

- 1. Equipment designs for the large plant were fundamentally sounds "
- 2. Equipment of this type and size could be accombled so as to be initially vacuum tight, and remain so during extended operation.
- S. Equipment of this type and size could be made scrupulously clean, and could be maintained in this condition during assembly.
  - The inner surfaces of a cascade of this size could be readily fluorinated, under controlled conditions, by circulation of fluorine-mitrogen mixtures.
- 5. Adequate control of pressure, temperature, and flow could be realized with the instruments developed for the large plant, and all surges which could be initiated in a cascade of this number of stages could be quickly damped.
- 6. Operation with the hexafluoride was no more difficult than with the inert gases, if certain precautions were observed.
- 7. Inort gases could be continually purged from the system by cold traps of the same fundamental design as planned for the large plant.
- 8. The fluorocarbon coolant sirculation system could be assembled and maintained sufficiently clean so that after



several months' use the coolant would continue to pass the rigid specifications for chemical inertness.

5-4. Pump Test Loops.

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a. <u>Flow Test Loop.</u> - The first Test Floor unit was built for the purpose of testing an Allis-Chalmers purp, a Republic Flow Meter Company magnetic clutch butterfly control valve, and a Fisher Company pneumatic butterfly control valve. Flow properties for uranium hemafluoride were desired at various pressures and velocities. Operation of the unit also provided data pertaining to the problems of vacuum tightness and leak detection. Improved piping designs and welding techniques were indicated. The experience in general led to the oreation of a vacuum engineering school (Vol. 2).

b. <u>Kinney Pump Test Loop.</u> - It was originally thought that any standard wasuum pump would be suitable for  $VF_G$  or fluorine service assuming the use of a suitable inert cil. As a result of tests made on a model produced by the Kinney Hanufacturing Company, in which it was found that K-25 tightness specifications could not be met, and that the pump was not easily adaptable to redesign for vacuum tightness, use of the Kinney pump was limited to rough wasuum service.

Stokes Fump Test Loop. - A vacuum pump manufactured by the Stokes Manufacturing Company presented a partial solution to the problem. / Upon redesign, the improved model was found satisfactory for fluorine service (Vol. 2, Par. 5-9).

d. <u>Beach-Russ Pump Test Loop</u> - A loop was set up for testing a specially developed vacuum pump manufactured by the Beach-Russ Hamifacturing Company (Vol. 2, Par. 5-8), Data obtained were

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utilized in the design and manufacture of the K-25 process gas vacuum pumps.

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e. American Machine Defense Purp Test Loop. - A sample reciprocating pump for use in the K-25 purge caseade was built by the American Machine Defense Company, and was studied in uranium hemafluoride service at the fest Ploor (Vol. 2, Par. 5-55). Difficulties encountered, particularly with vacuum leakage and excessive vibration, led to the development of a greatly modified and improved design, which was used as the basis for quantity manufacture of purge pumps by the Valley Iron Works.

5-5. Allie Chalmers Pump Scal Testing. - A series of tests were run to determine the life and operating obsractoristics of alsove and disc scale (Vol. 2, Par. 5-2). / It was found that the sleeve scal had a tendency to seles the shaft and destroy itself at times of pump shutdown. / Thus, in the velocity range of 200-500 RPM, gas lubrication was poor. / This finding, together with the fact that the sleeve scal could not take the full differential from atmospheric to process pressure, disclosed the unsuitability of the sleeve scal. / Disc scal tests, on the other hand, demonstrated superior ruggedness and ability to take the full pressure differential, and confirmed the choice of the disc type scal for general process pump use. /

5-6. <u>Cold Trap Tosting</u>. - Two experimental cold traps, built respectively by the Schock-Susmer Company, and Joseph Kopperman and Sens, were tested for capacity, heat transfer, and carry-over. ' The units were studied under a wide range of conditions in order to collect data which would apply in the special temperature range required, and which would



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cover the heat transfer properties of the UP6 process fluid and metallic construction materials of suitable corresion resistance.

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SECTION 6 - PLANT SITE

6-1. <u>Site Selection.</u> - Immediately following the decision to build a gaseous diffusion production plant, consideration was given to the selection of a suitable site. Prior to the selection of the actual site, and before accurate data were available regarding space requirements for the process equipment, the Kellex Corporation, in collaboration with the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, (App. F23), which had been selected as the operating contractor, began to formulate ideas concerning the plant arrangement.

Location within Clinton Engineer Works. - Primary **A**. consideration was given to the selection of a site within the Clinton Engineer Works military reservation (C.E.W.), since this area had already been acquired (Book I, Vol. 10) for other Manhattan District activities. The first internal site inspection for the purpose of locating the gaseous diffusion plant was made on 18 January 1943 by representatives of the District Engineer, Keller, and Carbide (App. F27). A series of further inspections was made by Kellex personnel during succeeding months. In addition, surveys conducted by Kellex disclosed two other suitable locations: A site on the Big Bend of the Columbia River in the state of Washington with power available from the Grand Coules Dam, and a site in the Sacramento River Valley in California adjacent to the Shasta River Project. Some slight advantage would have obtained an account of the lower natural humidity of these areas, but because of the availability and suitability of the C.R.W. area, and the appreciable time delay which would have been involved, if it had been decided to acquiremadditional land, the District decided that the K-25 plant would be located within



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the Clinton Engineer Works. The definite decision to locate the K-25 plant within the C.E.W. reservation was made by General Groves in April 1943 (App. F28). The assembling of meteorological data and information regarding soil conditions, sources of water supply, and other facilities was then begun.

b. <u>Method of Selecting Specific Site.</u> - The factors affecting selection of a suitable site for the gaseous diffusion plant within C.E.W. boundaries are briefly stated below:

(1) <u>Topography.</u> - A fairly level site was desired, of sufficient size to accommodate the plant, with good drainage, and with good foundations.

(2) <u>Safety Distances.</u> - It was deemed advisable, and recommended by Kellex, that a safety distance be provided of three miles with natural ridge protection, or four miles without ridge protection, from other plants and permanently settled centers of population.<sup>4</sup> This recommendation was based upon security considerations and upon the possibility of bombing attacks.<sup>4</sup> Further reasons for selecting an isolated site were the radioactive nature of the process material, and the obvious hawards associated with the handling of the working substance of atomic bombs.<sup>4</sup>

(3) <u>Dispersion.</u> - Bunching or straight-lining of plants within the Clinton Engineer Works was to be avoided if possible, as a safeguard against possible enemy bombing action.

(4) <u>Other Considerations.</u> - Rail service, water, and power facilities ware required.

c. Original Choice of Process Area Site. - Nineteen sites



within the Clinton Engineer Works area were initially considered. The application of factors 1, 2, and 3, above, to these narrowed the number of suitable sites down to five. These were studied in detail, and a site in the valley due south of McKinney Ridge, near Wheat School was tentatively selected in February 1943 (App. Fll). At the time of this decision, production plant design was at a stage which indicated that all required power could be obtained from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

d. <u>Power Flant Site.</u> - As discussed in Section 12, subsequent estimates of power requirements led to the decision to construct a steam-electric power generating unit to serve the production plant. The site for the power plant was selected by Kellex with the approval of General Groves, on 3 Hay 1943 (App. F29). It was situated roughly one mile southwest of the process area, and immediately adjacent to the Clinch River, on the western extremity of a bend just above its intersection with Poplar Greek. This site was chosen because it provided a means of obtaining cool condenser water from the Clinch River, and of discharging it into Poplar Greek, where it would not affect the temperature of the water at the intake. It also had suitable terrain features for rail facilities and coal storage.

e. <u>Final Choice of Process Area Site.</u> - After the site for the K-25 plant near Wheat School had been selected, it was determined that an estimated saving of over one and one-half million dollars could be made if the main plant were moved from the Wheat School site to a location due west of McK&Mney Ridge and near Poplar Creek. Furthermore, as more definite knowledge became available of the space requirements for process equipment housings and structures, detailed studies disclosed that a somewhat larger site than that originally chosen would be de-

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# PABLE 1. - K-25 SITE SECTIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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100	Feed Purification System
300	Main Cascade
400	K-37 Cascade
600	Surge and Waste System
700	Power Plant
800	Recirculating Cooling Water System
1000	Administration Area
1100	Dry Air Plant
1200	Compressed Air Plant
1300	Fluorine Generating Plant
1400	Conditioning Area
1500	Auxiliary Steam Plant

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sirable. The newly proposed location was also more accessible to railroad sidings, and closer to the power plant site. Consequently, on 24 June 1943, the new site was formally approved, after the concurrence of the Kellex Corporation and the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation had been obtained. A description of the terrain and a discussion of site preparation activities are presented in Volume 4. Various maps and plot plans of the K-25 area are shown in Appendix A of Volume 1, and B of Volume 4. Photographs are shown in Appendix E of Volume 3, E of Volume 4, and D of Volume 5.

6-2. Sectional Site Designations. - For reference and accounting purposes, the K-25 plant site has been broken down into a number of sectional parts; each containing a group of buildings which serve related functions, or which are accessory to one another. The numerical section designation provides a key for numbering individual buildings: the first digit of a building number is identical with the first digit of the section number. Thus, building K-704 is located in Section 700. Section designations are shown in Table 1. This system of identification is used throughout the remainder of Book II.



PROCESS DESIGN SECTION 7 ~

Introduction. - It is theoretically impossible to produce 7-1. a product of 100 per cent isotopic concentration of U-235, by means of the gaseous diffusion method. In order to accomplish the complete separation, an infinite number of stages would be required, or the production rate would have to be lowered to an infinitesimal value, There will always be present at least a trace of U-238 in the product of any actual gaseous diffusion plant. However, this trace can be lowered, by suitable plant design and operation, to as low a value (above zero) as may be desired or required for any particular purpose.

Original Design. - Early in the investigation of the 8. ultimate uses of the end product of the plant, it appeared that a uranium compound in which U-235 accounted for 90 per cent of the total uranium content would be satisfactory. The gas diffusion production plant, as conceived on 15 Earch 1943, and described in The Kellex Corporations's "First Progress Report" (App. F2), was accordingly designed to produce I kilogram per day of material at 90 per cent concentration of Uranium-235 (App. F15).

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not ь. Need for Further Investigation. - The above quantities were based upon preliminary design data. Although the general overall design of the plant was in the blueprint stage, there remained to be performed a considerable amount of investigation and experimental work

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before the plans could be translated into a working plant. As related in Volumes land 2, especially difficult problems arreared in connection with the corrosion of metals and other plant materials by the uranium hexafluoride process gas. Barrier development required the exploration of a number of materials and manufacturing methods. Process design necessitated intensive research and development, especially for those units required for the upper stages of the plant handling material highly concentrated in Uranium-235. Plant design was further complicated by the precautions necessary for the protection of personnel against the process gas itself, which is an extremely toxic chemical, and also emits certain types of injurious radiations. In addition, protection against possible chain-reaction hazard, the extent of which was uncertain, had to be provided for by appropriate equipment design.

7-2. <u>Major Policy Decisions.</u> - Delays encountered in the research and development work mentioned above materially affected the decisions that had to be made relative to the size of the plant, and the order in which various stages of the plant were to be designed, developed, and constructed. The progress of design calculations involving cascade characteristics and number of stages necessary is discussed in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (1) B. Major decisions of District policy are summarized below in chronological order.

a. <u>Decision of 18 August 1943.</u> - By August 1943, a good many of the various detailed equipment problems were partially or wholly solved. At this time General Groves asked the Kellex Corporation to report on the probable cost and completion dates for 5, 15,

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36.6, and 90 per cent production plants (App. F16). Based upon these data, the construction of a 36.6 per cent production plant was authorized by the District Engineer on 18 August 1943 (App. F13). Designation engineering, and construction activity was now limited to equipment required for the 36.6 per cent plant. Development work however, was continued on a small scale for the higher sections of the plant, in case construction of additional stages should later be authorized in order to produce a higher concentration product. The significance of the 36.6 per cent point, is that at this point design calculations showed that radical changes would be necessary in various important features of process design." At lower concentrations, tubular converter designs are most effective; in higher sections, the flat plate type is preferable. Similarly, in passing from plant sections handling material of concentration lower than 36.6 per cent, to higher sections, the most practical stage pump design changes from a centrifugal type with rotating seals, to the gas bearing type (Vol. 2, Par. 5-3). / By concentrating on the lower sections of the plant(up to the 36.6 per cent point) it would be possible to avoid all of the process and equipment designs peculiar to the upper sections, the lower plant program could be carried on at an accelerated pace, and the first production of partially enriched  $UF_A$ could be realized at a much earlier date. V furthermore, successful design, construction, and operation of the lower sections might very well provide a logical basis at a later date for turning attention to the new problems involved in the extension of the plant to higher concentrations.

b. Decision of 16 January 1945. - On 16 January 1945,





when the first cells of the plant were about to come into operation (Vol. 5), The Kellex Corporation was authorized to proceed with the engineering and procurement of oritical materials and equipment necessary to extend the plant for production of material at 85 plus or minus 5 per cent concentration (App. F20), ' This extension was to be designed as Section 5, a revision of the originally planned Sections 5 and 6 of the 90 per cent plant, in that only one type of equipment was to be used in lieu of the two types originally contemplated.'

c. <u>Design Change of 3 March 1945.</u> - Utilizing the latest available data, and the most effective and accurate methods of design calculation, Section 5 was changed on 8 March 1945 by increasing the number of stages from 1008 to 1440 (App. F31).

d. <u>Decision of 16 March 1945.</u> - On 16 March 1945, after intensive study of the performance and capabilities of both the electromegnetic plant and the abridged gaseous diffusion plant, the plans for the construction of Section 5 of the gas diffusion plant to produce 90 per cent material were abandoned (App. F22).

e. Addition of K-27 Facility. - On 31 March 1945, the District Engineer authorized an addition to the plant consisting of 540 stages as a side feed, which greatly increased its output of 36.6 per cent material. This addition was known as the K-27 plant (App. F24).

7-3. Plant Capacity.

a. <u>Design Capacity.</u> - That portion of the gaseous diffusion plant originally constructed (1.0., the K-25 plant proper, excluding K-27) was designed to process 960 kilograms per day of natural uranium hexafluoride, and to extract from it 4.1 kilograms of hexa-





fluorido having on isotopic concentration of 56.6 per cent Uranium-255. Such a product contains 2.0 kilogram of Uranium-235 motal or 22 per cent of the U-235 initially present in the food. (Under such conditions, the residue or waste contains approximately 0.5 per cent of the 235 isotope. (

b. <u>Flexibility of Operations.</u> - There is considerable flexibility of operation inherent in the design of the diffusion plant. The capacity of the plant will vary with the isotopic compositions of the product and waste, and with the quantity of hexafluoride processed per day. The relationship between these factors is complex; for purposes of illustration two examples may be cited. With the feed rate remaining unaltered at 960 kilograms per day, but with the isotopic concentration of the product rate of 9.1 kilograms per day of hexafluoride, equivalent to 1.2 kilograms of Uranium-235 metal. Similarly, maintaining the product concentration at 20 per cent, and increasing the charge rate to 1430 kilograms per day, the design product rate was increased to 9.6 kilograms of hexafluoride or 1.5 kilograms of Uranium-285 metal per day.

7-4. The Plant Cascade (Section 500).

a. <u>Ideal Designs.</u> - The most efficient plant to accomplish the design separation, i.e., the plant requiring the least power, and the least barrier surface, and having the lowest inventory of hexafluoride, is one in which there is no mixing of streams of unequal concentrations. In such a cascade, the light fraction from one stage and the heavy fraction from the second stage above (Fig. 1, facing p. 4.6) have





identical concentrations. To satisfy this condition in a plant of uniform barrier quality requires a variation in flow from stage to stage. In the K-25 cascade, this would mean that the upflow would have to decrease from a value many times the production rate at the feed point, to a value at the topmost stage equal to the production rate.

(1) <u>Variable Stage Control Pressure.</u> - Stage upflow is directly proportional to stage equipment size and to stage control pressure. A limiting plant which could function as an ideal cascade can be conceived with equipment of uniform size and variable stage control pressure. The practical disadvantages of such a design are:

- Pressures must be controlled over a wide range. For K-25 operation there would be a 200,000 fold pressure range.
- 2. If operated at comparatively low pressure, the equipmont at the ends of the cascade is unnecessarily large and therefore uneconomical.
- 5. If operated at comparatively high pressures, converter efficiency is adversely affected. -

(2) <u>Variable Equipment Size.</u> - A second type of ideal casesde would involve variable equipment size and constant stage control pressure, ' The largest size stage would be at the feed point, and each succeeding stage, in either direction, would be slightly smaller than its predecessor. ' The process pumps would vary in capacity from over 12,000 cubic feet per minute at the feed point, to less than 2,000 cubic feet per minute at the top of the plant. All other basic stage elements would be sized proportionally. Obviously, such an







arrangement would not be practicable for a plant of this size. ~ It would involve a stupendous manufacturing job, requiring an enormous number of sizes of equipment, each with its own spare.~

b. <u>Square Plant.</u> - A third fundamental type of plant is a square caseade in which the equipment is all of identical size and the upflow is the same for all stages. 'A plant of this type requires a converter tube area many times that required for an ideal caseade, however, and the time required for the plant to come to equilibrium during the period after the plant has been starbed, but before production can begin, is much greater than for an ideal caseade. 'The principal advantage of the square caseade is simplicity of design and operation. '

a. Actual Designs - The K-25 design is a compromise combining features of each of the three fundamental designs. The easeado is divided into mine sections. Equipment size and pressure level wary from section to section (Par. 7-8). By sectionalising the equipment, it has been possible to approach closely the most efficient plant, using only five sizes of centrifugal compressors, and four sizes of diffusors. The K-25 cascade is compared graphically with the ideal cascade and the square cascade in Figure 2, in which interstage flow rates are plotted horizontally, and stage serial numbers vertically. Thus, for the actual K-25 plant, represented by the block diagram, each rectangle stands for a cascade section, with its longth proportional to the interstage flow rate in the section, and its height proportional to the interstage flow rate in the section. An overall process flow diagram for the E-25 cascade is shown in Appondix E2.

d. Number of Stages. - The main caseade contains 2292







installed stages. All are arranged in a single series, with 2622 above the feed point, and 270 below. The K-27 plant contains an additional 540 diffusion stages of which the top 12 to 30 may be used for purging purposes. The remaining paragraphs of this section deal with the main cascade and its auxiliaries; description of the K-27 plant is presented in Section 14.

Typical Four-Stage Cascade. - Figure 3 presents an isometric drawing showing the basic elements of four stages of a diffusion cascade. Fixing attention on any one stage, the diffused gas leaving the shell of the diffuser, is picked up and compressed by one of the two centrifugal compressors, the "A" pump. This stream joins the undiffused fraction from the second higher stage, and the mixture is compressed further by the "B" pump of the stage immediately above, where the gas is subjected to an additional separation. The residual stream from the stage under consideration is throttled by flowing through the control valve. The expanded gas joins the diffused fraction from the second stage below at the suction of the "B" pump of the stage immediately below. At this stage the separation is again repeated. The diffused fraction from the stage below, and the residual fraction from the stage above, join at the suction of the "B" pump of the stage in question to form the charge for this stage. The flew pattern for all normal stages is the same.  $\nu$ 

7-5. <u>Stage Design.</u> - The term "stage" is applied to the fundamental operating unit within the K-25 plant (Fig. 4, facing p. 7.9).

a. Basic Elements.

(1) Diffuser. - The diffuser (also known as "gas

filter") is the heart of the stage, and carries the diffusion barriers. ' Barrier research and development is discussed in Volume 2, Section 4.

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(2) <u>Gooler.</u> - The cooler consists of a series of coils made of small copper tubes housed in a monel metal cashing at the entrance end of the diffusor. (A coolant circulated through these tubes maintains the desired operating temperatures. (Thus, the cooler and diffuser are fabricated integrally to form the "converter". (Convertor design is discussed in Paragraph 8-4, and shown by Figure 14, facing p. 8.9, (The development and procurement of the special coolant, perfluoredimethyloyolohemane,  $O_{\rm B}F_{16}$ , is treated in Book VII.

(S) Pumps. - Two contrifugal pumps, (sometimes referred to as "blowers" or "compressors") are provided for each process stage. It is theoretically possible to design a diffusion caseade using only one pump per stage. Such an arrangement would necessitate throttling the "B" stream, from the next higher stage, down to the pressure equal to that of the "A" stream from the next lower stage before blending these two streams at the sustion line of each stage "B" pump. Reducing the pressure of a gas in this namer before re-pumping it to a higher pressure would be instfigient. A second objection to the single-pusp system is the very large compression ratio (approximately 6) which would be required. This ratio is not easily handled by centrifugal purps. The two-purp arrangement is therefore exployed, in which the stage "B" pump foods to the stage converter a stream consisting of a mixture of diffusate from the next lower stage and partially depleted material from the next higher stage, and the stage "A" pump removes diffusate from the converter, feeding it to the "B" pump suction line

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of the next higher stage. / Process pump research, development, and design is covered in Volume 2, Section 5, and Volume 3, Paragraph 8-6.

(4) <u>Control Valve.</u> - The control valve (Par. 8-12)
is of the butterfly type, especially modified to suit the needs of the
K-25 plant. It accomplishes the regulation of process stage pressures.

b. Stage Instrumentation.

(1) <u>Converter Temperature</u>. - For measurement of converter temperature, a thermo-element is set in a well in the "B" stream line leaving the diffuser.

(2) Inter-Stage Flow. - The flow rate of partially depleted process fluid leaving a converter is indicated by the position of the stage control valve. In most of the stages of the plant, a venturi method of measuring the flow rate is also available, based upon the measurement of impact pressure at the "A" pump discharge, and the difference in pressure between this point and the "A" pump suction.

(3) Stage Pressure. - Pressure is measured and controlled at a point in the "B" stream line carrying partially depleted material from the stage toward the suction of the "B" pump of the stage below. The selection of this point for the control valve is based upon the fact that pressure loss in this line is unavoidable, and no process inefficiency is caused by the introduction of a flow resistance at this point. Located anywhere else in the stage piping system, it would reduce the pressure ratio across the barrier for the same pump capacity and brake horsepower, and thus reduce the enrichment per stage for equipment of a given size. For possible future use in pressure measurement, blanked off taps have also been provided at the "A" pump suction,

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and at the converter feed point. The stage pressure control equipment is described in greater detail in Paragraph 6-12.

We cell Designs + The "cell" is the scallest individually operable unit in the cascade (Fig. 5). It is impossible to by pass or shut down a single stage, or any number of stages less than a complete cell. The cell is provided with piping, values, and instrumentation so that it may be normally operated as an integral part of the cascade; so that it may be normally operated, under abnormal conditions, as a separate unit; or so that it may be shut down for maintenance or other purposes without shutting down the rest of the cascade;

Mumber of Stages per Cell. . All process cells in E-25 and K-27 contain six stages, There are 2892 stages, or 482 cells, in the X-25 main ease-de. The decision to employ six stages per cell involves a compremise between two opposing considerations: providing each stage with its own piping and valving for separate shut-dawn or by passing would give greatest flexibility of operation and highest stream officiency: on the other hand, the use of a great many stages per cell would result in a vastly simplified velving and piping system. but would necessitate shutting down a large member of stages when any one has to be taken off stream for repairs. Expected maintenance schedules led to the prediction of a stream officiency of 85 per cent when six stages were taken as a cell. ("Stream officiency" is the ratio of the number of stages operating to the total number of singes in the plant,) The cell is a self-contained operating unit with its own control board, cooling system, pump scaling system, and other auxiliaries.

b. <u>Coll Inverse Recycle Lines.</u> - In addition to the piping provided for by-passing a coll, provision has been made for the operation of a coll on "inverse recycle". Coll inverse recycle lines permit recycling the "A" stream flow from the top stage of the coll to the "B" pump of the bottom stage, and the "B" stream flow from the bottom stage to the "B" pump of the top stage. Such an arrangement permits operation of the coll as a recirculating unit, or as an individual sizestage cascade, in which the enrichment may be carried on, but no product is removed. One example of the use of such a method of eperation is for the purpose of allowing coll temperatures and pressures to reach specified values after starting up operation of the coll, and before putting the coll on stream.

s. <u>Gell Direct Recycle Line</u>, - If the "A" and "B" stream sell inlet valves, and the cell inverse recycle lines should all be closed simultaneously (Fig. 5), or if the resistance in the discharge line of the top-stage "A" pump should increase appreciably (as when an abnormally large number of consecutive cells above the pump in question are by-passed), flow through this "A" pump might decrease so far as to result in pump surging and everheating. The cell direct recycle line was therefore provided, to direct flow from top stage "A" pump discharge bask to the "B" pump surtion of the same stage, in cases where the sustion volume of the "A" pump decreases to a pre-determined minimum value.

de Cell Instrumentation.

(1) Inverse Recycle Flow Measurement. - It was felt that a means of measuring flow rate would be desirable for a cell

operating as a separate entity (on inverse recycle). A flow indicator was therefore provided in the cell "B" stream inverse recycle line. The original purpose of this item was for use in comparison of the downflow in an isolated recycle operation with the upflow as indicated by the stage "A" pump Venturi flow indicators. This serves to permit adjustment of cell inventory before placing the cell in the main caseade, which was considered desirable in order to reduce caseade surges at the time of cell addition. In present operations, the cell is ordinarily filled, however, with material drawn directly from the process stream. Exact inventory adjustment is not important.

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(2) <u>Direct Escycle Flow Control.</u> - It was originally intended that the control of the coll direct recycle flow at the sixth stage would be made by regulation of the static and impact pressure of gas flowing through the sixth stage "A" pump, the direct recycle control being designed to maintain a pre-determined minimum flow through this pump. A control valve in the direct recycle line would open if this flow tended to fall below the minimum, thus opening to the pump discharge a new, lowregistance flow path. Circuit balance studies later showed that the pressure and flow characteristics at this point were such that the differential flow element would not control the valve properly. The difficulty was most simply solved by piloting the direct recycle control valve off the "A" pump discharge static pressure.

(5) <u>Process Stream Analyses</u>. - Provision is made for with-drawing samples for analysis from the "A" stream leaving the top stage. The head across the "A" pump is used to actuate flow through a

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sample line.

## e. Miscellaneous Cell Connections.

(1) Cell  $G_{q}F_{16}$  Connection. - A charging and evacuation connection for the introduction and removal of n-perflucroheptane,  $G_{q}F_{16}$ , is provided for each cell at the suction of the "B" pump of the fifth stage (Par. 10-6b). It was originally planned to test all process equipment by operation with  $G_{q}F_{16}$  before placing it on stream, Subsequent start-up operations showed that it is unneccessary to run preliminary mechanical  $G_{q}F_{16}$  tests on all equipment. However, the  $G_{q}F_{16}$  connections have proven useful for such purposes at the conmention of portable sarbon absorbers or cold traps.

(2) <u>Cell Fluorine Connections.</u> - For conditioning purposes, a special fluorine connection is provided at the sustion of the fifth stags "B" pump (Par. 10-8c). An adjacent connection is provided for the evacuation of conditioning gas from the cell to the permanent disposal system piping (Par. 10-8d).

(3) <u>Gell Process Gas Recovery Connections</u> - For use in connection with the process gas recovery system (Par. 7-12) Par. 10-6c), a cell charging header and a cell evacuation header were installed in each building. A branch from the charging header was connected to the "B" pump sustion of the sixth stage of each cell, and a branch from the evacuation header was connected to the "B" pump sustion of the fifth stage of each cell.

7-7. Building Design. - The building is the next larger ... operating unit above the cell. The term "building" does not simply a structurally separate housing, since all 54 process and purge buildings





ere contiguous, and form a huge integrated structure. Structural design of process buildings is described in Section 9.

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a. Mamber of Gells per Building. \* On the basis of approximately uniform building size, and decreasing stage size from the feed point to the ends of the cancade, the number of cells per building is a quantity which varies between the limits of three and fourteen (App. 51, 52). As with the choice of number of stages per cell, this range represents a compromise between a large number of cells per building with the advantage of minimum valving and instrumentation, and a small number of cells per building with the advantage of relatively small removal of easeade inventory when a building is by-passed. Figure 6 shows a diagram of a typical process building.

b. Building By-pass and Recycle Lines. - As with the individual cells, piping and valving facilities have been provided in order to permit by-passing of an entire building and operation of the building on inverse recycle.

o. <u>Inter-building Lines</u> - Two lines (A-1 and A-2) are provided for handling upflow from a building to the next higher building, and two lines (B-1 and B-2) for downflow to the next lower building. One of each is normally in use, the other serving as a spare.

de Building Instrumentation. - The building instrument beard provides a record of:

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1. A-1 or A-2 flow from building.

I. A-1 or A-2 flow to building.

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4. Bal or Bal flow to building.

5. Building "B" inverse recycle line flow, These flows are all assaured by impact and differential pressure developed in Venturi-pitot flow elements.

7-0. Section Designs - It has been pointed out that ideal considerations call for a slight change in equipment size from stage to stage throughout the entire casends. Practical considerations led to the standardisation of equipment at four different sizes, splitting the casesde into nine sections, using equipment of uniform size throughout a section, and using progressively smaller equipment sizes in sections further and further removed from the point of introduction of casesde feed, A "section" is therefore to be visualized as a uniform portion of the casesde, or as a bank of identical process buildings. Aside from the entire casesde, a section is the largest individually operable process unit. The use of the term "section" within the meaning of this paragraph is not to be confused with the use of the same word to convey a different meaning as explained in Paragraph 6-2.

a. <u>Runber of Buildings per Sections</u> - As finally designed, the E-25 encends consists of three sections below the feed point and six sections above the feed point. The number of buildings in each section varies from one to twelve, and is shown by Appendix Bl. The evolution of this design is traced in Section III, (1) B of the Kellex Completion Report.

b. <u>Numbering System for Process Unites</u> - All process buildings in the main easende are assigned a number consisting of two parts separated by a hyphen. The first part is a three digit number

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beginning with a "3" (Par. 6-2). The specific number for each cascade section is shown in Appendix BL. The second part is obtained simply by numbering the buildings consecutively within each section. Thus, for example. K-502 would be the profix for any building in section 2a, and K-502-4 would refer to the fourth building in this section. A decisal terminology is sometimes used to indicate cells. Thus K-SO2-4.5 would refer to the fifth cell in the fourth building of the 502 section (section 2a). In musbering the sections, the one adjacent to, and above, the feed point is Section 1. The higher enriching sections are numbered consecutively as follows: Sa, 2b, Sa, Sb, 4. The "a" and "b" design nations indicate a difference in operating conditions, rather than of equipment size, which is the distinction between sections of different numbers. Starting at the feed point and proceeding downward, the stripping sections are membered -1, -2, -3. The four sizes of equipment used in the main essende are memorically equal to the section in which they are installed. Thus, for example, size 2 equipment is used in sections -2. 2a, and 2b. Significant descriptive data for easeads sections are presented in Table 2.

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s. <u>Intersectional Equipment</u>. - Bach section has its sum source of variable frequency power. Provision was made for rapid isolation of portions of the plant served by individual sources of power, while maintaining stable operation in the rest of the cascade. No provision has been made for by-passing sections because of the large lines required, and the undesirable mixing, which would be entailed, of process streams containing widely differing concentration of Uranium-235.

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(1) <u>Valves</u> » Motor-operated "block valves" (Par. 8-11) are installed on the four lines connecting adjacent sections. This facilitates rapid isolation of sections at time of emergency.

(2) <u>Flow Control Equipment</u> - Flow is controlled at all junctions between sections above Section 1. This prevents the possibility of overloading the bettem stage of the section containing smaller equipment.

(5) <u>Intersectional Cells.</u> - Surge capacity is provided by a set of drums which run at variable pressure, and booster pumps which increase the capacity of the drums to absorb changes in inventory. This equipment is located in the "intersectional cells" at the bottoms of the sections (Fig. 7). A second type of intersectional cell is located at the top of each section, and contains drums, recycle lines, valves, and controls intended to purge the nitrogen accumulating at the top of the section when it is isolated from the cascade (Fig. 6). Intersectional cells (shown as black rectangles in Appendix B1), contain no converters. A detailed description of design and operation of intersectional cells is available in Volume XXIX of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

4. Section Recycle Lines. - Section recycle lines were eriginally provided, connecting the top of each section with the bottom, so that, during sectional operation, nitrogen concentration, which would otherwise build up at the top of the section, sould be equalised. This was done because it was throught that process pumps could not operate satisfactorily at high nitrogen concentrations. The pumps were subsequently found suitable for use at any nitrogen concentration. The



sectional recycle lines have therefore been removed.

7-9. Feed Purification System (Section 100).

a. <u>Purpose</u>. - It was originally considered that feed stock for the K-25 plant would have to conform to the maximum impurity specifications summarized in the second column of the tabulation shown below. The first column summarizes the technical grade specifications, the highest degree of purity which it was thought reasonable to expect of industrial manufacturers of  $UF_{A^2}$ 

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Technical Grade UF <sub>6</sub>	Purified UF6
HF	0.03 st. per cent	0.003 wt. per cent
Mor6	0.01	0.001
Non-Volatile Matter	0.2	0.02
Fluorocarbons (as $C_{\eta}F_{\eta+}$ )	0,1	0.03

A feed purification plant was therefore constructed at the site in order to provide facilities for refining the technical material to the desired purity.

b. Operating Status. - Before the start-up of operations, in Section 100, it became apparent that the feed purification plant would not normally be required. Experience in the production of technical grade  $UF_6$  showed that the manufacturer could meet more rigorous specifications than originally assumed. Furthermore, it was found that cascade feed material specifications could be somewhat relaxed. Specifications for technical-grade  $UF_6$  were, accordingly, changed to the values tabulated below. Material of this degree of purity was then acceptable as cascade feed without refining at the site:





0.015 wt. per cent 0.002

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Fluorocarbons (as CyF<sub>14</sub>) Non-Volatile Matter

(no specification)

The feed purification system has, therefore, not been used, but it has been maintained in stand-by status for use at any future time in the event that it should be desired or necessary to accept for processing a raw feed stock of lesser purity.

o. <u>Capacity</u> - The feed purification plant was designed to provide 2650 pounds per day of purified  $UP_G$  with a recovery of 99.5 per cent.

6. <u>Design Principles.</u> . The feed purification plant uses a two-step distillation system.

•. Description. - The only laboratory or pilot plant data available was the experience gained with a small batch still at the SAH Laboratories, which indicated qualitatively that the desired purity could be obtained by distillation. On the basis of standard shomical engineering calculations, two distillation towers were designed, and connected in series, to serve, respectively, for the stripping of volatile impurities, and the separation of  $W_6$  from heavy impurities, the stripping tower consists of a 5/16 inch linel notal shell eight inches in diameter, and contains an eleven foot Haschig ring\* section. An auxiliary hydrolysis tower was provided to meutralise and dissolve traces of  $W_6$ , MoF<sub>6</sub>, and HF present in off gases, by means of potash solution sprays, thereby forming a non-corrosive colution for disposal. The hydrolysis tower accepts everhead vapor from the stripping tower,

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and vent gases from the feed drugs and other accessory vessels. A schematic flow chart containing significant design data for the feed purification plant is presented in Figure 9. Naw UPG is relted in shipping drums (App. 27), and dropped by gravity to a feed tank equipped with electrical jacket heaters. Two vaporizors (also electrically heated), charged by gravity flow from the food tunk, are used to supply the stripping tower. The overhead stream from this tower is passed through a condenser and run to a reflux drun from which the noncondensable gases are vented to activated carbon absorbers, and thence to the hydrolysis towar. Condensed liquid process material for the reflux drum is returned to the top of the stripping tower, which operates essentially at a total reflux ratio. The base of the tower is equipped with an electrically heated rebeiler. Stripping tower bottoms are supplied by preasure differential to the re-run tower, which is similarly equipped with reboiler and reflux facilities. Nonvolatile inpurities are removed intermittently by drawing off re-run tower bottoms at the rate of 90 pounds per month. The re-run tower reflux ratio is 3:1, and purified UF6 is run to a bank of run-down drums. These drums supply the purified feed vaporisors, which in turn supply the process easeade. The cooling system for the condensors erploys C8F16, and is similar in principle to the rain process cooling systems.

f. Special Considerations. - In the main process system, the process material is handled as a gas at sub-atmospheric pressures; in the feed purification system, design was based upon pressures above atmospheric, upon relatively high temperatures, and upon the necessity

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for bandling UP<sub>6</sub> in the liquid state. Thus, correction problems were accentuated, and new problems were encountered in the design of electrical heating equipment. The leakage problem was one of preventing the escape of a corrective and toxic chemical, rather than preventing the inlockage of contaminating atmosphere or scalart. Evolution of feed purification plant design is discussed in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (1) C, and a full decoription of the final design is presented in Volume VII of the Kellex Operating Ennuls.

## 7-10. Surge and Weste System (Section 600).

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - Effective diffusion plant operation depends constant and undisturbed operating conditions, particularly process pressure, at all times. A pressure disturbance originating at some point in the cascade tends to set up a train of pressure waves or surges which travel from stage to stage up and down the cascade, resulting in the mixing of process streams of unequal concentrations, and consequent decrease in cascade productivity. The surge and waste system was designed to smooth out fluctuations in process stream flow rate and pressure, and to provide a means for removing deploted waste material from the bottom of the cascade at a controlled rate.

b. <u>Capacity.</u> - To provide for extreme conditions, a maximum surge rate of 3200 pounds per hour was apocified, and a maximum variation in surge inventory of 1500 pounds, corresponding to a variation in cascade inventory of five per cont. Recycle flow from the surge system to the main cancede was set at 5460 pounds per hour. Normal waste rate was established at 80 pounds per hour with a maximum design rate of 130 pounds per hour. The cascade bettems stream, "waste", is



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piped from the Section 600 waste system to chlorine-type cylinders with a capacity of 6000 pounds of UF<sub>6</sub> each. Sufficient cylinder storage capacity was provided for holding the anticipated quantities of waste expected prior to K-27 plant operation.

o. <u>Design Principles.</u> - A reservoir is set up at the bottom of the ensemds. When pressure waves occur in the ensemds, as a result of a disturbance in process conditions at some point, abnormally high or low flow occurs from the bottom stage of the ensemds to the reservoir where the pressure waves are absorbed. The flow of material fed back to the bottom stage from the reservoir is held constant and independent of the warying downflow to the reservoir. The effect is one of stabilization, and absorption of fluctuations.

d. Description. - A schematic flow diagram is shown in Figure 10. The surge system consists essentially of a system of pumps (App, E8), a surge drum, and the necessary appurtenances for control of flow, evacuation, purging, circulation of soclant, etc. The waste system includes a UFg condenser, a liquid UFg accumulator, and the mecessary lines and valves for filling the shipping drums, All equipment is completely spared. Connection to the main escade is normally made through intersectional cell K-S11-1.1 (App. B1). A complete description may be found in Volume XXI of the Keller Operating Manuals.

7-11. Purging System (Section 312).

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a. <u>Purpose</u>. - It is the function of the purging system to remove continuously from the process stream the vericus contaminating gases ("light diluents") which find their way into the process system primarily from the following sources:

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- 1. Ambient atmosphere surrounding process equipment is maintained at a pressure slightly above barometric pressure (Par. 10-4). Process pressure is below atmospheric. The presence of any small external leak in the wast process system will result in inleakage of air into the process stream. Elaborate precautions taken have minimized this source of inleakage, but the tremendous size and complexity of the plant prevents perfect avoidance of a certain amount of penetration.
- 2. Nitrogen used as a valve and pump sealant passes into the process stream, and residual nitrogen in stages being placed on stream mixes with the process material.
- 8. Small amounts of residual fluorine remain in process equipment after conditioning.
- 4. Hydrogen fluoride results from the reaction of process gas with any moisture which may penetrate into the process system.

b. <u>Capacity</u> - Three separate cascades are provided, each with a capacity of 6000 standard ouble feet of nitrogen per day. The purge system was designed to separate a purged diluent containing less than 0.002 nol per cent  $UF_6$ . This would correspond to a loss of not more than 0.0032 pounds per day of  $UF_6$  at the normal purge rate of 1740 standard cubic feet per day. This material was not actually to be "lost", since the exit gases were first to be passed through carbon traps to retain the  $UF_6$ .

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c. Design Principles. - The operating principle in the

purge soction is the same as throughout the process cascade: gaseous diffusion. The four basic elements of the purge stages are the same, in principle, as for the process stages, but the design is different in the following respects:

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(1) <u>Diffuser</u> - Each purge diffuser contains 100 square feet of barrier area arranged in the shape of flat parallel plates. This is preferable to tubular construction because of the small barrier area. Purge cascade converter design is discussed in Paragraph 8-5.

(2) <u>Cooler.</u> - The coolers are exterior to the converters rather than integral with them, for convenience of manufacture.

(3) <u>Pumps</u> - The purge pumps are of the reciprocating type, and are bollows-sealed. Moreover, only one pump is used per stage. Purge pump research and design is discussed in Paragraph 8-7a, and Volume 2, Paragraph 5-5.

d. <u>Description</u> - The purge casedo is housed in Section 512, which contains three buildings (App. B1). Each building contains 21 cells. Each cell contains two stages. The 42 stages of each building form a separate casede. Most of the diluent nitrogen and air enters the process system at the lower part of the main casedos where equipment sizes are large. In order to provide a means for removing light gases from the process stream before they reach the top section of the casedos where equipment is small, one purge building can be used for purging the main process stream at an intermediate point. A second building is used for purging the top of the plant, and a third is held in stand-by. Process gas may be sent from any one of the top three

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sections of the main cascade to any one of the three purge cascades. Alternative purge systems considered are described in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III. (1) C. A complete description of purge cascade design and operation may be found in Volume XXVIII of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

## 7-12. Process Cas Recovery System. -

a. <u>Purpose</u> - Design of the process gas recovery system for section 500, the main ensemble, was almost at providing a means for evacuating and flushing process gas from equipment to be opened for maintenance, and for recovering this material, storing it temporarily, and returning it to the cascade. It was also planned that process gas recovery facilities should be able to serve as alternate purge facilities in the event of an emergency in which the Section 512 permanent purge cascades might become temporarily unavailable. As described in Volume 5, improved methods of operation have been worked out, eliminating the use of the process gas recovery system except in special gircumstances.

b. Capacity. - Original design calculations were based on the specification of a maximum UF<sub>6</sub> partial pressure of  $10^{-6}$  atmospheres in equipment about to be opened for repair. It was desired to make possible the removal of UF<sub>6</sub> from a cell, and its return to process equipment, within five hours. The figure of thirty hours was considered a reasonable time for recovery of UF<sub>6</sub> from a building in one of the larger sections, and sixty hours recovery time for the entire plant was considered satisfactory. Plans were made for facilities which would permit recovery of material from two cells of a building simul-

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taneously. Assuming that an average of 42.4 cells would have to be serviced daily by process gas recovery equipment, a rate of loss of one per cent of enriched light component produced by the plant per day was considered permissible in recovery operations.

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c. <u>Design Frinciples.</u> - Packed column absorption tower systems were considered, but were discarded because of the complexity involved both in equipment design and in operating procedures. The "cold trap" method, chosen instead, involves the evacuation of equipment by a pump which discharges to a refrigerated heat exchanger wherein the UFs is caused to solidify.

de Description. - A schematic flow diagram of a typical process gas recovery system is shown in Figure 11, and a photograph of a cold trap room in Appendix E4. The vacuum pump is located shead of the trap instead of after it, although the latter system would have avoided the necessity of developing a special pump capable of handling UFR. The alternate system would have required a much lower trap temperature, and piping and trap spaces would have had to be increased to minimize pressure drop. Furthermore, the resultant lower heat transfer coefficients would have required greater cooling area, higher trap weights, and additional refrigeration capacity. All cells and process lines in the main cascade which can be isolated were equipped with evacuation and nitrogen purging connections. Each building was provided with a recovery room containing two cold traps. Two process gas vacuum pumps were furnished in the cold trap room of a building using size 5 or 4 equipment, and in the purge buildings, three purgs in buildings using size 2 equipment, and four in the buildings of Soctions

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1 and -1. Each pump was provided with an oil mist filter to reduce the oil sarryover at the pump discharge. Recovery rooms contain sufficient drum storage capacity to hold the entire plant inventory. Cold trap design is described in Paragraph 8-18. The research and development pertaining to the process gas vacuum pumps is treated in Volume 2, Paragraph 5-8. Further discussion, the K-25 process gas recovery system is available in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (1) C, and in Volume XV, Part I, of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

(1) COg Refrigeration Units. - Refrigeration of the cold traps of the process gas recovery systems for Section -3, -2, -1, 1, and Ea during the condensing cycle, and cooling of the traps after the heating cycle, is accomplished by the direct expansion of carbon dioxide, CO<sub>2</sub>. Three central CO<sub>3</sub> units are provided. All are identical and have a refrigeration capacity of 52 tons. Each unit consists of a high temperature stage using Freen-12 as the refrigerant, and a low temperature stage using CO<sub>2</sub>. The carbon dioxide is circulated through several low temperature cold traps where it evaporates at -5507. It then returns to the refrigeration unit where it is cooled by Freen-12, which is in turn cooled by water at 8507. Extensive description of pumps, piping, and heat exchange equipment is available in Volume XV, Part II, of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

(2) MgO Refrigeration Units. - Refrigeration of the cold traps for sections 2b, Sa, Sb, 4, and the purge enseades, is accomplished by direct expansion of nitrous oxide, MgO. Ten central MgO units are provided. All are essentially similar, but differ in capacity and in details of equipment arrangement. Each unit consists

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of two singes, the higher temperature stage using Freen-12 as refrigerent, and the lower stage using NgO. Pre-cooled liquid NgO flows to the cold traps where it is evaporated at -110°F. The NgO then returns to the refrigeration unit where it is cooled by Freen-12, which is in turn cooled by water at 85°F. Extensive description of facilities is available in Volume XV, Part III, of the Kellex Operating Hammals.

7-18. Product Withdrawal System. - The final product of the E-25 plant, uranium hexafluoride suriched in isotopic concentration of Uranium-235, is drawn off at a point near the top of the cascade. Ordinarily, the operation is carried out in Building K-306-7. The product withdrawal system is shown in schemetic form by Figure 12. AND stands are provided for accompositing product cylinders, which are made of aluminum, silver, or, more commonly, monel metal. The containers have flanged heads and are bolted securely in place using a high quality vaguantisht connection. A mechanical vacuum pump (protected against traces of UF, by means of a dry ice sluch trap) is used to evacuate the container to several microns. Nitrogen purge lines are available (indicated in the diagram by the code name for nitrogen, G-74). Product process material flows through the cylinder which is impersed in liquid nitrogen. The product container acts as a trap, solidifying UFer and allowing non-condensable diluent gases to leave by way of the outlet line. The inlat and outlet lines are connected to the line recorder sample manifold (Vol. 2, Par. 6-5). Differential process pressure drives the process material into the product system, and the light gases back to the line recorder manifold. A thermocouple gauge and indicator are provided as shown for measuring pressure within the

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product system. Product container expacity is so designed as to prevent the possibility of accumulating dangerous quantities of fissionable material.

7-14. Temporary Purge and Product Systems.

a. <u>Case Operations</u> - In order to obtain earliest and fullest utilization the K-25 plant, portions of the caseade were placed into operation as soon as completed. The production operations were thus carried on under five separate "cases" which included caseade sections as tabulated below:

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A discussion of case operation is presented in Volume 5.

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b. <u>Function of Temporary Purge and Product Systems.</u> - The permanent purge cascade of Section 512 was not scheduled for completion during the period of Case I, II, or III operation. Temporary purge and product systems were therefore designed and provided at the top of section 2a (which was the top of the operating cascade during Case I), and at the top of section 5b (which was the top of the operating cascade during Cases II and III). The Section 2a system provides the following services:

> 1. Continuous purging from the top of Section 2a when the buildings of Case I are operating as a unit.



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- 2. Product withdrawal at some given rate for Case I operation.
- 5. Purging from the top of Section -2, 1, or 2a, in the event of any sectional operation, Case I, Case II Case III, etc.
- 4. Return of purged process gas to the process stream at top of Sa.

The 2b system was designed to serve similar purposes during Case II and III operations

o. Descriptions - The operating principle of the permanent purge cascade (Section 512) is gaseous diffusion as in the stages of the process cascade proper. However, the temporary purge and product systems separate light non-condensable diluents from the process stream by condensing the UF<sub>6</sub> present, rejecting the waste gases, and re-waperising and returning the uranium hemafluoride to the cascade. The following description applies to the section 2a system. A detailed discussion is presented in Volume XVI of the Kellex Operating Hanuals. The Section 2b system is the same in principle, differing somewhat in equipment size and arrangement. Details may be found in Volume XXII of the Kellex Operating Hanuals.

(1) <u>Condensing System.</u> - Two of three available 50 cubic feet per minute vacuum pumps take their sustion from either of two common headers (Fig. 15). The pumps discharge through mist filters into separate discharge headers. The two headers lead to the three cold traps. The outlet gas from the cold traps flows through a single header to two of three earbon traps connected in series. The third is connected only to the product withdrawal equipment.



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(2) <u>Process Beturn System.</u> - An electrical heater system for each cold trap is used to heat the trap and vaporise the deposited solid  $UF_{5^*}$  There are two  $UF_5$  return headers, either of which may serve any cold trap. Each header leads directly to a 500 cubic foot return surge drum located in the intersectional cell in Building K-502-5. Either surge drum may be discharged to the process caseade at any of four points.

(3) <u>Product Withdrawal Systems</u> - The cold trap electric heaters are used to liquefy the UF<sub>6</sub> when draining it as product. A drain line from the bottom of each trap connects it to a holding or storage drum located below it on the side of a pit. Another line, connecting the top of the storage drum to the vapor inlet of each trap is opened to equalize the trap and drum preasures when draining. The storage drum drains to the shipping drums, which may be connected at three positions at the bottom of the pit. The shipping drum connections may be purged to the sustion of the pumps or to the third carbon trap. A 6 subic feet per minute pump is located on the outlet of this carbon trap and serves to evacuate the shipping drum and the connection below the normal operating suction pressure of the 50 cubic feet per minute pumps.

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SECTION 6 - DESIGN AND PROCEEDENT OF TRUCKSE REDIFTENT

8-1. Introduction. - This section presents a description of the design of process equipment installed in the gaseous diffusion plent. How charts, in Appendices Cl. C2, C3, and CA illustrate the flow of materials, equipment, and component perts thereof between the principal contractors. Chart Cl shows the relationship between the Architect-Engineer or designer, the various suppliers, and the final fabricator of equipment for the diffusion process plant. Charts C2, 03, and 04 depict, in greater detail, the procurement of pumps, barrier tubes, and diffuser units, respectively. Contracts of major importance are discussed in connection with procurement activities. Development and procurement of special chemicals is covered in Book VII. / complete listing of all other Manhatten District design, engineering, and procurement prime contracts attributable to the E-25 Project (including E-27) is presented in Appendix A. As a supplement to the following discussions, reference should be used to this appendix for such inforaction as contract types, effective dates, actinds of letting, and costs.

8-2. <u>Note of The Kellex Cornoration</u>. - Under the terms of their . contract with the Government, The Kellex Corporation was required, among other things, to furnish procurement, engineering, supervisory, and consultant services. Because of the nature of the gaseous diffusion process, many new materials and items of equipment and to be developed and, in a number of cases, manufacturing plants and to be designed for their manufacture. Because of the immensity of the engineering and design problems, the worm was performed, in part, by a large number of

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firms under the general supervision of the Kellex Corporation. In many cases, the individual problems could be solved only by the joint efforts of several contractors. Most of the equipment was obtained under Government supply contracts, with The Kellex Corporation acting as the Contracting Officer's authorized representative on technical phases of the work, inspection, and tests. Contract specifications were prepared by The Kellex Corporation or by other firms and institutions working under their general supervision.

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E. <u>Selection of Barrier Type</u>. - A description of the work on research, development, and evolution of materials and methods for barrier manufacture, is presented in Volume 2, Section 4. As the result of this research, the A, or Norris-Adler, type of barrier was selected for initial small scale production and further study in pilot plants. This was later supplanted by the DA barrier.

b. Preliminary Engineering.

(1) <u>Houdaille-Hershey Corporation</u>. - The Houdaille-Hershey Corporation, under contract N-7405-eng-55, had constructed a pilot plant in a portion of their plant at Decatur, Illinois. Their contract also called for research and development of barrier, and the operation of the pilot plant for small scale production. Previous labatory production of this barrier indicated that it would be satisfactory for use in the K-25 plant. The production of the barrier on a large scale was therefore undertaken, and another contract, N-7405-eng-149, MARKETED

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eng-131 (App. E18).		
(2) <u>Th</u>	e Sharples Corporation.	- The Sharples Corporation
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They installe	ed and operated a small	test plant for the pro-
duction of this tubing	g on an experimental ba	sis. The manufacture of
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(1) <u>Fin</u>	al Choice of Barrier	- As indicated in Volume
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pump manufacturers. It was ultimately decided to arrange the pumps as separate and distinct units from the converter, but to include the gas cooler integrally with the diffusor. An advantage in this decision. which later became apparent, was the relative ease with which the several changes, which were subsequently made in pump design, could be incorporated. Anticipating problems in the repair and maintenance of cooler tubes which might fail in service, the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, operating contractor for the K-25 Plant, suggested that the cooler also (in addition to the pumps) be removed from the diffuser and fabricated as a separate, and therefore more accessible, unit. The designer (Kellex Corporation) believed that such a change, at such a stage in the progress of converter design, would be likely to disrupt delivery schedules. Two important changes were incorporated in a modified design which, though retaining the cooler an integral part of the converter (and therefore requiring a minimum amount of change in manufacturing procedures), effected great simplification of maintenance. Whereas the coolant inlet and outlet lines were previously located at diametrically opposite points in the process fluid entrance head (coolant flow dividing between two semi-circular banks of tubes), the coolant outlet was now relocated to a point adjacent to the inlet, and all coolent flow directed through a completely circular path. The second change consisted of arranging a small bolted (i.e., removable) cover plate at the ocolant connections. This makes possible the testing and blanking off of defective tubes without cutting away the entire converter head. Some 896 size 2 converters had been built with the old style coolers before this change was made. From that point on, the new type was manufactured. Appendix Bl shows the distribution of converters installed at K-25, classified according to type of cooler. All cells

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there designated by "N" contain converters of the new type as described above.

b. Final Design. - Final converter design is shown in Figure 14 and Table 5, facing page 8.10. The barrier tubes are supported by circular tube sheets at the ends, and by two plates at intervening points. The whole is made rigid by ribs on the inside of the tube sheet attached to a contral core. Pipe struts running between tube sheets afford further bracing of the tube bundle. One end of the tube sheet is free to move in thermal expansions. No appreciable difference exists between the expansion coefficients of the tubes and the supporting core.

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Stamped monel is used for cross over covers. All other parts are nickel plated. The cooling coils had to be brazed into a tube sheet. This represented a bottleneck until a furnace, especially designed for this purpose, was adopted. An important feature of the converter design is the absence of any pockets which would be difficult to clean and drain.

#### c. Production.

(1) <u>Development Contract.</u> - The Chrysler Corporation was awarded contract W-7405-eng-56, on the basis of reimbursement for cost including an overhead allowance. This contract provided for the development of the basic Kellex design and methods of procedure for the volume production of diffusion units (with coolers installed) and for the determination and design of facilities appropriate for each production operation. Chrysler produced all final detail and assembly designs and drawings, and worked out the detailed procedures for each

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manufacturing step. This data was studied and approved by Kellex, Carbide, and the Manhattan District. The contract was modified to include provision for the construction of pilot plants, and the training of personnel for volume production.

(2) <u>Production Contract</u>. - Subsequently, contract
 W-7405-eng-127 was awarded this firm on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis.
 This contract provided for the following:

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Removal of existing operations in the contractor's Lynch Road Plant in Detroit, and its renovation for use for the manufacture of diffusers.

Construction of a new building by the Government to house additional facilities, known as the "Mound Road" Plant.

 Procurement and installation of production equipment.
 Nanufacture of approximately 3300 diffuser units in four sizes.

(3) <u>Plant Facilities</u>. - During the early negotiations, it was contemplated that a building of approximately 800,000 square feet would be required for this operation. But, in view of a War Production Board request that this construction in the Detroit Area be avoided, if possible, other arrangements were made. Chrysler agreed to use its Lynch Road facilities, which were then occupied by other work, for converter manufacture, provided the Government would pay the cost of re-locating and moving existing equipment to other facilities of the contractor. New construction was limited to a building of approximately 150,000 square feet which was to be provided by the Government on the





contractor's property adjacent to the Mound Road Plant. All material required for the manufacture of the diffuser units was contractorprocured, except the barrier tubes which were furnished by the Government. under separate contract with the Houdaille-Hershey Corporation. Albert Kahn, Inc., acted as architect-engineer for the plant construction under contract W-7405-eng-129.

8-5. <u>Purge Converters.</u> - Flat plate converters were originally designed for installation in Sections 5 and 6 of the gaseous diffusion plant. These sections were never built, but the design of these converters was used without major change for service in the purge cascade.

a. <u>Design.</u> - Application of the theory of viscous flow indicated that a 3/32 inch clearance between plates would result in adequate mixing efficiency. With such a small clearance, pressure drop considerations limited the flow path to less than two feet.

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and Fig. 16, facing p. 8.14) is fabricated separately and connected directly to the converter. An account of the evolution of purge stage design may be found in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (9).

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8-6. <u>Process Pumps</u>. - An account has been presented in Volume 2, Paragraph 5-1, of the research, development, and evolution of process pump design. This paragraph outlines the history of the process pump program from the point of view of procurement.

Preliminary Engineering. - The early design of the process A. pumps was performed by Kellogg under OSRD Contract OEMsr-406 (App. F1) with technical assistance from their subcontractor Ingersoll-Rand. At the same time, the Kellogg group worked with the Elliott Company (App. F19) on contrifugal blower and seal designs. The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company also designed and developed six gas bearing sealed motors for experimental use under contract W-7415-eng-61. Later Kellogg collaborated with the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company in the final design of the process pumps. Under the terms of contract W-7405-eng-62, which was negotiated on the basis of reimbursement for cost including an overhead allowance, Allis-Chalmers was to provide for the design, development, and manufacture of twenty centrifugal pumps and drivers for the pilot plant of The Kellex Corporation. The contract was subsequently extended from August 1943 through December 1944, and increased to twenty-two pumps. The work performed under this contract led to a suitable design for the large scale production required for the gaseous diffusion plant.

b. <u>Production</u>.

(1) <u>Plant Facilities</u>. - Contract W-7405-eng-34 was negotiated on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis with the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company. This contract called for the construction by subcontract of a building (App. E19) suitable for the manufacture of special



pumps and drivers, and the procurement end installation of the necessary machinery and equipment for manufacturing operation. Subsequent modification provided for the installation of some of the equipment in the contractor's own plants, the subcontracting of the machinery installation, and the installation of a cleaning line.

(2) <u>Production Contract</u>. - Contract #-7405-eng-63 was also negotiated with this firm on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. This contract provided for the manufacture of 6102 pumps in five sizes, varying from 11,200 CFM (cubic feet per minute) with an 85 horsepower motor, to 1200 CFM with a 6.3 horsepower motor. The contract was subsequently modified several times, finally providing for 6185 pumps and 5872 motors varying from 100 to 7-1/2 horsepower, 53 special lubricating systems, and changing the motors from a totally enclosed type to a standard type.

(3) <u>Nickel Clad Stock</u>. - The Lukens Steel Company, under contract W-7405-eng-67, furnished facilities for the installation of Government-owned equipment, and for the manufacture of nickel clad plates, bars, and cylinders necessary for the pumps manufactured by Allis-Chalmers. This contract was negotiated on a unit price basis with periodic adjustment provisions.

8-7. <u>Service Pumps</u>. - For research, development, and final designs evolved, reference should be made to Volume 2, Section 5. Procurement activities are outlined in this paragraph.

a. <u>Purge Pumps</u>. - The Valley Iron Works, under contract W-7407-eng-49 designed, developed, and manufactured 140 bellows-sealed reciprosating piston pumps and base plates for the purge cascade system. This contract was negotiated on the basis of unit price with provisions



for periodic adjustments.

b. <u>Conditioning Pumps.</u> - The Elliott Company furnished the conditioning pumps under contract W-7421-eng-14.

c. <u>Coolant Pumps.</u> - The coolant circulating pumps were manufactured under contract W-7401-eng-85 by Pacific Pumps, Inc.

d. <u>Vacuum Pumps.</u> - Process gas vacuum pumps were supplied under contract N-7415-eng-34 by the Beach-Russ Company. Fluorine vacuum pumps were supplied under contract N-7415-eng-21 by the F. J. Stokes Machine Company. Migh vacuum pumps were supplied under contract N-7418-eng-40 by Westinghouse.

8-8. <u>Process Gas Coolers.</u> - In addition to the internal gas scolers (one of which is located at the inlet head of each process stage converter for the purpose of removing heat of compression) and the analogous external purge stage coolers, external coolers (serving a supplementary purpose) are located at various points in the cascade as follows:

- One intersell cooler on the discharge side of the "A" pump at the top of every cell, in the line feeding the next higher cell.
- 2. One intersell cooler on the discharge side of pumps in intersectional surge cells.

a. Design. - All process gas coolers use perfluerodimethyleyclohexane as the coolant medium. The coolers are of shell-and-tube design with process gas flowing through the shell, and coolant flowing through the tubes. Integral copper finned tubing of 3/8 inch diameter was chosen. The intercell coolers (Fig. 17) and purge cascade stage coolers (Fig. 16, facing p. 8.14) were designed with "U"-shaped finned





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tubes. The shell contains a transition piece from the circular piping to the square cross section of the cooler proper, where the gas flows sutside and across the "U"-shaped finned tubes in one pass. The gas leaving the intercell cooler passes through another suitable transition piece to the outlet piping. In the purge converter cooler, exit gas flows directly into the converter. In all cases the gas flows through the cooler in only one pass. The coolant flows in six passes through most of the coolers, and eight passes in the remainder.

b. <u>Production.</u> - The external coolers were manufactured under contract W-7415-eng-35 by the A. O. Smith Company, using finned tubes supplied by the Wolverine Tube Company.

8-9. Coolant Coolers. - Coolant coolers are installed for the purpose of cooling the process coolant by removing the heat of compression initially transferred from the process gas. Each cell is provided with its own coolant circulation system containing principally a pump and storage drum, six stage coolers, one intercell cooler, and one coolant cooler. The coolant cystem (Par. 10-2) forms the connecting link between the process system (Section 7) and the cooling water system (Par. 10-3). The Whitlock Manufacturing Company furnished 490 ecolers under contract W-7415-eng-25.

8-10. Process Piping.

a. <u>Requirements.</u> - The N-25 cascade required about 100 miles of process piping in various sizes. Since this was to be exposed to fluorine conditioning gas, and to uranium hexafluoride, and since more



than the merest trace of corrosive action was intolerable (Vol. 1, Par. 5-3), all process piping had to be formed from, or lined with, critically scarce metals of extremely high resistance to chemical attack by  $UF_6$  and  $F_2$ . Further requirements were those of rigorous cleanliness and tightness of the fabricated installations. The activity of the process gas, and the lack of prior industrial experience in handling it, made it desirable to provide an electroplated nickel costing of several mile thickness, whereas, industrial plating practice is ordinarily in the range of 1/10 mil, rarely exceeding 1/2 mil in thickness, and is seldom applied to internal pipe surfaces.

b. <u>Development</u>. - Preliminary research studies and initial piping stress calculations were carried out early in 1943. On the basis of corrosion resistance, mechanical strength, and cost considerations, as well as availability of the various types of piping, copper tubing was initially chosen for the material of construction in the large pipe sizes. Monel was to be used in the small sizes. The use of any writical metal tubing such as copper or monel required that the pipe wall thickness be the minimum possible without resulting in pipe collapse under vacuum. During the latter part of 1943, the shortage of copper resulted in the changing over to nickel-plated pipe for sizes of 5 to 16 inches. The available plating methods were not applicable to smaller sizes, but there was enough monel to be spared for sizes up to 4 inches.

(1) <u>Electroplating Methods</u>. - No commercial process was available for nickel-plating steel pipe. The Republic Steel Corporation worked on development of a method involving plating of steel followed by rolling to form tubes. Bart Laboratories developed a novel method

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for nickel plating finished pipe in dismeters above four inches, and lengths up to 22 feet. Their method used the pipe itself as a tank. The solution was pumped through at high velocity to prevent depletion of nickel at the athodic pipe face. Insoluble platinum-scated copper anodes were used in order to maintain constant and uniform current demsities. The pipe to be plated was rotated during operation in order to obtain a uniform thickness of deposit.

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(1) <u>Monel Tubing</u>. - Monel tubing of standard dimensions was produred from the International Nickel Company during the latter half of 1944 and the first two months of 1945. Specifications required that silicon and carbon content of the motal be held to a minimum, since these substances are especially susceptible to corrosion by fluorine and  $UF_{4.}$ 

(2) <u>Higkel-plated Steel Piping</u>. - Bart Laboratories were awarded contracts W-7409-eng-19 and W-7415-eng-39 for nickel plating of finished pipe in diameters above four inches, and lengths up to 22 feet. Work was begun in February 1944. Because of development problems, and lack of manufacturing experience, production reached only 15 per sent of schedule by May 1944. Mevertheless, the total requirement was increased from 230,000 to over 280,000 lineal feet without change in the sompletion date. Since quality of the electroplating was good, and in order to meet the necessary production schedule, the manufacturing orgenization was increased, and additional plating facilities were installed. The equipment was obtained and placed in operation by September 1944.

the plate averaged 0.0035 inches.

(a) <u>Production Problems</u>. - In this work severe corrosion problems were encountered. Acid corrosion continually caused the breakdown of the plating machines and the Duriron\* pumps. Overload and acid fumes affected the electric motors. The heat of dilution of sulphuric acid used to wash out pipe was so great that finally special refrigeration equipment had to be installed. The heat exchangers for this equipment were also corroded by the acid. Although all pipe was to be received in 22-foot lengths, it was found necessary to accept a large amount of odd short lengths. It would have been quite inconvenient to adjust the equipment to plate this size and, if this were done, it would cut down considerably on the production rate. A temporary welding shop was therefore set up to weld all short lengths into the standard size.

d. Installation. - All nickel pipe was thoroughly cleaned at the site prior to installation. The treatment included solvent and acid washing. Immediately after cleaning the pipe, the ends were capped and kept so until the time when the pipe was welded into position. It was decided to weld or hard-solder all joints. Vacuum tight joints were known to be possible, but the life of these joints was unpredictable. Pilot plant experience (Vol. 2, Par. 7-5) showed that 20 leaks per thousend feet of commercial shop are welding was the least that could be expected. This amount was intolerable, in view of the fact that about 170 miles of welding was required en process gas piping at the K-25 plant. Pilot plant experience further disclosed that approximately 20 per cent of all silver soldered joints in small copper tube lines would be defective. On the basis of a total of approximately 800,000 silver solder joints.

this would mean the re-making of some 160,000 joints. Further difficulties foreseen with the use of commercial welding and soldering techniques, were contamination of inside surfaces with flux and weld spatter, embrittlement and porosity (caused by nickel pick-up), cracking of monel and high nickel copper alloys with the use of silver solder (caused by intergranular penetration of the cadmium in the solder), difficulty in finding methods suitable for alloy welding and joining of dissimilar metals, training of welders in these methods, and the control and use of various types of welding rods and silver solders on a project of such size. Study and development of these problems led to several specialized welding techniques and designs (Kellex Completion Report Section III, (9)). The Midwest Piping and Supply Company was awarded contract W-7421-eng-12 for the supply of 6200 tons of pre-fabricated assemblies and process piping. This company was also responsible for erection and installation of process piping under subcontract No. 26 which was let by the J. A. Jones Construstion Company under prime contract W-7421-eng-11 (Vol. 4). In order to meet the rapid delivery and installation schedules, and the stringent tightness and quality requirements, the maximum use was made of shop fabrication techniques, and particularly of automatic welding procedures.

8-11. <u>Process Valves.</u> - Approximately one half million valves are required to operate the K-25 plant. They vary in size from 1/8 inch to 36 inches, and in type from conventional globe valves for mater and air service, to special units designed in accordance with the most rigid specifications for cleanliness, corrosion resistance, and tightness. Two general types of special process valves were required: shut-off or "block" valves, and pressure control valves. The latter type (stage control valve) is discussed in Paragraph 8-12.

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a. <u>Requirements</u> - Exact requirements for K-25 valves vary depending upon specific application. The larger type block valves form the most important class; specifications for these are typical;

1. The valve must be vacuum tight, both to the atmosphere from without, and across the seats within. The process specification permitted a maximum inleakage rate to the body of 0.1 to 7.0 micron cubic feet per hour, depending on the size of the valve. (At a rate of one micron cubic foot per hour, it would take 67 years 28 for one standard cubic foot of gas to leak through.)

- 2. There must be a minimum pressure drop through the valve when open.
- 3. The materials of fabrication must not be excessively attacked by fluorine or uranium hexafluoride.

b. <u>Development</u>. - Special valve development was started by Kellogg in the spring of 1942, and early in 1943 a special department of the Kellex Corporation was organized to accelerate this work.

(1) <u>Early Designs</u>. - Initial designs (e.g. "tear drop" and "rotary plug" types) were influenced primarily by minimum pressure drop requirements. In the spring of 1943 the St. Paul Engineering Company worked on the "tear-drop" type valve, and the Hammel-Dahl Company developed the "rotary plug" type. Discussion of these experimental models is presented in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (9). Progress on this work was not encouraging. In June 1943, the Grane Company was asked to work on these types, and was given an order to supply the valves for the Jersey City Test Floor (contract %-7418-eng-17).

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(2) <u>Final Pesians</u>. - After critical analysis by Grane and Kellex, the tear drop and rotary plug designs were discarded as unsatisfactory, and further development was mainly centered around designs based on the common gate valve. Preliminary designs proved encouraging. The basic features included a double seat gate with a buffer more between seats, and a bellows-sealed, wedge-type actuating mechanism capable of exerting sealing pressures up to the fatigue point of the metal.

(3) Seating Materials. - The development of a resilient material, suitable for use in contact with process and conditioning gas, and espable of forming a vacuum-tight closure, constituted a serious problem. Polytetrefluoreethylane was the first material seriously comp sidered for valve seats, but early samples exhibited severe cold flow properties, and built up electrostatic charges which attrasted dust particles to the seat. In England experiments were made with a number -of plastics and rubbers for use in contact with UFG. A natural composition ("C" rubber) was found which best satisfied the requirements. Kellem ran a series of tests on this material. It was found that exposure of "C" rubber to concentrations in the range of 50 per cent fluoring resulted in charring of the material, but that the stability could be markedly improved by conditioning with five per cent fluorine. Then "C" rubber valve seats were installed at the plant, the test results were confirmed. Although the "C" rubber was the best material then available, service life was limited. Butyl rabber was next investigated, and showed good stability, but was unsatisfactory because of low mechanical strength. Development work was also continued on "C" rubber, and a considerable improvement was effected by imprognation with fluoro-

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#### TABLE 4. - SPECIAL VALV

VALVE	TYPE	SIZE (Inches)	SERVICE	OPERATED BY	METHOD OF SEALING		LUERICANT
G-17A	Gate	3 to 16	Ur <sub>6</sub>	Hand or motor	Bellows and stuffing box		C-2144 to st bax; SCG to wheel.
G-17AM	Gate	<b>3 to 1</b> 6	UP <sub>6</sub>	Band or motor	Bellows and stuffing box	•	C-2144 to si box; SCG to wheel
B	Globe angle tee	1/4	UP6	Hand	Bellows		SCG to cap 1
Drum	Angle	1/4, 1/2	Ur <sub>6</sub>	Hand (wrench)	Plastic packing rings		C-2144 to pe rings
SM	Globe	1/4 to 2	UF6	Hand	Two concentric bellows	2 2	SCG to valve
<b>8</b> 5	Globe	1/4 to 2	<b>B</b> 2	Hand	Two concentric belieus	ń,	SCG to valve
Air-Op	Globe	1/4 to 2	UP6	Air	Two concentric bellows		None
<b>A-3</b> B	Angle	5 to 10	¥2	Hand	Bellows and stuffing box	·.	C-2144 to st box; SCG to wheel
A-17A	Angle	<b>3 to 1</b> 6	UF6	Band	Bellows and stuffing box	-	C-2144 to st box; SCG to wheel
Check	Swing	3, 6	₽ <b>₽</b> 6	System flow	None		Yona
700	3-port	1/2	UF <sub>6</sub>	<sup>Hand</sup> (wrench)	Two concentric bellows		SCG to valve
Relief	Angle	1	UF <sub>6</sub>	Air	Bellows and stuffing box		None

SCG - denotes standard commercial grease. C-2144 - is a special fluorocarbon oil (Book VII).





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	LUERICANT	MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION	aorking Pressure P•••••	NAXIMUN Temperature Op
'ing	C-2144 to stuffing box; SCG to hand- wheel.	Nickel-plated steel	0-30	160
'ing	C-2144 to stuffing box; SCG to hand- wheel	Hickel-plated steel	0-30	<b>330</b>
	SCG to cap threads	Yonel	0-125	300
ings	C-2144 to packing rings	Monel	0-200	300
11088	SCG to valve stem	Monel	0-75	300
12000	SCG to valve stem	Steel body, stellite seat, brass bellows	0-125	200
110#8	None	Moos 1	0-75	300
ing	C-2144 to stuffing box; SCG to hand- wheel	Steel body, brass bellows	0-125	200
ing	C-2144 to stuffing box; SCG to hand- wheel	Nickel-plated steel body, aluminum bronse seat face, monel bellows	0-30	250
	None	Nickel-plated steel	0-30	<b>300</b>
llows	SCG to valve stem	Monel	0-75	300
ing		Honel	0-75	300



carbon wax. Impregnated "C" rubber valve seats were installed in a portion of the K-25 plant. Two new plastics were later found highly inert to  $UF_g$  and fluorine, MFP-10, and copper-filled Poly TFE. The former is a highly fluorinated hydrocarbon polymer. The latter is the polytetrafluoroethylene which had been studied earlier, but with the addition of 45 per cent of copper. A program is under way for replacing all rubber valve seats at K-25 with MFP-10 according to schedules laid out so as to avoid serious interruption of plant operation and production. A more extensive account of the development and procurement of valve seat materials is presented in Book VII.

c. Description of Types Used. - The final design for process block values of sizes four to sixteen inches was known as type G-17A. Nearly 10,000 of these values are installed in the K-25 cascade. A description of this value and of the other special types developed for auxiliary plant purposes is presented in the remainder of this paragraph, and is supplemented by Table 4. Further details may be found in Volume X of the Kellex Operating Manuals. The special values for the K-25 plant were procured from the Crane Company under contract W-7418eng-18.

(1) <u>G-17A Valve</u>. - The G-17A process block valve is shown in Figure 18. Two parallel discs are moved in and out of the pipe line by the valve stem. To make a closure, seat rings in the discs contact metal tube seats. In order to provide for accurate alignment of disc seat and tube seat, the discs are attached to guides which follow guide grooves on the side of the valve body. As the valve stem is moved downward in the closing direction, the two valve discs.





with the spreaders to which they are attached, are restrained from moving axially by two vertical and parallel guides. terminating at the center of the valve run. When the center of the discs reaches the centerline of the valve run, the spreaders are prevented from traveling further down by horizontal guide grooves at each side of the valve body. Continued motion of the stem and wedge then causes movement of the valve disc along the axis of the valve run. During this movement, the discs are guided by the horisontal grooves. Contimued closing of the valve sauses the central wedge to force the valve disc against the valve seats to effect closure. When the valve is being opened, the reverse action takes place in which the valve discs and spreaders first move along the axis of the valve run until they are drawn back over the ends of the parallel horizontal guides. Further movement of the valve stem causes the entire wedge assembly. spreaders, and discs, to move upward and entirely out of the stream. An indicator rod at the top of the valve shows the valve position. The valve stem controlling the discs may be actuated either by a handwheel or by electric motor. Motor operation can be arranged by extending the valve stem from the pipe gallery up to the operating floor, or the motor may be: direct-connected. The stem speed of motor-operated valves is approximately 20 inches per minute.

(a) <u>Seat Rings</u>. - The required tightness was achieved with metal to metal seat contact. However, it was not known whether this degree of tightness would be possible on a production basis, or if the tightness could be maintained under plant conditions of operation. Therefore, it was decided to obtain even greater tight-

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ness by inserting a resilient seating ring (discussed above) into the valve disc, and having this ring make the initial contact with the metal tube seat.

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(b) <u>Heilows Seal</u>. - The C-17A valve is made vacuum tight to the atmosphere by means of a bellows seal inside the hody. The bellows is welded to the valve bonnet and to the valve stem, thus preventing any access of process gas to the gland at the valve bonnet through which the stem must pass. As a safety precaution against a broken or lasky bellows, there is a stuffing box on the bonnet and a back seat on the valve stem. For eight-inch valves and larger sizes, the standard one-piece bellows was unsuitable since the required empansion ratio could not be obtained. A multiple monel welded diaphregm bellows was developed by the Cook Electric Company. To overcome the problem of edge-welding the thin 0.025 inch bellows plates into a vacuum tight assembly, a method was worked out involving the use of an atomic hydrogen weld and special jigs. The bellows so fabricated has an expansion ratio of nearly 3 to 1.

(c) <u>Buffer Zone</u>. - The buffer some between seats can be pressured with nitrogen through a connection in the valve body. On small sizes, this connection is made into the side of the body, while on the large models, it is inserted into the bonnet. On some instellations, the connection is a permanent nitrogen line; in others, a portable connection must be made. By pressuring the buffer some with nitrogen, outleakage of process gas through the closed valve is prevented. Any leakage will be in the form of nitrogen leaking past the valve seats into the system.

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(d) <u>Body</u>. - The body of the G-17A value is of all welded fabrication, including body run, tube seat, and bellows. The material for the welded body and the disc seats is nickel-plated steel. The guide and wedge assembly are cast aluminum bronze, while the stem and bellows are monel.

(e) Leak Test Connection. - In 3 to 6 inch sizes

a copper tube bellows leak test connection is provided (Fig. 18). Larger sizes have a special connection known as a sealing valve. If a leak test is made, and it is found that the valve seatsor bellows are leaking, the weld at the top of the bonnet is cut out by means of a special milling cutter designed specifically for this purpose. The valve can then be disassembled and repaired.

(2) <u>G-17AN Valve</u>. - This valve is the same as the G-17A type, but does not employ rubber disc rings, and is suitable for higher temperature service (Table 4).

(3) <u>H Valve</u>. - The H valve is a small instrument line valve with minimum internal volume and surface area. Seat contact is made by means of a highly polished ball fixed on the end of the valve stem. Globe, angle, and tes designs were supplied. The knurled cap (Fig. 19) serves as a handwheal. H Valves have a 1/4 inch socket and connections. Port openings are either 1/8 or 3/16 of an inch in diameter.

(4) <u>Frum Valve</u>. - This type (Fig. 19) is a monel metal angle type valve designed principally for service on druas. It is installed by welding the bottom inlet to a portable drum nozzle, and inserting an adapter and pipe assembly into the side outlet. The side outlet is held in place by means of an adjustable clamp. The valve



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can be adapted for general service by removing the clamp and making minor adjustments. The special feature is a plastic ring behind the seat, which is compressed after the metal seats make contact.

(5) <u>SH Valve</u>. - The SH valve (Fig. 19) is similar to a conventional globe valve, but uses a conical plug disc against a conical seat. To meet rigid leak-proof requirements, it is equipped with two concentric bellows as a double seal, instead of the usual stuffing box. It is used on process gas lines of two inch and smaller diameters.

(6) <u>SS Valve</u>. - This type is similar in design to the SM valve, but is intended for service with nitrogen instead of uranium hexafluoride and, therefore, is made up of different materials of construction (Table 4).

(7) <u>Air-operated Valve</u>, - The air-operated valve consists of the body, stem, and bellows assembly of an SN type valve, but instead of the handwheel, an air-operated spring and disphrage assembly is used. By variation in spring design and air pressure control, these valves can be adapted to either open-and-shut service or throttling service. The former type is designed either to close  $\hat{an}$  air failure (as shown in Fig. 20) or to open  $\hat{an}$  air failure. The throttling type may be operated either by direct control, or through the use of a valve positioner.

(8) <u>A-3B Valve</u>. - The A-3B valve (Fig. 21) is similar to a standard angle valve except that it is equipped with a bellows seal in addition to the conventional stuffing box, and a sleeve type seat instead of a standard type seat. Rubber rings are used for stem packing. This valve is suitable for use on three to ten inch nitrogen lines.

(9) <u>A-17A Valve</u>. - The A-17A valve is identical with the



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A-3B value except in material of construction, since it is designed for service with  $UF_{A}$  instead of nitrogen.

(10) <u>Check Valve</u>. - Special check valves (Fig. 22) were manufactured in essentially standard designs but internally nickelplated for resistance to attack by  $UF_6$ . This valve is used in the suction lines of all cold trap vacuum pumps.

(11) <u>Tee Valve</u>. - The tee valve (Fig. 22) is a special leak-proof valve designed principally for test manifold assemblies. It has three port openings which permit straight through flow with sample take-off. The monel bellows seal is the same as for the SM valve.

(12) <u>Relief Valve</u>. - The special relief valve (Fig. 23) is a monel angle valve held shut by an air motor operator of the closeon-air-failure type. A pressure transmitter, incorporated in the line, operates a relay valve which supplies air to the air motor operator. The valve body is of the SM type. These valves are used for process relief in the cold traps.

8-12. Instruments.

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a. <u>Cascade Instrumentation</u>. - A large number of highly specialized measuring and control devices are required at various points throughout the K-25 process cascade, to serve such purposes as process stream analysis, leak detection, isotopic assay testing, and process pump scalant flow measurement. The complex technical nature of these items, and the absence of prior industrial experience in design and application, required a large amount of research and development. This work, together with a description of the finally evolved designs and methods of operation, is treated in Section 6 of Volume 2.

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(1) <u>Central Control Room</u>. - An essential design feature of the diffusion cascade is the provision for a master control station, centrally located, and containing equipment and facilities for coordinating operating activities. Such a central control room (also called "emergency control room") has been set up on the operating floor level at the base of the cascade "U" between Buildings K-303-7 and K-303-8. Al The princip<sup>3</sup> feature of the room is the central control board which consists of an array of 64 panels arranged in the form of a semi-circular are. These panel boards are classed as follows: 51 standard building panels; 5 purge building panels; 7 intersectional panels; 1 surge and waste panel; and 2 miscellaneous panels which deal, respectively, with miscellaneous process service controls, and the interconnecting system between K-25 and K-27. The panels contain the following features;

- a. Mimic piping of the main process headers (exclusive of cell connections).
- b. Symbols for equipment in, or connected to, the main headers.
- e. Remote control of each motorized valve in, or connected to, the main headers.
- Automatic position indication of all valves in item (c)
  as well as other important valves in, or connected to,
  the main headers.
- e. Automatic "on-off" indication for booster pumps in intersectional cells and the purge buildings (K-512).
- f. Remote pressure indication for surge drums.
- g. Position indication of important control valves.
- h. Line recorder slaves for continuous indication of process stream concentration.







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i. Telephonic (sound powered) communication systems. By means of this equipment, central control operators can coordinate the rapid detection and isolation of various types of inleakage (air, nitrogen, coolant, etc.) into the process system, and so prevent the spreading of process disturbances throughout the cascade. In addition to the normal plant telephone system (Par. 9-7), a public address system and a voice-powered telephone system are provided for use with the emergency control board. A detailed description of the central control room is available in Volume XXVII of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

b. Stage Pressure Control Equipment. - In connection with stage instrumentation (Par. 7-5b), the pressure control system is worthy of special description. The basic process variable to be controlled for effective diffusion plant operation is stage inventory of process material. This is accomplished by means of a vest system of pressure transmitting, recording, and controlling devices which are installed as an essential part of the X-25 plant. The pressure control instrumentation for a single diffusion stage is depicted schematically in Figure 24. The pressure of the converter tails stream actuates a pressure transmitter (DBH), which converts a fixed range of process gas pressure (e.g., 0 to 6 p.s.i.a.) into a fixed range of air pressure (5 to 18 p.s.i.g.). The transmitted pressure is charted continuously on a pressure recorder (PR). It then feeds a pressure controller, (PBC), the function of which is to send a signal to the control valve (CV), whenever the pressure is not at the set point. The valve will then move to a new position so as to correct the pressure level. The



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value is equipped with a positioner which guarantees that the value will come to the exact position demanded by the controller, despite friction and hystoresis effects in the value mechanism.

(1) Transmitter. - A schematic diagram of the transmitter is shown in Figure 25. The instrument may be represented as four identical mounted bellows attached to a balance arm which pivots on a fulcrum. The upper left bellows is connected to process pressure (P), the lower left is loaded with a datum pressure (Pp) which is greater than process pressure, the upper right is loaded with the minimum pressure in the output range (3 p.s.i.g.), and the lower right bellows is at the transmitted pressure ( $P_T$ ). When the instrument is in balance, a fixed quantity of air (about 0.1 cubic foot per minute) escapes through the nozzle, which has a clearance of 0.001 inch from the baffle. If process pressure falls, the balance arm immediately presses the baffle closer to the nozzle, forcing air into bellows Pr. The pressure  $P_T$  will rise until the lever arm is balanced, at which time the balance arm will again be horisontal, and approximately the same quantity of air as before will be escaping through the nozzle. The transmitter is inverse acting, falling process pressure causing a rising transmission, and vice versa.

(2) <u>Controller</u>. - The controller (Fig. 26) is of the proportional plus automatic reset type. A reset cutout allows the instrument to be operated with or without the automatic reset feature. With reset removed, the controller is a proportional instrument, and operates the same as the transmitter previously described. In this mode of operation, the reset bellows is loaded manually with some





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pressure, PR, between 3 and 18 p.s.i.g.

(3) <u>Control Valve and Fositioner</u>. - The controller output actuates a positioner, which positions the control valve (Fig. 27). The valve is of the butterfly type, and is bellows-availed, thereby avoiding the friction inherent in a stuffing box design. It is driven by a pneumatic motor whose air supply is controlled by the positioner. The function of the positioner is two-fold:

- 1. To reduce the hysteresis of the valve (caused principally by stem friction) to a negligible value.
- 2. To provide an accurate indication of the position of the valve vane.

(Fig 24) The action of the positioner-valve combination is as follows; When controller output pressure, PC, rises, the positioner believe inflates, causing the plate to which it is attached to move upward and compress the positioner spring. The upward motion of the plate is communicated mechanically to the pilot valve, opening it and releasing air to the motor, which inflates. The disphrage expands, pushing downward on the disphrage head, which slides down, pulling with it the operating lever, and causing compression of the positioner spring. The plate moves downward, pushing the pilot valve toward its balance position. The downward motion of the disphragm head depresses the stem shich, through a drive link mechanism, moves the valve vane toward its closed position. The instrument is in Lalance when the forces acting on the positioner spring are equal, i.c., when the upward force exarted by the positioner bellows is balanced by the downward force applied by the motor through the disphrage head. The positioner azintains a linear relationship





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between controller output pressure and value stem position. The positioner input pressure is, consequently, a good indication of stem position which, in turn, is almost a linear function of vane angle. Actually, there may be a small amount of lost motion between the stem and the vane of the value, but this is quite negligible.

(4) <u>Datum Headers</u>. - The control system described above is duplicated for each of the 3432 stages of the K-25 and K-27 cascades. and operates in conjunction with a nitrogen datum header system (Par. 10-7). which supplies a very accurately maintained datum pressure which is used as a reference for measurement of stage pressures, making it possible to take accurate readings of process pressures over the full range (0 - atmospheric) required by production, conditioning, and process gas recovery operation. Individual cell datum headers are connected to a main header for each process building. A pressure control avatea is provided for the building header and for each cell header. The system is valved so that any cell in the entire building may be operated from a datum set by either the cell or building control systems. Each datum system consists of a vacuum control valve ("inverting booster relay") actuated by a pressure controller, which is piloted from the datum pressure. A full description of the stage pressure control system may be found in Volume XI of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

c. <u>Procurement</u>. - Design and development of the special instruments required for K-25 was handled by a number of manufacturing firms, with the Kellex Corporation participating actively, and furnishing overall supervision. Suppliers of major importance are discussed





below, prime contract summaries are included in Appendix A.

(1) <u>General Electric Company.</u> - The General Electric Company engineered, designed, and produced mass spectrometers, leak detectors, acoustic gas analysers, space recorders, and differential pressure panels and transmitters. The development work was administered under contract W-7405eng-70, which was made broad in scope in order that various phases of the instrument problems could be assigned to this company for development by subsequent instructions from the Contracting Officer. Under contract W-7415-eng-40, the General Electric Company supplied 485 differential pressure panels and 6318 differential pressure transmitters. They also supplied 16 acoustic gas analysers, 30 mass spectrometers, and 324 leak detectors under contract W-7418-eng-53, and 6 space recorders and 116 recording gas analyzers under contract W-7405-eng-271.

(2) <u>Taylor Instrument Companies.</u> - The Taylor Instrument Companies undertook to develop, design, engineer, manufacture, assemble, test, and deliver various process and experimental instruments, and to procure certain additional instruments from others. Taylor also provided procurement, to supervise the testing and inspecting of the instruments procured from others. They manufactured several types of test floor instruments and pneumatic instruments for the process plant, and various other special items together with some of standard design. This work was done under contract %-7418-eng-14, which was negotiated  $\frac{25}{25}$  and unit-price basis with provisions for periodic price adjustment.

(3) <u>Republic Flow Meter Company.</u> - The Republic Flow Meter Company, under contract N-7418-eng-52, designed, tested and manufactured 684 four inch magnetically operated butterfly control valves, to provide for automatic control of the flow of the process gas.

(4) Fisher Governor Company. - The Fisher Governor Company





was awarded contract W-7421-eng-13 which provided for the production of butterfly control valves, varying in size from 4 to 12 inches, bellows assemblies, and various spare parts for these valves.

8-13. <u>Gold Traps</u>. - The cold trap is a device developed for the K-25 plant to serve the purpose of separating  $UF_6$  from non-condensable gases. It operates by lowering the temperature of a gaseous mixture below the solidification point of uranium hexafluoride. It was designed for use in the process gas recovery system (Par. 7-12) and at points where waste gases, which might contain traces of  $UF_6$  are to be vented to the atmosphere.

a. <u>Development</u>. - Cold traps were first proposed for use in process gas recovery in September 1943. Efficient cold trap design depends upon proper arrangement of heat transfer surfaces and gas flow passages to effect deposition of solid without obstructing either heat transfer or flow of gas. As with other types of process equipment, the cold traps have been designed in four sizes corresponding to the cascade sections in which they are installed. In January 1944, the Kellex Corporation began work on fabrication drawings of cold traps.

(1) <u>Internal Vertical Tube Type</u>. - The first important cold trap design consisted of a round horizontal shell with vertical tubes to be kept filled with refrigerant from a jacket completely eneasing the shell. Tubes were spaced farther apart at the inlet end than at the outlet, in order to accommodate larger deposits at that point. This principle has been carried over into the finally accepted design. Disadvantages were encountered in excessive weight, and difficulties of fabrication.

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(2) <u>Internal Vertical Bar Type</u>. - The design was first modified by replacing the vertical tubes with solid bars. Since the fins were mounted within the internal shell, all joints between the process and refrigerant regions were eliminated. For a given central pipe size, available volume for solid deposit was increased. In June 1944, the Schock-Gusmer Company furnished one plant-size unit based on this design.

(3) External Redial Fin Type. - In order to simplify the methods of fabrication, it was desired to place the fins on the outside of the shell rather than the inside. A new design was therefore prepared, involving radial fins externally soldered to the central shell. The fins were cooled by refrigerant evaporating in the outer jacket and the outer shell was cooled by pipes soldered circumferentially to the outside. Baffle plates were mounted in the exit tube assembly to catch entrained solid  $UF_6$ . A drawback was presented by this design in the possibility of refrigerant leaking into the shell, but when it became urgent to produce cold traps for the first portion of the plant to be operated, Case I, fabrication of this type, which came to be known as the two-shell radial fin type, was undertaken by Joseph Kopperman and Sons in May 1943 and a trial cold trap was delivered the following September.

(4) <u>Reversion to Single Shell Parallel Fin Type</u>. - In June 1943 it was planned that the Schock-Gusmer Company should begin production of two-shell radial fin type traps in sizes suitable for the upper section of the plant. Before the manufacture of these traps was begun, it was realized that the design would entail special safety







hazards unless the inner shell could be cadmium conted. Thus, in the higher sections of the plant, the accumulation of considerable quantities of liquid or solid  $W_{6}$ , highly enriched in isotopic concentration of U-235, presented the possibility of approaching a critical mass. The cadmium would act to absorb neutrons and prevent the occurrence of a chain reaction. However, such an internal coating would offer serious difficulties, both in initial deposition, and future inspection and maintenance. Improved methods of fabricating the single shell parallel fin type traps had been developed in the meantime, and it was therefore decided in July 1944 to revert to this design for all Section 3 and 4 cold traps. Fabrication drawings were ready by August 1944, and the size 3 design was accepted; the size 4 design, still too long and heavy, needed further revision. Endial design was retained for Case I and II purge cold traps (Par. 7-14), but Case II traps still required the internal cadmium coating.

(5) <u>Further Hodifications</u>. - By October 1944, test results in the experimental trap indicated the need for additional cooling surfaces. This need was confirmed in December by tests in the trial radial fin trap delivered by Kopperman. The following steps were taken:

- At this time, all Case I traps had been delivered. The necessity for changes was eliminated by sufficient alteration of process conditions to achieve satisfactory functioning.
- 2. The three Case I traps (which had been delivered) were sent back for alteration slong with the unfinished ones.







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Checker work fin rings were added in the front end of the Case I and II units, and all fins were replaced by annular disc baffles fixed in the inner shell.

- 3. For the Case II groups, cyclone separation units were to be installed as separate items at the cold trap outlet.
- 4. The large, Section 1, radial fin type traps required only the addition of baffles.

(6) <u>Fume Recovery</u>. - In February 1945, results of fume carryover tests showed that fume losses from the section 4 cold trap would be serious. A three-foot end section was added, containing a new and larger cyclone separator with a special collecting tank below. This was followed by a nickel wool filter for trapping last traces of  $UF_6$  mist. The fabrication drawing was ready by March 1945.

b. <u>Final Design</u>. - The three largest sizes (of 19, 16, and 10 inch diameters) are of the double shell radial fin type, and are installed in process gas recovery systems of Sections 1 and 2, and temporary purge and product systems of Cases I and II. Farallel fin, single shell traps (of 8 and 4 inch diameters) are installed in the upper sections of the plant. Cold trap design is illustrated by diagram in Figure 28, and by photograph in Appendix E3.

(1) <u>Radial Fin Type</u>. - The radial fin cold traps consist of a thin round copper shell, sealed on either end by monel heads, and supported on wooden blocks in a slightly tilted position. The outer shell encloses a second copper shell with groups of copper fins attached radially. The fins in each group are evenly spaced around





the inner shell, but the number of fins in each group increases toward the outlet end of the shell. The inner copper shell is closed at the lower end, and has a cooling jacket on the inside with refrigerant connections. The process gas mixture is pumped in at the lower end of the cold trap, and passes along the fins between the inner and outer shell until it reaches the upper end of the trap. The gas then reverses direction of flow, and passes inside the inner shell between the refrigerant jacket and the outlet tube, which is projected down the middle of the trap. When the gas reaches the end of the outlet tube, it reverses direction again, and leaves the cold trap via the outlet tube.

(2) <u>Parallel Fin Type</u>. - The parallel fin type cold traps are simpler devices, but are similar with respect to outward shape, inclined position, and outer copper shell capped on the ends by monel heads. The fins, however, are silver soldered to fin rings which are then slipped inside the shell and soldered to it. All refrigeration is accompliated by cooling the outside of the shell with refrigerant pipes. The flow is straight through the trap past the parallel fin sections. In most of the eight-inch traps, baffles are included to increase the flow rate per unit area cross section, and in most 4 inch and 8 inch traps, a small cyclone separator is placed at the upper end of the trap to help remove and solid  $UF_6$  mist present.

(3) <u>Heater Elements</u>. - On all cold traps, electric Calrod heaters are attached to heat the shells. In the case of the radial fin traps, there are additional heating rods in the inner refrigerant jacket. The main purpose of these heaters is to melt and drive out the  $UF_6$  when discharging the trap. A small amount of power



is also used to warm the inlet end of the trap during the condensation operation to prevent plugging of the inlet with solid UF<sub>6</sub>. The necessary thermocouples and pressure connections are provided on the traps so that the operating conditions of pressure and temperature can be recorded. All cold traps are heavily insulated with asbestos felt of thickness varying from 8 inches to 10 inches.

c. <u>Procurement</u>. - A description of manufacturing techniques and progress is presented in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (9). The Schock-Gusmer Company produced the single-shell parallel fin type under contract  $\frac{7415}{7418}$ -eng- $\frac{13}{62}$ . The Patterson-Kelley Company produced the double-shell radial fin type under contract N-7418eng-62.

S-14. <u>Carbon Traps</u>. - Carbon traps are installed at a number of points in the plant to supplement the use of the cold traps in recovery of  $UF_6$  from vent gases. There are two carbon traps piped together in series in every cold trap recovery system. These serve to trap out any  $UF_6$  which was not retained in the cold trap. Thus, carbon traps serve the following functions:

1. The clean-up of UFg in the gases leaving the cold traps.

- 2. The absorption of the UP<sub>6</sub> content of one cell in an emergency when cold traps are out of service.
- 3. The absorption of UF<sub>6</sub> blown into a carbon trap by the cold trap relief valve in Sections -3 through 2a.

Function (1) is the normal service for the carbon traps, but this service does not set the design for carbon traps. It does, however, determine the normal life of the charge. The carbon traps have been



sized and the charge specified on the basis of function (2), the absorption of the contents of one cell.

a. Development. - Test work done in the Kellex Jersey City Laboratories was directly responsible for the ultimate design and operation of the process gas recovery system carbon absorbers. This work was begun late in 1943 and continued until June 1945. Among the various solid materials tested as UF, absorbents were silica gel, sodium fluoride, sodium bifluoride, Florite desigant, activated alumina, and activated carbon. The latter gave the most efficient absorption. The possibility of overheating and caking of the carbon bed when absorbing gases rich in UF, led to tests on various diluents. Crystalline alumina was found to be satisfactory, and tests performed on a plant-size carbon absorber gave results which determined the optimum carbon-alumina ratio, and the method of charging a trap to avoid segregation of the alumina and carbon in the charge. At the erme time, a satisfactory cadmium oxide-impregnated alumina was developed for carbon absorbers to be used for absorbing UF6 with high light component concentration. An investigation was made on the effect of various concentrations of fluorine on activated carbon. It was found that, under certain conditions an unstable compound was formed which detonated on impact. These tests indicated that it would be necessary to keep the weight of fluorine charged to carbon absorbers below two per cent of the weight of carbon in the absorber.

b. <u>Final Design</u>. - All carbon traps are of the same basic design, differing in size according to sectional location.

(1) Shell. - The steel shell consists of an upper





cylindrical section and a lower conical section. The gas enters the side of the conical section, which is charged with alumina, through a cylindrical strainer. It passes up through the cylindrical section, loaded with mixed carbon charge, and leaves at the top of the trap. The vertical cylindrical section is welded, at its lower end, to a cone, 11-3/4 inches in bottom diameter. The cylindrical body varies in diameter from 17-1/4 inches to 28 inches. Each trap is provided with a charging nozzle at the top, and a dump gate at the bottom.

(2) <u>Bed.</u> - The conical portion of the carbon trap is charged with 4-mesh crushed alumina; this serves as a non-reactive support for the absorbent charged to the cylindrical portion of the trap. The cylindrical portion is charged with a uniform mixture of crushed alumina and high activity carbon pellets, the alumina acting to prevent excessive temperature rise. The proportional composition of the charges for various traps is discussed in Paragraph 11-8. The alumina charged to the carbon traps in all sections above Section 1 is impregnated with 2.5 per cent by weight of cadmium oxide. The carbon removes UF<sub>6</sub> from the gas stream by a combination of surface adsorption, and chemical conversion to non-volatile uranium fluorides and volatile carbon fluorides.

c. <u>Procurement.</u> - K-25 carbon traps were supplied by the Alco Products Division of the American Locomotive Company under contract -7415-eng-38.







CECTION 9 - FROCESS BUILDINGS AND UTILITIES

9-1. <u>Introduction</u> - Volume 4 presents an account of the size, cost, material of construction, and construction history of the buildings housing equipment and facilities described in foregoing and subsequent sections. This section presents a general discussion of the most important buildings, namely the caseade process buildings, including a typical description of a single process building and a resume of the building utilities. Major utility installations of direct and prime importance to the production process, such as the power plant (Sect. 12) and the process cooling water system (Par. 10-3) are described at other points in the text. Utilities covered in this section are of indirect service to the process, chiefly systems required for maintaining practical working conditions, and facilitating production and maintenance activities. A more detailed description of process buildings and utilities may be found in Volume IX of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

9-2. The Cascade "U". - The geometrical arrangement of the main process area plot plan has been mentioned and illustrated by means of Appendices Bl and B2, and the various plans shown in Appendix A of Volume 1. In external appearance, the process plant proper (excluding auxiliary structures and the K-27 annex) appears as a huge "U"-shaped structure. Actually, it is made up of a series of 54 contiguous buildings, three of which house the purge cascades (Section 312), and 51 of which house the isotope separating stages.

9-3. <u>Typical Process Building.</u> - These latter buildings (as well as those of K-27) are all similar in form and general arrangement,

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differing in size as outlined in Paragraph 7-7. Longitudinal and crosssectional views are shown in Figures 29 and 30, respectively. The remainder of this paragraph describes the general design and arrangement of each of the four levels of a typical building. Drawings shown apply specifically to Building K-302-5.

a. <u>Basement</u> - The basement floor is approximately level with grade at one end of the building, and about 15 feet below grade at the opposite end. This arrangement makes it convenient to move equipment to and from the basement area at the lower grade level. The following equipment located in the basement (Fig. 31):

> Coolant Coolers Coolant Drain Drum Coolant Transfer Pump Labricating Oil Pump Labricating Oil Cooler Labricating Oil Drum and Filter Operating Floor Ventilating Fans Cell Floor Ventilating Fans Cold Trap and Evacuating Pumps Air Filters

(1) <u>Transformer Vaults</u>. - A transformer vault is provided to serve each pair of adjacent buildings, and is located on the basement level in between the two buildings. Each transformer vault (App. E6) is enclosed by concrete cinder block walls, and contains wariable and constant frequency transformers, switchgear, and transformer wault wentilating fams.

b. <u>Cell Floor.</u> - The converture, each with its "A" and "B" pumps, are located in groups of six on the converter cell floor. Each group of six converture, together with interconnecting piping and auxiliary service lines, is contained in a cell compartment made up of 16 gauge steel panels. This sheeting is tightly welded to prevent gas

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loakage from the cell and back diffusion of moisture into the cell enclosure.

(1) <u>Hotor Alley.</u> - The cells are arranged in two parallel rows with an equal number in each row, and an alley between called the motor alley, or escape alley. Motors for driving one half of the process pumps are located in the motor alley, and space is provided for workmen to check performance and operating conditions. An overhead trolley is provided in the center of the alley, to be used for removing motors and pumps from the building.

(2) <u>Withdramal Alley.</u> - The remainder of the pump art motors is located between the cell bank and withdramal alleys, with a similar arrangement. Figure 52 shows the general plan of a cell floor, which, in Building K-502-5, contains ten cells. The withdrawal alleys run adjacent and parallel to the long sides of the building. The withdrawal alley floors are located about truck bed height below the cell floor level, to facilitate movement of equipment to and from trucks. The withdrawal alleys serve as readways on which equipment is transported on special trucks into the main buildings, and connect to highways outside of the building.

e. <u>Pipe Gallery.</u> - On the pipe gallery level are located piping and values so provided that any cell can be by-passed, if conditions arise that necessitate the shutting down of a cell. The bypass piping and the necessary by-pass values are also enclosed in a steel paneled, air-tight compartment. A compartment runs lengthwise ever each row of cells with extensions to the sides wherever the piping runs down to the converters. The compartments are supplied with dry









air (Par. 10-4). The values are arranged so that their stens extend up through the operating floor. Figure 33 shows a floor layout of the pipe gallery. That portion of the pipe gallery floor immediately above the cell structure is lined with insulation.

(1) <u>Walkenys.</u> - Walkenys are provided on the pipe gallery floor to give access for servicing values and piping on this level. These walkenys may be reached by ladders leading from the operating floor to the pipe gallery floor, or by the stairways leading from the withdrawal alley to landings on each of the floors.

d. <u>Operating Floor</u> - Operation of each building is controlled and directed from the top floor level. Figure 54 is a plan view of an operating floor showing floor details and arrangement of equipment.

(1) Equipments - Instruments which indicate the operating conditions in each cell are located on a separate panel board. The instrument boards are arranged in pairs so that one operator can control the operation of equipment contained in two consecutive cells. A small instrument board, on which  $\frac{dre}{dr}$  mounted instruments that indicate the operating data for the building as a whole, is located over the building by-pass piping area. Electric switchgear for pump motors is mounted on panel boards which are located in pairs along the longitudinal center-line of the operating floor directly over the alley between the two rows of cells. Variable frequency control panels for the motors in each cell are similarly located. Coolant pumps, one for each cell, which force coolant through the gas coolers in the converters, are located along the longitudinal centerline of the longitudinal centerline of the longitudinal centerline of the operating floor level



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adjacent to centerline columns. The stems for the valves in the cell by-pass gallery extend through the floor in the area immediately above the center of each cell. A large part of that portion of the operating floor level located above the withdrawal alleys is compiled by offices, spectrometer stations, and went-dusts.

(2) <u>Floor Structure</u> - The floor of the operating level is constructed of pre-cast concrete tile, and is designed for a live lead of 100 pounds per square foot. Special pre-cast concrete floor slabe, designed with a removable plate, have been provided so that valves can be lifted onto the operating floor when necessary for repair. In the floor are lessted a number of gratings that can be manually opened or closed, Otherwise, the floor is scaled off from the rest of the building.

(3) <u>Stairways</u> - There are two main stairways for each building, leading from the ground level to the operating floor, These are located, one at the front or sourt end, and one at the rear, both stairways have landings at each intermediate level for access to the cell and pipe gallery floors. An operational ladder is located in each coolant pump pit on the operating floor. These ladders extend down to the pipe gallery floor for purposes of maintenance and operation. A door in each pump pit opens onto the cat-walks on the pipe gallery floor, Three stairways extend from each withdrawal alley to the operating floor, with landings at the pipe gallery floor, commeting to the cat-walks. These stairways are counter-weighted in the withdrawal alley so that they may be swung clear in the case of any traffic requiring the space.









## 9-4. Process Building Ventilation System.

a. <u>Purpose</u> - The primary object of ventilation in the process buildings is the dissipation of heat; the air circulation is greatly in excess of breathing requirements. This heat is generated in transformer windings, motor windings, lights, and from solar heat through the roof, with the main source of heat coming from within the cells. The coolant system has a rated expacitly to marry off the total heat of process pump adiabatic compression, but the pump casings, converters, and connected piping run sufficiently hot to liberate large quantities of additional heat which must be removed. There are two principal requirements to be met by the ventilating system;

- 1. Removal of sufficient heat under maximum summer temperature conditions to maintain within the cells the stipulated temperature of the process material, and to maintain a temperature outside the cells in the alleys and the operating floor that can be tolerated by the operating crew.
- 2. To retain within the buildings as much heat as possible under extreme winter conditions, or all that is desirable during spring and fall, and still maintain the stipulated temperature within the colls.

b. <u>Design</u> - The first of the above conditions is the more difficult to meet, and all calculations of air quantity have been made on that basis. The maximum assumed average condition of atmospheric air was taken at 95°F and 70 per cent relative humidity. The general design calls for the circulation of an ample quantity of air over the



warmer component parts. This air absorbs heat and is discharged through wentilators in the roof. The basement is well scaled from the converter floor. The motor alley and space over the cells is scaled from the pipe gallery floor and withdrawal alleys. The operating floor scale the operating room from the rest of the building. It is possible to get an air flow between these different sections by opening dampers and louvres.

(1) <u>Basement Ventilating Systems</u> - The air supply for the cells and operating floor ventilating systems enters at the rear of basement of each building through two penthouses which enclose the the filters. Air enters the penthouses through lowered openings and passes through a soreened filter bank, into the basement level atmosphere. Higher building levels are supplied with basement air by the basement ventilating fans (App, E5), The filter bank consists of a number of frames each composed of several twonty inch units. Two 20 x 20 x 1 inch filter cartridges fit into each unit in series. The filter cartridges were supplied by Owens-Corning Fiber-Glass Corporation and Besearch Products Corporation. The Owens-Corning filters are constructed of interlaced glass fibers in a grille frame, The Besearch Products filter consists of a paper filter pad sandwiched between two wire grids.

(2) <u>Transformer Vault Vontilation.</u> - The transformer vault wentilation system has the function of keeping the woult ambient air temperature below set limits. Air flow is induced through each wault by three Buffalo Forge axial flow fans, varying in size from 20 to 56 inches, depending upon the quantity of air required.

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(5) Cell Ventilating System, - The "cell ventilating system" refers to air circulated in the vicinity of the process calls as a part of the building atmosphere. It is entirely distinct from the dry air supplied to the interior of the cells (Par. 10-4). The cell wentilating system helps mintain the correct intra-coll ambient temperature, and keeps the cell floor temperature at a level suitable for the operating crew. Atmospheric air (after passing through the air filtering system and entering the building basement) is picked up by the cell wontilating fans one of which is located in the basement under each cell, in the case of all buildings except those of Section 4, which contain two rows of three fans each for the fourteen cells. Cell ventilating fans were supplied by the Buffalo Forge Company, B. F. Sturtevant, and American Blower Company. Fan especity ranges from 16,000 to 34,000 cubic feet per minute. Air is distributed throughout the building at a series of three locations for each row of cells, as follows:

> At the surbing between the withdrawal alleys and the sonverter floors.

Across the top of the cells on the withdramal alley side.
In the motor alley and a little above the converter floor.

(4) <u>Operating Floor Ventilation</u> - The fans for the operating floor are located at the center of the basement floor between the two rows of cell fans. The number of ventilating fans for the operating floor varies with the size of the building. With the exception of Section 4, all ten-cell buildings have five operating floor fans, all eight-cell buildings contain four fans, and all six-cell buildings

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have three operating floor fans. Each building in Section 4 is provided with three operating floor fans.

9-5. Process Building Heating System.

a. Unit Heaters. - During extreme winter conditions, the retention of heat by the recycling process may not be adequate to maintain desired temperatures for the operating crew. Heat may then be added to the buildings by means of unit type Trane Company steam heaters, which have been installed in separate suction ducts in a number of operating floor fans in every building. The six-cell buildings contain two of these heaters. All other buildings have three.

b. <u>Steam Radiators.</u> - Lavatories on the basement and operating floors each contain two steam radiators for heating. The basement floor proper has no heating facilities. The recycling of ventilating air, and the heat given off from pumps and motors contained in the basement is adequate for winter conditions.

9-6. Process Building Lighting System. - The building lighting and instrument circuits for each building are powered by two sets of constant frequency transformers. At each transformer bank, there is one normal and one emergency transformer, and a control center from which feeders radiate to the various panels. The panels are in pairs, one normal and one emergency, and are located on the basement and operating floors. Each transformer bank furnishes the lighting and instrument power for half of two buildings. Two control centers are provided and are each equipped with an automatic transfer switch. In case of power failure, the switch activates emergency feeders and panels with power from the emergency transformer. All essential items such as





instrument circuits, receptacles, instrument board lighting, stair risero, basement area, transformer waults, and various lights throughout the cell, pipe gallery, and operating floors are fed from this emergency circuit, host of the circuits, except these net in continual use, are controlled from the panels. Local switching has been out to a minimum.

9-7. <u>Process Building Communication System.</u> - A sound-powered telephone system is provided for each of the process buildings. The system consists of two call stations and one matter station per building. Each system provides complete inter-communication between stations in the system proper on a common talking, selective ringing basis. The matter station provides for simultaneously ringing all stations on its respective system in the case of an emergency. The matter stations and three call stations are located on each operating floor. The cell floors and withdrawal alleys contain four call stations, and the basement floors house three call stations.

9-3. <u>Converter Handling Equipments</u> - This equipment is furnished for the purpose of handling the convertere when they are installed or withdrawn from the cell rooms, and for transporting pertable look that equipment. Converters are mounted on dellies and transported by truck from the conditioning building to the front end of the withdrawal alloy of the desired building. A tractor-drawn trailer (Fig. 55) is provided for delivering the converter to its point of installation. The trailer is equipped with a hydraulic jack and lover mechanism by means of which its height can be adjusted to that of the truck. It is further equipped with a power-driven which merves to more the converter and delly from the truck to the trailer. The trailer is also used for transporting

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other equipment into the process bulldings, such as pumps, motors, etc.



SECTION 10 - DESIGN OF PROCESS SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

10-1. Introduction. - This section treats of process service installations designed and constructed for use with the main caseade. Additional facilities, later constructed for service with K-27, are discussed in Section 14. Location of installations described in this section is shown in the plot plans of Volume 1. Appendix A, and the photographs of Volume 5. Appendices D16 and D17.

10-2. Coolant Drying and Storage Plant (Section 300-C).

a. <u>Purpose</u> - Situated in the central court within the main cascade "U", Section 300-C serves the purposes of storing process coolant, purifying it as necessary, and distributing it to the process coolers throughout the plant.

b. Design.

(1) <u>Coolant Storage</u> - Five storage tanks, each of 10,000 gallons capacity, are used for storage of  $C_8F_{16}$ . These tanks are charged with fresh, dry coolant from shipping drums, or with purified coolant from the drying system. Total plant inventory of  $C_8F_{16}$  in use and storage is over 200,000 gallons.

(2) <u>Coolant Distribution</u> - The storage tanks are connected to a coolant header in each process building through a closed distribution loop piped along the entire inside of the cascade "0". The cell circulation systems are initially filled from the storage tanks. Thereafter, pumping is intermittent, and necessary only to replace losses, or contaminated coolant removed for purification.

(S) <u>Coolast Circulation</u> - C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>16</sub> is circulated through

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stage coolers, intercell coolers, and intersectional coolers. Each cell is provided with an individual system for circulating coolant to the six stage coolers, and an intercell gas cooler. Additional systems are provided for intersectional coolers at the top of the surge and waste system, and at the bottom of most cascade sections. In each of these circulation systems,  $C_{\rm S}F_{18}$  is pumped from a small surge drum, through a water-cooled heat exchanger (coolant cooler), and through the process gas coolers, thence back to the surge drum. Each coolant circulation system connects to a building drain drum (App. E2) of sufficient capacity to hold all the  $C_{\rm S}F_{16}$  of the circulation systems in the building. Coolant can be pumped from the drain drum, located in the basement of each building, either back to the circulation and drying system.

(4) <u>Contaminated Coolant Return</u> - Each building is equipped with a transfer pumps taking suction from the drain drum by means of which contaminated coolant is pumped back to the wet  $C_8F_{18}$  storage tank in Section 500-C, via a special coolant return piping system.

(5) <u>Coolant Purification and Drying Systems</u> - The soclant purification system (Fig. 36) is designed to remove water, grease, lubricating oil, and other non-volatile impurities. Coolant, which has become contaminated because of leaks, is pumped from a feed tank, through a heat exchanger, and into a stripping tower. Dry  $C_8F_{16}$ is recovered from the bottom of tower, and water waper and some  $C_8F_{16}$ vapor are removed from the top. The top wapers are condensed to form a two-phase liquid, which flows into a receiver where the  $C_8F_{16}$  phase



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is separated from the water, and returned to the wet storage tank. The aqueous layer is sent to an auxiliary separator which removes the remainder of the  $C_8F_{16}$  present, before the water is discarded. Dry  $C_8F_{16}$  from the bottom of the towar flows by gravity to a steam heated re-boiler, where it is waperized, with all non-volatile materials remaining behind. Thus, the major part of the waper is withdrawn as purified  $C_8F_{16}$ , and the remainder is returned to the bottom of the distillation column. A more extensive discussion of the K-25 coolant system may be found in Volume II of the Kellex Operating Manuals,

10-5. Recirculating Cooling Water System (Section 800).

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - The principal function of the recirculating cooling water system is to supply water continuously, at a controlled temperature, to the process coolant coolers. An extensive description of the system may be found in Volume V, Part IV of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

b. <u>Capacity.</u> - The following tabulation summarizes the design estimates for plant requirements:

Section	Building	Maximum Flow (GPM	2
200	Food Purification Plant	50	
800	Main Cascade	84,895	
800-C	Coolant Drying Plant	800	
500	Product Handling System	100	
600	Surge and Haste System	<b>25</b>	
800	Water System (line losses, etc.)	60	
1000	Laboratories	500	
1100	Dry Air Plant	15,000	

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1500	Fluorine Generating Plant	265
3400	Conditioning Plant	2,550
1500	Auxiliary Steam Plant	105,643

The total design load was taken as 120,000 GPM or somewhat over 170,000,000 gallons per day, a flow approximately equal to the total water requirements of a city the size of Philadelphia. Of the 105,663 gallons estimated above, some 2000 GPM was to discharge to waste. Adding to this 2500 GPM as estimated evaporation loss, and a blowdown of 800 GPM, the plant make-up requirement was taken as 5500 GPM.

e. <u>Designe</u> - The recirculating cooling water system (Fig. 37) includes two pump houses, two water cooling towers, and two individual supply and return loops. Loop "A" serves the laboratories, the conditioning area, and the cast leg of the cascade "U". Loop "B" serves the west half of the cascade. Connecting fluxes with sluice gates are provided, and the lines with suitable valving, so as to permit of cross-connecting the two circuits when desired. Continuous circulation is maintained through the two loops, and respective process coolers and cooling towers, by means of a battery of recirculating pumps. Make-up is supplied by means of a second and smaller battery of pumps. The pump houses and cooling towers are located just northwest of the main process building "U".

 <u>Make-up Pump House (K-801)</u>. - Water from Poplar Creek flows through an intake channel which is protected by a trash rack, stop logs, and a travelling screen. The make-up pump house is a 41 x 20 foot building with accommodations for four pumps. Three two-





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stage deepwell turbine type pumps are installed, manufactured by Pacific Pumps, Inc., each rated at 2000 GPM against a 50 foot head. These pumps deliver water through 12 inch discharge connections into a 16 inch make-up water header. The flow is then divided into two 12 inch lines which lead respectively to the basins of the cooling towers.

(2) <u>Cooling Towers (H-801, H-808)</u> - Two, cooling towers were supplied by the Marley Company, with induced draft facilities, part or all of which may be shut off during cold weather. Figure 38 shows the general construction features of one of the towers. At the base of each tower a 54 inch warm water main returning from the sascade area divides and feeds into two 36 inch mains, which in turn connect with the wood distribution piping over the towers. From this point, water trickles down and is cooled in its travel to the tower basins. These basins are connected by fluxes to the cold wet wells under the recirculating pump house. Cooling tower "A", containing 18 cells and fams, serves loop "A". Gooling tower "B", containing 14 cells and fams, serves loop "B". In combination, the towers are designed to cool 120,000 GPM from or mear an inlet temperature of 100<sup>6</sup>F, down to 85<sup>6</sup>F with a wet bulb temperature of 78<sup>6</sup>T.

(3) Recirculating Pump House (K-602), - The recirculating pump house overall dimensions are 165 by 94 feet. It houses twelve vertical Pacific deepwell turbine pumps (six rated at 15000 GPM, and six rated at 7500 GPM) and two fire water pumps. Space accommodations are provided for additional pumps of the smaller size. The building also houses such accessories as an office, electrical bay, ohlorinator rooms, and storage facilities. The 7500 GPM pumps are of



the two-stage type, and size 30 inches. They are driven by 350 housepower, 2500 wolt motors. The 15,000 GPM pumps are of the single-stage type and size 56 inches. They are driven by 700 horsepower, 2500 wolt motors.

(4) Supply and Return Main Loops. - The twelve recirculating pumps take their sustion from the cold wells, and discharge into headers supplying the two recirculating water loops. The mains range in size from 48 inches at the north end of the process area, down to 8 inches at the south end. Branch connections are taken off these mains, and run into each of the process buildings to supply the process ecolant coolers. The warm mater from the process is run into branches which connect with the return mains. The warm water return lines range in size from 12 inches at the south end, to 64 inches at the base of the cooling towers. Before reaching the towers, both return headers are provided with a by-pass connection to the recirculating pump house supply flume. These by-pass lines serve as an aid in holding constant water temperature under warying weather conditions.

(5) <u>Process Building Cooling Water Piping</u> - Cool mater enters each process building through a 10 inch pipe which divides to form a lead (ranging in diameter from 8 inches to 6 inches) extending down each side of the basement of the building. Water to each coolant cooler passes from the supply header through a three inch line to the mater inlet on the bottom of the coolant cooler. Flow through this line is limited by a control value which is actuated by a temperature controller. The quantity of water flowing through the coolant cooler is governed by the temperature of  $C_{\rm B}F_{16}$  leaving the cooler. Building



water return piping is parallel and similar to the supply piping, and feeds finally through a 10 inch pipe into the main recirculating return loop, which leads back to the cooling towers.

10-4. Dry Air Plant (Section 1100).

a. <u>Purpose</u> - The extreme necessity for excluding all traces of noisture from the process system led to the construction at the E-25 site of one of the largest air conditioning and drying installations in the world. The dry air plant, located within the cascade court, was designed to serve the following purposes:

- Provide purge capacity to flush wet air from the Section 800 cell enclosures prior to placing equipment in operation.
- 2. Provide a dry air seal for equipment enclosures located within Section 500.
- Provide a limited amount of scaling medium for Section 500 process pump scale.
- 4. Provide an internal dry air blanket atmosphere over coolant systems in Sections 200, 500, and 600.
- 5. Provide continuous normal operating purge of cell enclosures in Section 600 through earbon absorbers to the atmosphere.
- 6. Provide dry air for instruments which are logated within the conditioned enclosures, and which bleed air into these enclosures.

b. <u>Capacity</u> - Ambient air in cell, piping, and equipment enclosures is maintained at a deepoint of  $-40^{\circ}F_{0}$  by a suitable supply





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of -75°F dew point air. The following tabulation summarises the estimated design requirements for -75°F air in standard (measured at 60°F and 14.7 p.s.i.a.) cubic feet per minute.

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Weld leakage (total plant)	2000
Process pump scals (Section 500)	2500
Constant purge (Section 600)	1000
Valve casing seals, valve stems, compressor seals, etc. (whole plant)	2000
Drying plant exclusive of valves (Section 1100)	8000
Total losses	10,500
Purge sapacity (72 large cells per days 50 continuously)	21,000
Recirculation	45,000
Total	75,500

o. <u>Designs</u> - The dry air system comprises recirculation air compressors and coolers, make-up air compressors and coolers, air dryers, an annonia refrigeration system, a brine circulation system, a network of distribution mains and branch piping necessary for the supplying and return of the dry air services, and a dry compressed air system for supplying air to instruments located within the dry air equipment enclosures. The general arrangement of this system is shown in the process flow diagrams, Figures 59 and 40. The total demand of 76,500 SCFM of dry air is divided equally among three identical and parallel divisions of the dry air system. The dehumidifying plant

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was designed to process air received from two sources; recirculation air roturned from the various enclosure casings of Section 800, and atmospheric make-up air used for supplying loss and purge requirements.

(1) Recirculation Air. - Recirculation air is taken from a branch header in each of three plant divisions by two recirculation air compressors, which compress it from a gauge pressure of \$ inches of water, to 15 pessiege (Fig. 59). It is then sent to the sories-arranged water cooler and brine chiller unit provided for each division, where it is socled to \$8°F, and is conducted to one of the two activated alumina drying units ("Hydryers") connected to each of the three divisions of the dry air plant. The air, which is now mixed with make-up air at the entrance to the Hydryer, is split into two equal streams within the dryer, and passes through two alumina beds arranged in parallel (Fig. 40). The streams join at the Hydryer outlet, where the temperature is 55°Fr, pressure 10 pessiege, and the dew point minus 80°F. The alternate Hydryer is always on a regeneration cycle during normal operation. Regeneration is accomplished by stripping the adsorbed water by means of hot atmospheric sir, which is discharged back to the atmosphere. The hot beds are then cooled with 38°F air bled from the recirculation air line. The bed-cooling air is recycled to the recirculation system after being cooled and recompressed.

(2) <u>Make-up Air</u> - Atmosphere air is drawn through a glass wool filter and an absorbent cotton filter arranged in series, and is then compressed to 15  $p_{ssel.gs}$ . It is next cooled to  $38^{o}F_{s}$  and partially dehumidified by a water cooler and brine chiller. From the chiller it is passed through a baffled separator to remove any entrained condensed moisture. The make-up air pipes are then connected into the recirculation air stream at the inlet to the Hydryer.

(3) <u>Refrigeration System</u>. - A direct expansion ammonia compression refrigeration unit maintains the brine solution temperature at  $85^{\circ}F_{\circ}$ . The ammonia compressor takes suction from the evuporating ammonia in the brine coolers, for which peak load pressure is 37 p.s.i.g., corresponding to an ammonia temperature of  $25^{\circ}F_{\circ}$ . The compressor discharge pressure is 200 p.s.i.g. Flow is then through an oil separator and a water-socoled condenser, from which liquid armonia leaves at a temperature of  $101^{\circ}F_{\circ}$ . From the condenser, ammonia flows through a receiver and an expansion valve to the brine cooler, which acts as the ammonia evaporator. Flow is then through subtion traps and back to the compressors. A photograph of the refrigeration system is shown in Appendix E12.

(4) <u>Brine Circulation</u> - The brine circulation system was designed for use of a calcium chloride solution of 1.1 specific gravity. The brine sirculation pumps take subtion from an insulated brine storage tank, and discharge through the ammoniacooled brine coolers. The brine then flows through the air chillers and returns to the storage tank.

(5) <u>Distribution and Return</u> - The dry air distribution system consists of one main supply header, secondary supply headers located in the withdrawal alleys between buildings, and branch headers to the points of  $\neq$  delivery. The outlet pressure of the air conditioning plant (10 to 12 p.s.i.g.) is maintained in the distribution system, and is reduced at the point of delivery by means

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of orifices or control values. The return system consists of various branch systems, each with a booster fan which delivers the air to the collecting main leading back to the drying plant (K-1101). The enclosures and secondary return system are held at approximately one inch of water column gauge by a control value located in the booster fan discharge line.

(a) <u>Instrument Air</u> - A separate supply system furnishes dry compressed air to instruments located within the enclosure easings. Dry air is taken from the Section 1100 main supply header, passed through a sustion filter, and compressed to 55 p.s.i.g. Heat of compression is removed by air-to-air afterocolers. The air then flows to a receiver, where it is maintained at a constant pressure of 50 p.s.i.g. Dry compressed air may also be fed into the plant mitrogen system (Par. 10-7b (2)) should the pressure in the mitrogen distribution line fall below a pre-determined level. For a full description of the K-25 dry air plant, reference may be made to Volume VIII of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

d. <u>Operating Status</u> - It was discovered during early plant operation that a "dead end system" would be more efficient than the recirculation system. Accordingly, suitable changes were made in the piping system and operating procedure so as to enable operation without returning the air from the process buildings to the dry air plant. Instead, the process buildings are supplied with air at a constant pressure and essentially no flow (except that required to make up for small continuous leakage losses and periodic bleedings). At various points in the system, provision is made for bleeding the













dry air to the atmosphere when the dew point has risen to minus 40°F. This air is then replaced with minus 75°F air from Section 1100.

10-5. Compressed Air Plant (Section 1200).

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - The function of the "plant air system" is to deliver air at a pressure at 100 p.s.i.g. to points of Section 500 and other parts of K-25 where it is required for miscellaneous instruments, (not located within the dry air equipment enclosures), maintenance, and other services. A secondary function is to provide a supplementary source of minus 50°F dew point air for use in cases when the output of the dry air plant (Section 1100) may fall below the demand.

b. <u>Capacity.</u> - The compressor house (K-1201) contains five air compressors, including two 5400 CFM Ingersoll-Rand units, and three 2000 CFM Chicago Pneumatic compressors. (App. Ell).

o. Design. - Five air receivers (Fig. 41) connect to a common header which discharges through two afterchillers and two drying units to the plant air distribution system. The latter consists essentially of a loop skirting the process area and serving the main process buildings, and branch headers leading from the loop to auxiliary buildings. One or more pressure control valves in each building reduce the air pressure to a desired level when necessary for particular services. Plant air, at a dew point of minus  $50^{\circ}$ F., is used for all services not requiring the minus  $75^{\circ}$ F dew point compressed air produced in section 1000. The plant air system described in this paragraph is interconnected with the special compressed dry air system (Par. 10-4c (5) (a)) at Sections 1100 and 500. At Section 1100, the arrangement is such that, should the pressure in the dry air header fall below a



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specified level, the plant air will automatically discharge into the dry air system to increase the pressure. At Section 300, the systems are complementary; that is either system will supply the other. Air from Section 1200 is dried to a lesser extent than that from Section 1100, but its dew point is low enough so that it may be temporarily used for dry air services without undue contamination of valuable materials. Further details can be found in Volume V, Part III of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

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10-6. <u>Inbrigating Gil System.</u> - Because the importance of the process pumps to E-25 plant operation ranks second only to that of the stage converters, and since successful operation of these pumps is totally dependent upon proper lubrication, provision for an extensive and carefully designed lubricating oil system formed a basic requirement for plant design.

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - Facilities are provided for storing, pumping, filtering, and cooling lubricating oil, and for circulating it through the shaft bearings of all process pumpe of the main cascade, in number approximately 5800.

 b. <u>Design.</u> - Each building in Section 300 is equipped with its own independent gravity feed oiling system shown schematically in Figure 42.

(1) <u>Drain Drum.</u> - A horisontal, cylindrical, lubricating oil drain drum is located in the basement of each cascade building (App. El), and is capable of holding the entire oil inventory of the building. Drum eise is in proportion to the number of cells in the building. A typical capacity is 3080 gallons for a ten-cell building.



(2) <u>Oil Conditioner.</u> - A portable centrifuge has been provided for use at required points in coossional oil cleaning operations, which are necessary because of slight sludge build-up in the drain drum. The unit is a product of the De Laval Separator Company, and is capable of removing water and foreign particles from oil at the rate of 500 GPM.

(5) <u>Oil Pupps</u>. - Two oil pumps are required for each building. Under normal conditions, one is operating, and delivers 25 per cent excess oil to the header. The overflow is returned to the building drain drum, and may be observed through a sight glass in the run-down line to the basement. In case the pump fails to deliver sufficient oil to the header, an automatic float-controlled alarm and cut-in switch is actuated, and the spare pump is started. The pumps are of the centrifugal type, and were supplied by Allis-Chalmers, by the Aurora Pump Company, and by the Worthington Pump and Hachinery Corporation. The size of the driving notor varies with the number of cells per building. A typical rating is 25 horsepower for a ten-cell building using 340 GPM of oil flow.

(4) <u>Filters and Strainers.</u> - Foreign particles may damage process pump bearings; it is therefore imperative that the oil be kept free from dirt and grit. Toward this end, each building is equipped with an oil filter designed to remove particles larger than 0,008 inches, and a strainer which removes particles down to 0,006 inches. The filter is located in the discharge line of the oil pump in the basement, and the strainer is located in the line leading to the process pump bearings.

(5) Coolers. - The lubricating system was designed

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for a  $30^{\circ}$ F temperature rise of the pil passing through the bearings. On the assumption of a  $20^{\circ}$ F drop caused by radiation losses in the system, the oil cooler was designed to reduce the pil temperature by  $10^{\circ}$ F. The coolers are standard Schutte and Koerting two-pass, water-oil heat exchangers. Oil flows through the shell in a single pass. Cooling water makes two passes through the tubes.

(6) <u>Instrumentation</u>. - The lubricating oil system is provided with suitable pressure, temperature, and flow indicators.

(7) <u>Piping</u> • The lubricating cil system of each building is served by an eight-inch pipe header running the full length of the building, and located nine feet, four inches above the operating floor. The building header is fitted with a branch for each cell, and is provided with an "H"-shaped riser in which is located an overflow line and a float-controlled switch which operates the spare pump. Oil flows by gravity from the main header to the cell branch headers, which supply the process pumps to be lubricated. A walve just before the cell headers, maintains the pressure at 4 p.s.i.g. At this pressure, the orifices in the bearing feed lines will meter the flow to 0.5 GPH for the load bearing, and 1.75 GPH for the thrust bearing. After passing over a process pump shaft, the oil discharges to the building drain drum through a 3/4 inch line. Further details may be found in Volume VI of the Kellex Operating Hanuals.

c. <u>Lubricating Oil.</u> - The oil used in the lubricating system is a turbine oil with an approximate rating of SAE  $\frac{1}{2}$ 10, and has a specific gravity of 0.865. The total inventory of lubricating oil for Section 800 is approximately 120,000 gallons.

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10-7. Dry Mitrogen Supply System. ..

a. <u>Purpose</u>. - The function of the dry nitrogen system is to deliver a suitable dry insert gas for the various purging and sealing operations required in the process area. Operations requiring the use of dry nitrogen may be divided into two general classifications; those which require nitrogen to be continually available but do not require a continuous flow, and those which do require a continuous flow. In the first group nitrogen is used to perform the following "purge and bleed" functions."

- 1. As a medium for purging process equipment and piping during the process of removing UPA.
- 2. As a scaling medium to prevent leakage of atmospheric air into piping or equipment containing process gas.
- 5. In cortain cases as a scaling modium between double walves on process gas lines of diameters under 5 inches, where single-scated valves are used.

4. For purging of portable CyFig units (Par. 10-6b).

5. For operating the blow-out preventer device in the process gas pump. (Vol. 2, Par. 5-10).

A continuous flow of nitrogen is required for the following functions:

- 1. As a scalant material for the process gas pumps,
- 2. As an inert gas for the instrument datum header.
- As an inert gas for the buffer somes in instruments and control valves.
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- (1) Vaporiser Plant. A description of the nitrogen

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generating plant (which is physically located in the conditioning area) is presented in Paragraph 11-7.

(2) <u>Distribution Systems</u> - The dry nitrogen (code name: G-74) is distributed by means of a special piping system arranged to connect the generating plant (E-1406) with points of use in the process and conditioning areas. Any building can be supplied with nitrogen at a pressure of 30 p.s.i. The maximum flow in the loop was calculated on the assumption that 42.4 cells per day might be taken off stream and purged, with half that number being purged simultaneously. The maximum volume flowing was calculated upon the basis that the 21 cells which might be purged simultaneously would be distributed among the various sections of the process area in proportion to the number of cells in the sections. Provision has been made for dry air to replace nitrogen whenever an interruption in the nitrogen supply causes the pressure in the loop to drop to a dangerous point. Sufficient air is provided for those services which must operate continuously such as pump seels, buffer somes, and datum headers.

(5) <u>Purge and Bleed System.</u> - The function of the purge and bleed system is to provide dry nitrogen for purging equipment and piping containing  $W_{60}$  and for scaling values and defined lines. During the purging of equipment, nitrogen acts as a diluent to reduce the concentration of  $W_6$  below 35 per cent, which is the maximum concentration the cold traps can handle. Each cell is filled with nitrogen to atmospheric pressure, evacuated to cold traps, re-filled with nitrogen to approximately 5. p.s.i.a., and again evacuated to cold traps. The concentration of  $W_6$  in the cells is then at a point where

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it will be safe to open equipment. Purging of lines and drums is handled in a similar manner. To avoid confusion in nonsemplature, it should be pointed out that purging UF<sub>6</sub> from equipment amounts to "process gas recovery" (Par. 7-12), and is entirely distinct from purging nitrogen from the process stream (Pars. 7-11 and 7-14). The headers and branches of the purge system are designed so that the time required to fill the equipment and piping in a cell, from 1 mm pressure up to atmospheric pressure, will not exceed 7 minutes. All of the cells in a typical 10 cell building can be filled with nitrogen in slightly over 50 minutes.

(4) <u>Pump Scaling Systems</u> - Pump scals are supplied from a storage drum through a spring-loaded pressure control valve and a surge tank. As nitrogen is consumed by the scals, the pressure control valve allows more to bleed in from the storage tank, which has been designed to hold enough nitrogen for approximately a 12 hour run. Because of the small elemanoes involved in the pump scals, it is a essential that the nitrogen be filtered to remove any foreign particles in the line. Each cell system is supplied with three filters for this purpose. The final filter is capable of trapping out particles whose greatest dimension is 0.0005 inches. A choice in the feed line to each scal is provided, so that in the event of a broken scal the inleakage will be no greater than twelve times the greatest normal inleakage. In addition to restricting the flow, the choice provides a convenient means of indicating and locating a broken scal from the increased pressure drop across the choice (Vol. 2, Par. 6-14).

(5) Buffer Zone System. - A buffer sone header

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SE-6	."و	178	160	212
62.9	4	178	· 160	212
62-10	8	178	160	212
6E-7	SAME AS PE-215	178	160	212
GE-8	SAMEAS PE-SHE	178	160	212
GE-4	1	178	160	212
6E-15	r	178	/60	212
6E-16	5	178	160	2/2
6 <i>E-</i> 17	SAME AS	178	160	2/2
62-10	1	178	160	2/2
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K-301-5	-	-	301-1-M-00-AAS	2"	301-5-14-00-AM	4	301-5 M-00-AA-1		1	4	6
K-301-1704	•		301-1-M-00-AA-5	2"	301-1-M-00-AND	4"			1.		6
K-302-1		-	1-AA-00-11-5-50E	7	302-1-11-00-44-3	4	3021-14-00-AA3	-1	2	4	6
A-302-2704	-	-	302-2-H-00-AA-1	2	502-2-M-00-4A-2	4		-	-	-	6
R-302-5	302-5-H-00-AA-2	142	302-2-M-00-AA-1	r	302.5-11-00 AA-1	4	302-5H 00 AA 1		4	4	6
K-303-1	-	-	303-1-11-00-AA-4	2	303+ H-00 AA3	4	303+H-00443	91	2	4	6
K-303-2709	-	•	3031-H-00-AA-4	ĩ	3032H 00 142	4	-	•	-	-	6"
K-303-10	303-10-11-00 AA-2	٤"	303 1 M 00 AA 4	2"	30310 11 00 AA /	4*	303 10 1 00 AA /	0	4	4	6
K-304-1		•	3041 M-00 AA-4	192	304 1-M-00 AA3	3	3041-11-08-44-3	-1	Ζ.	30	4"
K-304-2704		-	3041-M-00-AA-4	142	304-2-H-00 AA+	3	-	-	-	-	4"
K-304-5	-	-	304+H00-144	11/2	3045-M-00441	5"	3045H00141	20	1	3'	4"
K-305-1	-	•	3051-14-00-44-4	142	305+ H 00 AA 2	3'	005 / H 00 AA2	-,	2	3°	4"
K305-270-11	•	-	3051-19-00-14-4	142	3052 M-00 AAI	3″	-	-	-	-	4"
K-305-12	• .	•	305-11-00-11-4	11/2	1-44-00-MSI-20C	3"	144-08-11-51-200	8	1	. J*	4'
K-306-1		•	306-1-M-08-AA-5	1	306+4-00-442	3"	3061-11-00-14-2	21	2	31	4"
K-306 2706	-	-	3061 M-00 AA-5	1	306-2-H-00-AA-F	3	-	- 1	-	•	4"
K-306-7	-	-	306 1-M-00-A45	r	306711-00 AAI	30	•	-	-	-	4"
×309-142	-	-	309-1-M-00-4A-4	Z*	309-1-M-00-44-3	4"	· · ·	•	-	- 1	6"
K-369-3	•	•	309-1-M-00 AAI	Z"	509 3 H 00 MI	4	309-3-M-08-AH	142	20	4"	6"
K-310-1	-	-	310-1-N-00-AA-3	192	310-1-M-00-142	4"	310-1-M-00-M-Z	8	1-	4"	6"
K-310-243	- 1	-	3/0-1-M-00-AA-3	11/2	310-2-M-00-AA-1	4*	-	- 1	- 1	-	6"
K-311-1	-	- 1	311-1-H-00-AA-4	172	3/1-1-M-00-AA-2	3"	311-1-M-00-A4-2	1	1	э*	4*
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supplies the buffer somes of the differential transmitters and the process control values of the cell. These buffer somes afford process protection against air inleakage in case of failure of a disphram or  $\bigwedge_{\Lambda}$  bellows. A capillary cheke flow element indicates any radical change in the condition of flow in the buffer some line. Normally there will be no flow since the nitrogen is dead-ended in the instruments. Oc-

(6) Building and Cell Datum System. - The sell datum system (Par. 8-12b(4)) is arranged so that it can be normally connected to a constant pressure building datum header, or, if desired, to a system which varies the datum as the process pressure varies. Further information is contained in Volume III of the Keller Operating Namels.

10-8. <u>Mobile Service Units</u> - Various portable units have been designed to serve miscellansous temporary purposes at any desired point in the cascade. Many of the operating principles, designs, and functions are analogous to those of equipment described in Section 8. Mobile units used at K-25 are briefly discussed below; extensive descriptions are available in Volume IV of the Keller Operating Manuals.

a. <u>High Wasuum Pumping Units</u> - These units are used in loak detection work. The pumping equipment is described in Volume 2. Paragraph 5-10; the loak detection equipment in Volume 2. Paragraph 6-4.

## b. C-716 Supply, Purging, and Disposal Units.

(1) <u>Purpose</u>. - It was planned to test the performance of all items of process equipment, prior to placing in service with uranium hemafluoride, by preliminary operation on n-perfluoroheptane

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(oode maxe: C-718) as a process gas. This work is described in Volume 5. Mobile service units were accordingly provided to serve the following purposes:

1. To charge CyFig into the cells.

- 2. To evacuate cells containing CyPig at operating pressure.
- 5. To evacuate cells containing mixtures of air and  $C_7F_{10}$  at atmospheric pressure.
- 4. To purge air and nitrogen continuously from equipment operating on  $C_7F_{16}$  by withdrawing a mixture of air, nitrogen, and  $C_7F_{16}$ , condensing and separating the  $C_7F_{16}$ , waperising it, and returning it to the operating equipment.

(2) <u>Designs</u> - The  $C_{\gamma}F_{10}$  supply, purging, and disposal equipment is mounted on a trailer. Approximate overall dimensions are: height 12 feet, length 16 feet, and width 8 feet. Condensers, receivers, and pumps are pyramided in the central portion of the trailer, arranged for maximum use of gravity flow, and held in position by structural steel supports.

(a) <u>Gell-Charging Equipment</u> - When  $C_{\gamma}F_{10}$  is to be fed to a cell, it flows from a storage receiver to a vaporiser, from which it is piped to the cell. The waporiser is made of silicon bronse, and has an external electrical strip heater. The receiver is a 58 gallon drum, also of silicon bronse.

(b) <u>Removal and Purging Equipments</u> - A vector pump and vapor condenser are used to remove gaseous  $C_7F_{10}$  from a cell and liquefy it.  $C_7F_{10}$  is separated from air or nitrogen by conden-



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sation when a cell containing dilute  $C_7F_{16}$  is purged. Condensation is schieved by means of an auxiliary two-stage Freen-22 refrigeration system. The  $C_7F_{16}$  condenser is rade up of a bronze shell and finned copper tubes.

c. C-216 Supply Units.

(1) <u>Purposes</u> - The C-216 mobile supply units are designed to supply fluorine (code name; C-216) to the cells for the purpose of conditioning cell piping after assembly.

(2) Design, - The fluorine is supplied to the process area in cylinders at either of two concentrations. Pure fluorine is furnished when a circulating conditioning procedure is to be used, and a 20 mol per cent mixture of fluorine in nitrogen when the static conditioning method is to be used. The cylinders are filled to a pressure not exceeding 40 p.s.i. at Section 1500 (Par. 11-4), and mounted on a dolly for case of transportation within the process buildings. The dolly and drum are transported between process buildings, and between the process area and Section 1500, by means of a special truck. The drum is connected to the fluorine inlet connection of the cell to be conditioned by means of a special section of pipe and fluxible metal base. The holding drum is a 1/4 inch thick monal cylinder of 49 subic feet capacity, S-1/2 feet in length.

d. C-216 Disposal Units.

(1) <u>Purpose.</u> - The C-816 disposal system was designed to exhaust fluorine-nitrogen mixture from equipment and piping, and transport it by pipeline to the fluorine disposal plant, K-1406 (Par. 11-5). This disposal plant was not scheduled for completion during the early stages of K-25 operation; one portable disposal unit





was therefore designed to serve as a temporary means for removing fluorine from cells after conditioning.

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(2) Design.

(a) <u>Fermanent System.</u> - The permanent fluorine disposal unit consists of a system of fixed piping with portable vacuum pumps. Fluorine-mitrogen mixture is withdrawn from the cells or other pieces of equipment to building headers. At the front of each building, these gases pass through portable vacuum pumps which are used singly or in pairs, depending on the size of the equipment being evacuated. The gases discharged from the vacuum pumps pass through mist filters, where entrained pump oil is removed, and then enter a collecting header which skirts the process area, and sarries the gas to the disposal tower at Building K-1405. Stokes vacuum pumps are used as described in Paragraph 5-9 of Volume 2. A typical portion of the permanent piping system, and the portable pumping facilities, are shown in Figure 43 (facing p. 10.19).

(b) <u>Temporary Unit.</u> - Equipment for the temporary unit is mounted on a trailer, and can be moved to the required location by means of a truck. The temporary G-216 disposal wagon is shown in plan and elevation by Figure 44 (facing p. 10.20). A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 45 (facing p. 10.21). Fluorine-nitrogen mixture is exhausted from the equipment, after conditioning, by means of two vacuum pumps connected in parallel. The pumps discharge through mist filters, where entrained pump oil is removed, and then to a salt reactor where the fluorine is absorbed, and chlorine gas is released. This vessel is water-cooled to dissipate the heat of the reaction. The









effluent gas mixture, consisting of chlorine, nitrogen, and some fluorine, leaves the reactor and flows through a soda line trap where the concentrations of fluorine and chlorine are reduced to a safe value before the gas is vented to the atmosphere.

C-616 Absorption Units. - Two mobile units were constructed to serve as a means for evacuating and disposing of uranium hexafluoride (code name: C-616) from Case I cells before the process gas recovery system was brought into operation. The mobile UFg disposal unit, shown in the flow diagram, Figure 46 (facing p. 10.22), is mounted on a trailer so that it may be easily moved by an electric tractor. It consists, essentially, of a flexible hose connection to the cell to be evacuated, a carbon trap, a vacuum pump, and two mist filters. Gas containing from 10 to 100 per cent UF6 is passed through a valve and throttling orifice, whereas mixtures containing less than 10 per cent UFA are fed to the carbon trap without throttling. The gases flow through a bed of mixed activated carbon and alumina where, at temperatures below 450°F, UF6 is removed from the gas stream by surface adsorption. At higher temperatures, UFA reacts with the earbon to form non-volatile uranium compounds and volatile carbon fluorides. Flow must be stopped if the temperature, as indicated by thermocouples in the carbon bed, rises above 450°F. The units were designed to absorb 233 pounds of UF6. An assembly drawing of the unit is shown in Figure 47.





SECTION 11 - CONDITIONING AREA DESIGN

11-1. Introductions - In addition to the conditioning area proper (designated Section 1400), this section treats of Sections 1500 and 1500, also physically located in the northeast region of the K-25 site which is spoken of more broadly as the "conditioning area" in order to distinguish facilities in this location from those of the process, power and administration areas. Locations of structures mentioned below are shown in Appendix A4 of Volume 1, and Appendix D16 of Volume 5. The following discussion of conditioning area design may be supplemented by reference to Volume 1 of the Kellex Operating Hannals, Book IX of the Kellex Engineering Descriptions, and Sections III,(1) and III, (5) of the Kellex Completion Report. Conditioning area operations are covered in Volume 5.

11-2. Conditioning Building (K-1401).

a. <u>Purpose</u> - The conditioning building was designed to house equipment and facilities serving a variety of purposes:

1. Conditioning of the following classes of equipments

a. Converters.

b. Ргоовв ризра.

c. Kiscellaneous sub-ascemblies.

2. Testing of equipments

a. Porosity and separation efficiency of converters.

b. Vacuum testing.

8. Cleaning of equipment.

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- 4. Repair of equipment.
- 5. Storage of spare equipment and parts.
- 6. Pipe fabrication.

The conditioning building was thus designed basically as an extensive and specialized maintenance plant where equipment could be prepared for service in the process area.

b. <u>Preliminary Engineering.</u> - It was necessary that the facilities listed above be available before any process equipment could be installed in the main process buildings. The conditioning building and accessories were therefore scheduled for early construction, and had to be engineered in the shortest possible time. The building (emplusive of special equipment and systems) was designed, under contract W-7407-eng-19, by Ford, Bacony and Davis, Inc., who also managed the construction work. Decisions affecting layout of the building and the amount of equipment to be installed were primarily influenced by two considerations;

- The installation would have to be large enough to handle on enormous volume of equipment during the construction stages of the K=25 program without becoming a bottleneck.
- Oversising was to be avoided, since it was planned that eventually the building would be used for maintenance purposes only.

The problem was complicated by the uncertain status of the cleaning and conditioning development programs. Analysis of the cleaning conditioning, and maintenance activities planned established the fact





that a building 400 feet wide and 1000 feet long would be required. The building would have to be conveniently located with respect to railway from sidings to facilitate reception of equipment arriving the manufacturers' A plants. It was also important that access be available to main highways leading into the process area. Fortunately, a steel framework was found, of suitable size and design, and partly fabricated for use by another project. A considerable amount of time was saved by procuring this steel; the framework was rapidly adapted by Ford, Bacony and Davis to meet specific K-25 requirements.

c. <u>Original Design.</u> - The conditioning building, situated 300 feet east of the caseade "U", is a 400 by 1000 foot, onestory building of steel frame and brick wall construction. It is 25 feet high, and contains a partial basement of 72,000 square feet area. Overhead cranes serve operating floor space. Floor area was originally allocated as follows:

Conditioning furnace room	64,000 square feet
Running test stands	24,000
Pipe assembly shop	41,600
Cleaning area	<b>2</b> 5 <b>,</b> 600
Vacuum testing area	12,800
Unit assembly	28,800
Unit storage	82 <sub>0</sub> 000
Storage - parts	28,800
Haintenance and repair shop	52,800
Instrument shop	6 <b>,400</b>
Transfer lanes	67,200



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Cafeteria	4,800
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(1) Converter Conditioning Stands. - The converter conditioning stands were designed to provide a means for pre-treating the diffusion stage convertors by circulating fluorine-nitrogen mixtures, loak testing the entire assembly before treating, and checking the porosity of the barrier tubes before and after conditioning. It was necessary to release detailed drawings and specifications to equipment manufacturers before adequate laboratory data were available. For example, it was not known whether conditioning for a few hours at 500°F would be preferable to conditioning for longer times at lower temperatures; whether static or circulating treatment would be required; and whether dilute or concentrated fluoring mas concentrations would be most efficient. There was also uncertainty as to whother the presence of an exide film would interfere with the formation of a protective fluoride coating, and whether means could be found for removal of objectionable organic impurities during barrier manufacture. It was possible that a hydrogen treatment and/or degassing might be required to prepare the barrier for conditioning. In order to provide for all contingencies, the converter conditioning stands were originally designed to permit:

- 1. Hydrogen treatment at temperatures up to 600°F.
- 2. Degassing under high vacuum.
- 5. Conditioning with or without circulation at tempera-







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tures up to 300°F for as long as 24 hours. Provision of converter conditioning facilities was based on the following anticipated daily production of converters at the Chrysler plant:

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The required number of stands was set at 18 large size units (for Size 1 and 2 converters) and 18 small size units (for Size 3 and 4 process converters, and purge converters). Several months after the orders had been placed for the converter and pump conditioning stand equipment, and at a time when the engineering of the conditioning area was well under way, conclusive laboratory data became available. Optimum conditioning called for a five hour circulation cycle in dilute fluorine at  $300^{\circ}$ F. Hydrogen treatment and degassing were found to be unressessary. Hydrogen treatment and degassing were eliminated, and alight design modifications were made in order to adapt the stands for best operation at  $300^{\circ}$ F.

(a) <u>Furnaces</u> - The furnaces proper (located on the main floor) are of the electrically heated, horizontal bell type, fitted with removable heads to permit setting the converters in place. The furnaces and electrical control equipment were furnished by the General Electric Company. Each large furnace (Fig. 48) is  $7^{*}-11-1/2^{*}$ in diameter by  $16^{*}-9^{*}$  in length, and is provided with a gas-tight

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welded steel casing with 5 inches of insulation on the sides, and a reflectory brick floor. Heating elements with a total capacity of 150 NY extend below the supports along the longitudinal axis of the furnace. They are divided into three separately controlled groups of 60 EV capacity each. The heating elements are fitted with steel easings which are connected to the suction of three centrifugal fans, each of which is driven by a V-1/2 horsepower motor. The fans circulate heated air through the heaters and around the converter in such manner as to provide efficient heat transfer. The upper portion is a semi-cylindrical, removable head. A skirt on the edge of the hood fits into a trough around the edge of the lower portion of the furnace, and provides for a water seal to keep the heated air from escaping through the joint between the two sections. The lower portion of the casing is provided with a limit switch which is open when the hood is removed; while in this position it prevents the closing of fan noter and heater evrouits, and affords protection of operators working on the furnace. Three 4 inch vent valves are placed along one side of the furnace, and additional valves, of 3 inch size, are located on the upper portion of the hood. These are used for admitting air to, and discharging air from, the furnace in order to assist in cooling the furned and the converter at the end of the conditioning period. The small furnaces are  $5^{+}-3-1/2^{+}$  x 12'-5-1/4", and similar in design.

(b) <u>Alignment Device.</u> - The lower portion of the furnace is fitted with an alignment device for locating converters in the proper position. This device consists of two rollers with axes parallel to the longitudinal axis of the furnace, and serves as the





support for the convertor. The rollers rest upon mountings at either end which permit the assembly to be shifted laterally by means of jack screws. The rollers themselves may be moved toward or away from each other at each end. Such movements shift the points of support so as to raise or lower the converter, at either or both ends, in order to bring the flanged nossles to the proper elevation for alignment with the piping. A dog, with a turnbuckle attached to the framework at one end of the furnace, supplies the means for shifting a convertor longitudinally along the rollers. Adjustment is this provided in three directions. Spacer pieces to be mounted upon the rollers are provided for the support of the Size 2 converter so as to bring the elevation of its center line to the same height as that of the Size 1 converter when setting it in place for conditioning.

(c) <u>Piping.</u> - Monel circulating piping for conditioning gas is traced with cooling coils and strip heaters. It passes through the floor, and connects with the circulating pumps, vacuum pumps, and fluorine removal pumps located in the basement. Also installed in the basement are the furnace instrument panels, gas feed lines, and exhaust lines. This arrangement reduces the required base area, and serves to separate the operating crowe from the handling arows (App. E9).

(d) <u>Purps.</u> - The circulating purps (Vol. 2, Par. 5-6) are driven by 7-1/2 horsepower motors, and  $d_{0}^{a_{0}^{a_{0}}}$  designed to circulato gases at the rate of 350 CFM. The fluorine removal pumps (Vol. 2, Par. 5-9) are retary type vacuum pumps of 50 CFM capacity, capable of reducing the pressure in the assembly of 1 mm. of mercury.







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They take suction from the circulating piping between the discharge side of the circulating pump and the furnace. The fluorine vacuum pumps are lubricated with special fluor arbon oil, and provided with a mist filter in the discharge line, which leads into one of two fluorine disposal headers. A high vacuum pump (Vol. 2, Par. 5-10) is connected to the "A" end of the converter, and is used for evacuating the unit prior to treatment. In conjunction with a leak detector (Vol. 2, Par. 6-4), it is also used for leak testing of the entire assembly Before a run. Each small stand is equipped with a 2000 GFM vacuum pump, and each large stand with a 4000 CFM pump. Appendix E9 shows a photographic view of converter test stand furnace piping and pumps. A detailed description of converter conditioning equipment may be found in Volume XXIII. Fart I of the Kellox Operating Hamals.

(2) <u>Fump Conditioning Stands</u> - Twenty conditioning stands were provided to facilitate fluorination of process pumps. Each consists principally of a control panel, a pump sub-base, and a hood for enclosing the pump casing during processing (Fig. 49). The hood is made in two sections, the lower section being fastened to the floor, and containing a manifold of five bellows-scaled valves. Four of these valves control nitrogen, fluorine, common, and disposal headers. The fifth is located at the common junction of the other four, All have extension handles for operating from outside the hood. A flexible tube runs from the last-maned valve to the intake flange on the pump, and a pressure measurement tap is provided in this line. Sixteen 500 watt strip heaters are located in the lower hood. A limit switch on the heaters (open when the hood is off) is installed for safety purposes.



The interior of the hood can be ventilated by means of the same exhaust system which evacuates the pump seals. Each pump stand hood is connected into this system through a quick-opening valve. Suitable auxiliary systems are installed for the supply, respectively, of fluorine, nitrogen, lubricating oil, instrument air, and electrical power, and for fluorine disposal, seal and hood exhaust, and instrumentation. A full description may be found in Volume XXIII, Part II of the Kellex Operating Hammals.

### (8) Running Tost Stands.

(a) <u>Preliminary Engineering</u> - When it was uncertain what decline in barrier porosity would be normal during converter conditioning, and whether or not the conditioning operation would be carried out under static or circulating conditions, it was originally proposed that each unit (or a large majority of the total) should be tested after conditioning to determine its porosity and separation performance under conditions which closely simulated actual operation. For this purpose, the "running test stand" was developed, and the converter test area was originally designed to accommodate ninsteen stands.

(b) <u>Purpose</u> - Specifically, the contemplated function of the running test stands was three-fold:

> L. To provide a performance test in order to demonstrate that converters (and process pumps) would operate at pressure levels, friction drops, and flow rates in conformity with plant design.

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5. To measure the separation performance of converters.

(c) Further Development. - Work with a prototype running stand at Chrysler, however, corroborated the basic permeability transformation theory developed, and the approximate correctness of the calculated friction drops inside the unit; it followed, therefore, that measurements of permeability made on the conditioning stand with nitroren at atmospheric pressure and low pressure drops could be safely translated theoretically to permeability of process gas under operating conditions. At the same time, the leak flow theory showed that damage to the barrier could be more sensitively detected by low-pressure-drop flow measurements, then by measurements of decline in separation officiency. It also developed, subsequently, that conditioning of converters by circulating dilute fluoring-nitrogen mixtures would be preferable to static treatment. Flow measurements at the conditioning stand would therefore be available, and the running test consequently became unnecessary as a final acceptance test. This was fortunate, since experience had proved that the running tests were time-consuming, and very troublegome, mechanically.

(d) <u>Test Stands Installed.</u> - Four running test stands (Fig. 50) were finally installed for the purpose of testing separation efficiency of converters of each of the four standard sizes. In addition, one was provided for testing the "A" pump Venturi meters (Par. 7-5b), and two were constructed to serve as "breaking in" stands to determine the most desirable type of instrumentation for running tests. The test stands are arranged in a row along a trench in which are located C7F16 supply and return mains, nitrogen supply and exhaust

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mains, and water, instrument air, and lubricating oil lines. The trench leads to a service pit containing equipment for supply and removal of  $C_7F_{16}$  and  $C_8F_{16}$ . The service pit is  $25 \ge 25 \ge 10$  feet deep. It is provided with access ladders and with a ventilation system capable of handling 6000 GFN of air. The converter assembly for the four standard size running test stands includes a base for receiving the converter. An "A" pump and a "B" pump of sizes corresponding to the converter size are permanently installed on concrete sub-bases at each end of the converter base.

(e)  $C_7F_{16}$  Supply System. - n-perfluoroheptame  $(C_7F_{16})$  is used as a test fluid. The utilities for the supply of  $C_7F_{16}$ are located in the service pit from which test fluid is furnished to the several test stands and removed from the converters on test in these stands through pipe mains in the distribution trench.  $C_7F_{16}$  is introduced from shipping drums into a drier, which is mounted over, and drains into, a horisontal charging tank. From the obarging tank, the circuit leads to the  $C_7F_{16}$  fluid heater. This apparatus consists of seven double-pipe elements, and serves to preheat the test fluid with steam. From the preheater,  $C_7F_{16}$  is delivered to a reboiler. The vapor generated in the reboiler is delivered to the trench distribution system.

(f)  $C_0F_{16}$  Supply System. - Process coolant ( $C_0F_{16}$ ) is supplied to the coolers of convertors under test. The  $C_0F_{16}$  system is designed to furnish a continuous supply of ocolant, at controlled temperature, to any single test stand, or to any number of test stands operating simultaneously. The system includes a storage

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tank, coolant cooler, coolant pump, and spare pump.

(g) Pump Seal System. - Procedures for the testing of converters on the running test stands call for the circulation of nitrogen, CyF16, and mixtures of the two gases. Mitrogen is used principally as a circulating medium for warming the system. During this step, the mechanical work of the circulating pump is converted into heat, and warms the converter and piping. During this stage, nitrogen must be used for sealing of the pumps. While testing with CyF16 or mixtures of CyF16 and nitrogen, it was important that there would be no dilution or change in dilution of CyFig. The seals accordingly had to be supplied with C7F16 vapor. Thus requirements called for a seal gas supply from two sources. Mitrogen is delivered to each stand from a main under a reduced pressure of 5 p.s.i.g. C7F16 is taken from the main wapor line in the trench in which the vapor pressure is 5 p.s.i.g. Since CyF16 will condense at atmospheric temperatures when under pressures above 1.5 p.s.i.a., the main is stem traced as are also the branches leading to the seals of the pumps. At each pump, the nitrogen supply passes through a gas filter, and branches alongside the pump base. One branch leads directly to the pump atmospheric seal; the other joins the CyFig supply line. The common line connects to the inner seal of the pump. The vacuum chamber of the seal is connected to a vacuum header serving all of the test stands. Two 15 CFM Stokes vacuum pumps maintain the seal vacuum header under vacuum at all times during operation.

(h) <u>Instrumentation.</u> - Primarily, instrumentation is provided for the purpose of measuring the gas flow rate and



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pressure losses through the barrier tubes of a converter under test, together with the corresponding rates of flow and pressure losses under established pressure and temperature conditions. Separation factor tests require sampling and analysis to establish the percentages of nitrogen in  $C_7F_{16}$ - nitrogen mixtures at the inlet and outlet points of the converter.

(i) <u>High Vacuum Pump.</u> - A 2000 CPM Westinghouse high vacuum diffusion pump connected to the inlet at the "B" end of the converter assembly produces the vacuum necessary for leak testing.

(j) Lubricating System. - Lubricating oil for the pump bearings is piped through branches from the supply and return headers connecting with the central lubricating system (which also supplies the pumps under treatment in the converter conditioning stands).

(4) <u>Pipe Assembly Shop.</u> - This area was used by the
Midwest Piping and Supply Company for assembling of process piping
(Vol. 4).

(5) <u>Cleaning Area.</u> - Cleaning facilities include a degreeser capable of hendling any unit dis-assembly, five small auxiliary reservoir tanks for oleaning solutions, a set of turning rolls for cleaning large cylindrical vessels, water filters, and four drying units. Steam and acid fumes are exhausted by means of five 80,000 CFM fams (Par. 11-30). The cleaning operations are carried out in twelve tanks each approximately 34 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 4 feet deep. Five are rubber-lined, and three are lined with acid resisting brick. Three contain steam heating coils, and six are equipped

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for forced circulation. All overflow to a trench system depressed in the floor. The trenches are lined with acid-proof brick, and conduct waste cleaning acids to Building K-1407 for neutralisation (Par. 11-6). The cleaning shop can handle equipment ranging from small valves to large pipe assemblies, and is equipped for solvent degreasing, alkaline cleaning, water rinsing, acid pickling, scratch brushing, and surface passivation.

(6) <u>Vacuum Testing Area.</u> - The vacuum testing area adjoins the cleaning area. It contains six portable vacuum stands for testing pipe assemblies. Vacuum testing of equipment to be newly installed in the process plant, or re-installed after repair and/or reconditioning, is carried out in this area. In addition, mobile equipment is used for vacuum testing at various locations throughout the building. Vacuum testing equipment is discussed in Volume 2, Paragraphs 5-10 and 6-4.

(7) Unit Assembly and Storage Area. - This space was used for the assembly of process piping. After original K-25 construction and equipment installation was finished and f conditioning of the process piping was begun, this area was converted for use in disassembly of units before cleaning.

(8) <u>Maintenance and Repair Shop.</u> - Six divisions were originally included in this space; machine shop, tool room, heat exchanger shop, pipe and welding shop, sheet metal shop, and electrical shop. These facilities were capable of making general and specific repairs to all classes of process equipment.

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activities involved in cleaning, conditioning, assembling, and preparing for installation the large quantities of process equipment and piping required by the diffusion cascade, a number of internal design and arrangement changes were made in Building K-1401, in order to make most effective use of the facility. The present layout is shown in Figure 51. Facilities currently installed may be broadly classified under the following headings:

(1) <u>Conditioning Stands</u>. - Six converter stands and eight pump stands have been removed in order to make room for development work now being carried out in this area (see below).

(2) <u>Running Test Stands.</u> - These units are being maintained in standby condition.

(3) <u>Cleaning and Vacuum Testing Facilities.</u> - These areas have not undergone important changes since their initial con-

(4) <u>Maintonance Facilities.</u> - Maintenance facilities have been greatly expanded, and at present occupy the greater part of the entire building. Since the start of plant operations, the amount and types of maintenance work done in the conditioning building has increased steadily, with much of the repair work previously done in temporary shops set up at various points in the process area being transferred to Building E-1401, which now includes the following shops:

- 1. Carpenter shop
- 2. Paint Shop
- 5. Pipe Shop

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4. Insulation shop

5. Welding shop

6. Vecum pump shop

7. Electrical shop

8. Machine shop

9. Equipment test and inspection shop

10. Building and grounds shop

11. Valve repair shop

12. Sheet metal shop

(5) <u>Re-tubing Area.</u> - A converter re-tubing and testing area has been set up in the northern third of the building. Equipment shipped from the Chrysler Lynch Road plant has been installed for this work. This includes apparatus for assembling and re-tubing converters, test equipment, and the air conditioning system formerly used at the Chrysler plant. A process pump and seal shop is also located within this area.

(6) Barrier Testing Laboratory. - A new barrier test laboratory is being set up in the northwest corner of the building. Construction of the laboratory was started in October 1946, and is now about 95 per cent complete. The department consists of fifteen offices and individual laboratories containing barrier manufacturing and testing equipment, which was shipped to K-25 from the SAM Laboratories (Vol. 2), and the Houdaille-Hershey plant. The following equipment has been installed:

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ments for testing efficiency of barriers.

11-5. <u>Accessory Conditioning Structures.</u> - The following small buildings are located adjacent to the conditioning building, and serve accessory purposes:

a. Control House (K-1402). - The control house is a onestory and basement structure adjacent to the west wall and near the north end of Building K-1401. It houses electrical and control equipment for apparatus in the K-1401 furnace room.

b. <u>Fan House (K-1403).</u> - Tho fan house, a one-story concrete and hollow tile structure, is located just east of the conditioning building cleaning area, and houses five 50,000 CFM motordriven fans which exhaust the moid fumes from cleaning operations. To eliminate any possible recirculation of fumes, the mir and vapors are discharged 60 feet above the ground through a special stack.



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c. <u>Acid Storage House (K-1404).</u> - A storage system was constructed along the east side of the conditioning building for handling and storing hydrochloric and sulfuric acids. Two 10,000 gallon tanks are located adjacent to a railroad siding. Pumps and valves are enclosed in a pump house for unloading acid, and for transferring it to the cleaning tanks.

11-4. Fluorine Generating Plant (Section 1800).

a. <u>Purpose</u>. - The K-25 fluorine plant was designed to manufacture, handle, and store the large quantities of elemental fluorine gas required by the Project for conditioning purposes.

Preliminary Engineering. - Research and development b., on methods of producing fluctine is discussed in Book VII. This work was coordinated by the Kellex Corporation, and involved studies and investigations at a mumber of industrial and university laboratories. The decision was made to provide manufacturing facilities at the site because of first, the importance of an uninterrupted supply of this special chemical, and, second, the desirability of avoiding the physical dangers involved in attempting to transport large quantities of the substance over long distances. The general design of the fluorine plant was worked out by the Hooker Electrochemical Company, who also carried out initial operations, under contract W-7405-eng-258 (Vol. 5). Detailed designs and construction drawings were prepared by Ford, Bacon, and Davis, Inc., who also managed the construction under contract W-7407-eng-19 (Vol. 4). A number of design features of the fluorine plant (e.g., instrumentation, safety devices, and HF removal system) were developed jointly by Hooker, Kellex, and Carbide.



c. <u>Capacity.</u> - The intermittent and variable nature of conditioning operations planned, made fluorine gas requirements difficult to predict. Best estimates prepared by Kellex, indicated that a supply of 150 pounds per day would be necessary. Seven fluorine production cells were installed in Building K-1801, with space for seven more. Each can produce more than 50 pounds of fluorine per day. Because of the importance of avoiding contamination of equipment being conditioned, particularly the barrier surfaces of converters, the fellowing fluorine gas product specifications were laid down:

Fluorine	greater than 95 per cent
Mist	less than 70 parts per million
Hydrogen fluoride	less than 1 per cent
Oxygen	less than 1 per cent

Section 1800, with a maximum storage capacity of 540 pounds, includes one of the largest fluorine-under-pressure installations in the country.

d. <u>Design.</u> - Except for a single pilot plant installation (Book VII), no industrial utilisation of fluorine had ever been undertaken prior to the K-25 Project. Fluorine is the most reactive of all elements. Hecause of its extraordinarily agressive chemical nature, special designs and precautions were necessary throughout the proposed installation. The fluorine plant, as constructed, consists of three buildings of steel frame and brick wall construction, located several hundred feet north of the conditioning building. Certain of the equipment is enclosed by brick barricades, special ventilation is provided, and an elaborate alarm system is installed to warn of equipment failures or other emergencies. The plant is briefly described below, and a flow







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diagram for Section 1300 is shown by Figure 52, in four parts; further discussion is provided in the Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (1) E.

 (1) <u>Generating Building (K-1501).</u> - Building
K-1501 houses fluorine generating and auxiliary equipment, mechanical compressors, an office, and a laboratory.

(a) <u>Electrolytic Colls.</u> - Fluorine is generated by electrolysis at  $100^{\circ}$ C of a solution of potassium fluoride (HF) in hydrogen fluoride (HF), the composition corresponding approximately to 1.8 mole of HF to 1 mol of KF. The HF is decomposed into hydrogen (Hg) which forms at the eathode, and fluorine (Fg), which forms at the anode. Each cell requires a maximum current of 2000 amperes. Direct current power at 9.5 volts is supplied from eight copper oxide rectifiers per cell. The anode assembly consists of 28 carbon blades (1-1/2 x 6-1/4 x 18 inches) bolted to a copper bar. A steel screen diaphragm surrounds the anodes, and two steel cathodes are placed outside the screen. Two per cent lithium fluoride is added to the electrolyte to retard anode polarisation. The cells are equipped with warm water cooling colls which can be used as steam colls at time of shutdown to keep the electrolyte molten. The cells operate with continuous HF feed, and can run for long periods of time without replacement.

(b) <u>HF Absorbers.</u> - The crude generated fluorine is contaminated with HF. It is purified by passage through sodium fluoride (MaF) tray absorbers, which reduce the HF content to a value below 1 per cent. HF is removed from these absorbers periodically by regenerating with hot air; regeneration off-gas is piped to the dis-



posal system at Building K-1405 (Par. 11-5). The HF-free fluorine gas flows at a pressure of several inches of water to a surge tank in Building K-1302 as described below. The hydrogen gas waste product is sent to a water scrubber to remove HF, and is then vented to the atmosphere.

(c) Pressure Control. - All cells discharge fluorine into a single header, which is interconnected with the hydrogen header by means of a differential pressure control system. In this way, when the pressure varies in the fluorine main, the hydrogen pressure is adjusted to an equal value by throttling, so that the electrolyte will be maintained at the same level in both the anode and cathode compartments of the cells. If this were not done, the hydrogen would find its way into the fluorine chambery any any with a resulting explosion Xthat might break the cell. If the pressure in the fluorine main rises above a pre-determined level, (e.g., 4 inches of water), the fluorine line is vented into the disposal line. Conversely, if a vacuum develops in the fluorine lines, the automatic control system bloods nitrogen into the fluorine header to break the vacuum, thereby preventing the possibility of moisture inleakage into the system. (Moisture reacts violently with fluorine.) A signal light system affords warning when flucrine begins to empty into the vent line, or when nitrogen begins to bleed into the fluorine line.

(d) <u>Compressors.</u> - A process design change was effected in the methods of handling fluorine, when suitable compressors became available. These were installed in Building K-1301, and are discussed below.

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(2) Storage Building (K-1302).

(a) Surge Tanks. - Surge tanks in Building

K-1302 provide damping of pressure variations in the fluorine lines, so as to minimize the load on the automatic control system. Two tenks are provided, one of which normally operates floating on the line, the other acting as a spare. They are of mickel-olad steel, 4 feet in diameter, and 12 feet long; gage pressure is normally several inches of water. The gas flows from the surge tanks to the liquefaction subicles (or compressors).

(b) <u>Storage Tanks.</u> - Three additional niekelclad tanks, each 6 feet in diameter and 20 feet long, provide storage for about 1-1/2 days' fluorine production. The original design was based on the assumption that the tanks would be operated batch-wise, one tank being filled while the other discharges to the conditioning building, the third being a spare. However, should it become desirable, they can be operated floating on the line. The tanks are designed for a working pressure of 100 p.s.i.g. and fitted with 60 p.s.i.g. rupture discs. They are equipped with nitrogen lines for purging into the disposal plant, K-1405, and can be evacuated from that point if necessary.

(c) <u>Pressure Control.</u> - Converters to be conditioned cannot be subjected to pressures greater than 5 p.s.i.g., and, as a safety precaution, conditioning building fluorine line pressure was limited to about 1 p.s.i.g. Since storage pressure was to be in the range of 20-30 p.s.i.g., an air-operated, monel "S" type valve (Par. 8-11c) was developed to maintain the pressure below 2 p.s.i.g.

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As a double precaution, in case of failure of this valve, a second valve was provided, designed to shut off automatically in case the pressure should tend to rise above 5 p.s.i.g. To allow for sweeping fluorine from the lines in the event of fires, or before opening them for maintenance, it was initially intended to run cross connections from the fluorine pipes to nitrogen supply. Instead, however, at the request of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, a high pressure nitrogen cylinder, separated from the line by a rupture disc, was placed at the end of each line. With the development of vacuum pumps to handle fluorine, adequate means for quickly evacuating the piping became available.

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(3) Liquefaction and Bottling Building (K-1303). -After various means of handling the fluorine were considered, pressuring by liquefaction was selected as the best available method. Other alternatives studied were mechanical compression, pressuring with nitrogen, operation of vessels and lines under partial vacuum, and pressuring by refrigeration and heating. The choice of the liquefaction method was based upon considerations of flexibility of operation, and minimum operating hazards. However, provision was also made for subsequent conversion to mechanical compression in the event of successful development of a suitable compressor.

(a) Liquefaction Cubicles. - There are 12 cubicles in Building K-1303, each one of which is capable of liquefying gas and re-vaporizing it either into the storage tanks at K-1802, or into portable cylinders which can be placed inside the cubicle. Cubicles were operated batch-wise, with one always followed by another in

such manner that the flow of gas to and from the building was continuous. The gas was admitted into an all-nickel boxb immersed in a larger vessel containing liquid nitrogen. Condensation of the gas oreated a vacuum in the boxb. When approximately 10 pounds of fluorine had been admitted, as indicated by the scale from which the boxb was suspended, the admission of fluorine was stopped, and the liquid nitrogen bath lowered gway. The subsequent warming up of the boxb vaporised the liquid fluorine; when the pressure reached 80 p.s.i.g., the gas was allowed to flow into the storage tanks at K-1302. When a portable cylinder was to be filled with fluorine, it was brought into the subiele on a buggy, and filled in the same manner as a storage tank. Space is provided at the west end of Building K-1505 for cylinder maintemance, as required, and for cylinder purging. Vacuum pumping facilities are also gvailable for evacuation of the cylinders.

(b) <u>Conversion to Mechanical Compression.</u> - By August 1944 Hooker, aided by Kellex, developed a satisfactory disphragatype pump, which was fabricated by the Wilson Pulsa-feeder Company. At the direction of Kellex, Hooker then made an engineering analysis which indicated that, from the standpoint of operating economy, it would be very desirable to change from liquefaction to mechanical compression. Accordingly, the installation was designed, cooperatively, by Hooker, Carbide, and Kellex. Two compressors, with related control equipment, were installed in Building K-1301. According to the revised method of operation, which was begun in February 1945, generated fluorine is compressed and delivered to the storage tanks in a straightforward pumping operation. The liquefaction installation in Building K-1805 is now in



standby status. The pump consists of two disphragm heads spaced some distance spart and hydraulically connected. The power side disphragm is connected to a reciprocating oil piston running at a speed of 90 strokes per minute; the impulses are transmitted to a monel pump disphragm through a two-inch monel pipe filled with fluorolube MFL. The pump disphragm transmits the impulses to the fluorine through a suction and discharge valve head. The pumps are located in a special section of Building K-1301, and take suction from the surge tanks in K-1302. Fluorine is delivered under pressure to the storage tanks at K-1302, or to portable tanks at K-1303.

#### (4) Fluorine Distribution System.

(a) Distribution to Conditioning Building. -

Since the fluorine generating plant could be located adjacent to the conditioning building, and only one portion of that building required fluorine, a permanent piping system was chosen for this service. To insure reliability, and to exclude the possibility of contamination by dust, mist, or air (which would be intolerable, for example, in gas to be used for conditioning of barrier surfaces), a welded, all-monel system was designed.

(b) <u>Distribution to Process Area.</u> - Fluorine was to be used at hundreds of widely scattered, and frequently varying, points in Section 800, and was to be required in intermittent and extremely variable amounts. These considerations led to the choice of mobile cylinders for distribution to this area, instead of a permanent piping system (Par. 10-80).





#### 11-5. Fluorine Disposal Plant (X-1405).

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a. <u>Purpose.</u> - The fluorine disposal plant was designed to absorb the toxic and corrosive fluorine and hydrogen fluoride components of various waste gases before venting to the atmosphere. These gases arise from the following sources:

- Manifold wents and cylinder maintenance in Building X-1805.
- Dehydration, cell purging, and # absorber regeneration in Building K-1805.
- 5. Tank evacuation and purging in Building K-1802.
- 4. Vent lines from Buildings K-1302, K-1803, and K-1401, and pressure relief of the fluorine feed line from Building K-1802 to Building K-1401.
- 5. Discharge from vecume pumps in Building K-1405.
- 6. Eight inch spent conditioning gas return line from Section 500.

b. <u>Preliminary Engineering.</u> - Research and development work on methods of disposing of waste fluorine was done by Johns-Hopkins University, Princeton University, and the Chrysler Corporation. The studies were coordinated by Kellex; consultation services were rendered by Carbide. A discussion of this work and of alternate methods considered is presented in Section III, (1) E of the Kellex Completion Report. This paragraph describes the K-25 fluorine disposal installation as constructed; further details may be found in Volume XXIII, Part III of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

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c. <u>Capacity.</u> - The disposal plant was designed to handle all fluorine generated in Section 1500, but is sufficiently flexible so as to be capable of operating at much lower rates. The disposal tower can handle 78 CFM of gas containing up to 20 per cent fluorine and 10 per cent hydrogen fluoride. Maximum fluorine content of vented gas was specified at 6 parts per million.

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d. <u>Design.</u> - The fluorine disposal plant (Fig. 55) is located in Section 1400, northeast of the conditioning building.
Building K-1405 contains a caustic regeneration tank, vacuum pumps, lime storage space, an office, and a control laboratory. Outside the building are located the disposal tower, caustic storage tanks, decontation tank and settling tank.

(1) <u>Disposal Tower.</u> - The fluorine absorption tower is an alkaline scrubber of 200 cubic foot volume, lined with carbon bricks, and packed with carbon Raschig rings». Gas flow is maintained countercurrently to a descending stream of 5-10 per cent caustic solution flowing at a rate of 50-100 GPM. Contact time is at least one minute. Gas enters the tower at three points in its base. Sulfuric acid seal pots prevent moisture from diffusing back into the line. To avoid spontaneous combustion of the gas feed piping with the fluorine, these lines are constructed of monel. This also minimises the possibility of corrosion by liquid fluoride solutions formed in case of back diffusion of water into these lines. Spent conditioning gases from the conditioning and process buildings are sent to the tower by means of pumps in these buildings, but four 100 GFM vacuum pumps are installed at K-1405 to serve as emergency standby equipment.

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(2) <u>Emergency Stack.</u> - An emergency stack was provided to dispose of the waste gases when the absorption tower is out of service for repair or cleaning. The stack was constructed of 4 inch monel pipe, and extends 70 feet above the surrounding grade.

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(3) <u>Reaction Tank.</u> - Effluent liquor from the tower is pumped to a 2250 gallon reaction tank where the dissolved sodium fluoride is converted to insoluble calcium fluoride by means of lime slurry pumped from a 90 gallon lime slaker. The neutralisation requires 20 minutes of vigorous agitation. This reaction also regenerates the caustic, which can then be recycled.

(4) <u>Settling Tank.</u> - Reaction liquor flows by gravity to a 22,000 gallon settling tank from which elear liquor overflows a weir and is pumped back to the tower. The tank is equipped both with a preheater and a precooler so that the temperature may be adjusted in either direction.

(5) <u>Caustic Storage Tanks.</u> - Two 26,500 gallon steam heated cylindrical tanks are provided for storage of 20-25 per cent caustic solution, with pumping facilities for unloading 50 per cent caustic from tank cars. Piping is arranged to permit the required dilution in the storage tanks. Required make-up caustic is pumped from the storage tanks to the settling tank.

(6) <u>Control Laboratory.</u> - A chemical laboratory was installed so that a continual check on operations could be maintained.

•. Presence of UPg in Waste Fluorine. - It has sometimes been necessary to vent gases containing both process gas and fluorine

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to the disposal plant. This introduced technical problems which were studied by Kellex with a view toward prevention of accumulation of enriched material and special attendant hasards. The Kellex Completion Report, Section III, (1) E, discusses methods developed for prevention of precipitation of process gas in the disposal solution, and for selective removal of  $UF_6$  from  $UF_6-F_2$  mixtures. In September 1945, Kellex recommended temporary avoidance of hazards by means of a portable alumina trap for  $UF_6$  removal from waste gases to be sent to the fluorine absorption system. Subsequently, for permenent solution of the problem, Carbide proposed that in order to minimize new construction, they would prefer to allow  $UF_6$ -contaminated fluorine waste gases to enter the cascade and be removed in the purge system. Kellex studied the method and found it advantageous. This necessitated the substitution of alumina for some of the carbon in the sarbon traps near the top of the plant (Par. 11-8).

f. <u>Fluorine Disposal Piping.</u> - On the basis of considerations similar to those which argued against the distribution of fluorine conditioning gas to the process area by means of a permanent piping system, it was at first thought best to exhaust and absorb the waste gas from conditioning operations by means of mobile apparatus, and it was planned to proceed with design and construction of twenty such units. These, however, necessarily developed into large, bulky sets of apparatus. Carbide therefore requested that the use of this type of fluorine disposal equipment be reconsidered. After a thorough review of the problem, it was decided to abandon the mobile fluorine disposal units; one was retained for emergency use. A permanent

piping system was then installed to collect spent conditioning gases from both Sections 300, and 1400, and channel them back to the K-1405 disposal system. Standard seamless steel pipe was applicable for this service, and the system was set up for use in conjunction with mobile fluorine evacuation pumps (Par. 10-8d).

Revision of Disposal System. - In March 1946, use £. of the caustic disposal tower was discontinued, and the fluorine disposal system simplified by arranging for the continuous venting of all conditioning gases directly to the atmosphere through the emergency stack. In the process area, off gases from a reconditioned cell are bled into the process cascade for ultimate removal in the purge system (Section 512). This eliminates the problem of uranium loss in waste conditioning gases. These procedures are made possible because of the small quantity of spent conditioning gases handled in present operations. In order to handle fluorine gas which may arise from the rupture of a pressure control disc in Building K-1802, a brick chimney, equipped with a Blower at its base, has been constructed to dispose of waste gas from this source. When the disposal tower was shutfown, the sludge content of the settling tank (containing small amounts of uranium compounds) was transforred to an underground concrete pit pending ultimate disposal.

11-6. Aoid Neutralizing Plant (K-1407).

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - This facility was designed by the Kellex Corporation for the purpose of disposing of the acid wastes from cleaning operations in the conditioning building.



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b. <u>Design.</u> - The moid neutralization plant (Fig. 54) is contained in a 25 x 64 foot building located northeast of Building K-1401. Adjacent to the building is a concrete neutralizing pit which leads to a holding pend 410 feet long, 160 feet wide, and 5 feet deep. Lime is unloaded from railroad cars, and stored within the building. It passes through a hopper and feeder to a slaker tank equipped with a high speed agitator. The slaked lime slurry thus formed flows by gravity to a 25 foot diameter, 10 foot deep neutralization pit which is limed with acid-proof brick. At this point, it is mixed with waste acids having the following approximate maximum analysis:

Sulfuric acid	30 per cent by weight		
Hydrochlorie aoid	15		
Nitric Aoid	8		
Sodium dishramate	1/2 pound per gallon		

The acid runs through a 12 inch line to the pit where line neutralization is effected by means of agitation with a heavy duty paddle type mixer. The neutralized solution is discharged from the pit to the holding pond by means of two 200 GPM steam ejectors. Suspended solids are settled out, and clear effluent overflows to Poplar Greek. The rate of run-off from the pond is set by adjustment of weir gates at each end.

11-7. Mitrogen Plant (K-1408).

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - The nitrogen plant was designed for the purpose of supplying Project requirements for moisture-free gaseous nitrogen (code name: G-74) and liquid nitrogen (code name: L-28). The

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nitrogen distribution system described in Paragraph 10-7 is supplied from this source.

Preliminary Engineering. - K-25 mitrogen gas re-Ъ. quirements were estimated at 2,000,000 subic feet per day. Kellex recommended that a plant be erected at the site to produce nitrogen by liquefaction and subsequent fractional distillation of air, but the District decided against such an installation because of the shortage of construction personnel. Construction of a plant to produce nitrogen by removal of oxygen from air using hydrocarbon combustion was also considered, but ruled out, because loss of combustion control over even limited periods would result in the formation of earbon monoxide. This was considered a possible source of barrier plugging. There was also evidence indicating that carbon monoxide could react with fluoring to form a highly toxic compound analogous to phoseene. The final decision involved the selection of a liquid nitrogen vaporisation system. Process and equipment design was supplied by the Linde Air Products Company; building design and construction management were handled by Ford, Bacon, and Davis; the work was coordinated by Kellex.

c. <u>Capacity.</u> - The vaporization plant has an approximate design capacity of 1500 standard ouble feet of gas per minute at a dew point of  $-100^{\circ}$ F.

d. <u>Design.</u> - The installation (Fig. 55) consists of equipment for receiving, storing, and filtering liquid ditrogen, vaporising the liquid, and supplying gas by pipeline at constant

pressure to the process and conditioning areas as required. It is housed within a 20 x 31 foot, one-story frame building, north of the conditioning building, and east of the fluorine generating building.

(1) <u>Storage Tanks</u> - Two vacuum-insulated storage tanks are filled with liquid nitrogen from tank cars by means of transfer pumps.

(2) <u>Pumps and Filters.</u> - A twin pump assembly removes liquid nitrogen from the storage tank, and forces it through a battery of filters to a pair of converters.

(3) <u>Converters and Vaporisers.</u> - The "converters" provide temporary storage, and are maintained under slightly higher pressure than pipeline requirements. Liquid flows from a cold converter through a vaporiser, and through a pressure regulator to the line. Two small receivers are provided for accumulation of the normal evaporation from the converters. The rate of gas production is controlled automatically by a line pressure control valve. A drop in line pressure opens a valve in the steam line, evaporating liquid nitrogen to maintain the desired pressure. Outside the building, two four inch headers branch from the main nitrogen gas supply header. These supply Sections 300 and 1400 respectively.

11-8. Carbon Mixing Plant (K-1410). - In a large number of carbon traps throughout the plant, the carbon charge must be diluted by alumina pellets in order to avoid caking of the carbon in the event of a flow of concentrated  $U_F$ . When carbon and alumina pellets are simultaneously poured into a vessel, or when a uniform mixture of carbon

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and alumina is poured into a vessel in such a way as to allow a conical pile to build up at the center, a natural segregation of the carbon occurs around the outside. Considerable care is, therefore, required when mixing the carbon and alumina pellets, and when charging a carbon trap with the mixture, to avoid this segregation.

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - It is the function of facilities in Building K-1410 to provide an adequate inventory of properly mixed carbon and alumina for charging the carbon traps of Sections 100, 800, 600 and the mobile disposal units. The specific services provided are:

- 1. Volume mixing of carbon and alumina pellets into storage drums.
- 2. Storage in drums and barrels of carbon, alumina and mixed carbon-alumina blends.

Three kinds of carbon alumina mixtures are prepared:

- 1. Two volume of 2-4 mesh alumina to one volume of 2-4 mesh carbon; used in Sections 100 and 600.
- One and one-half volumes of 2-4 mesh alumina to one volume of 6-8 mesh carbon; used in all process buildings from K-511-1 through K-302-5.
- 5. One and one-half volumes of 2-4 mesh alumina coated with 2 per cent cadmium by weight to one volume of 6-8 mesh carbon; used in all process buildings from K-303-1 through K-312-5, including temporary purge system at K-310-10 and, after Case II operation, in the purge system at K-302-5.



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b. Design. - Building K-1410 is a single story 68 x 122 foot building. It is not located within the conditioning area, but is approximately due west of process building K-306-7. Drums of carbon and barrels of alumina are received for storage at the loading platform. When required for charge make-up, each drum is trucked to the mixing equipment (Fig. 56) under a trolley and electric hoist. One feed hopper is provided for carbon, and one for alumina. From these hoppers, the two materials drop to respective vibrating feeder decks, which deliver to a common blending hopper. The mixture is charged to drums through a flexible sock. The drum is manipulated by hand during filling so as to prevent coning, which would cause segregation of the carbon. Each drum is filled tightly to minimise joggling of the contents during later handling. A more extensive description may be found in Volume XXIV of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

11-9. Auxiliary Steam Plant (Section 1500).

a. <u>Purpose.</u> - The auxiliary steam plant furnishes steam for building and process heating purposes to the process, conditioning, and administration areas.

b. <u>Capacity.</u> - The original capacity of the steam plant (K-1501) was 120,000 pounds per hour at a pressure of 175 p.s.i. With the addition of the K-1531 annex, present total capacity is 270,000 pounds per hour.

c. <u>Design.</u> - The heating plant is located several hundred yards east of the north end of the conditioning building. The original facility contained three 40,000 pound per hour boilers, one 175 foot chimney, and equipment for water treatment and miscellaneous auxiliary





services. When the K-27 plant was constructed, it became necessary to expand the steam generating facilities by installing three additional 50,000 pound per hour boilers (which were housed in a structure formed by extending the existing building eastward), and by construction of a second chimney. Additional auxiliary equipment was housed in a structure formed by extending the western portion of K-1501 in a southerly direction. The final layout is shown in Figure 57. The final overall structure is 197 feet long and 43 feet wide, and contains a  $32 \times 52$ foot wing. The steam plant was designed by Sargent and Lundy, and built by the J. A. Jones Construction Company, under Kellex supervision.

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(1) <u>Goal Handling Equipment.</u> - Coal delivered to the plant by rail or truck is dumped into one of two track hoppers. Conveyors located in the basement accept coal from the hoppers and deliver it to crushers. The crushed coal is then picked up by the elevators which in turn dump it onto scraper conveyors located on the roof. These dump the coal either into the boiler bunkers, or through a discharge chute leading to the ground, where bulldosers move it to the storage area. The coal handling equipment is composed of two 30 ton units, making a total capacity of 60 tons per hour.

(2) <u>Stokers.</u> - Each of the three stokers located on the main floor receives coal from the bunkers through a coal distributor which feeds coal to the grate through feeders on the front of each stoker. The 40,000 pound per hour boilers have 70 ton bunkers and three feeders per boiler. The 50,000 pound per hour boilers have 85 ton bunkers and four feeders per boiler.

(3) Ash Handling Equipment. - The ash is collected in





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a hopper located in the basement under the stokers. A vacuum system removes the ash to an outside storage bin which discharges into railroad cars or trucks. The vacuum is created by a steam nozzle which discharges to the boiler breeching of either stack. Ash handling capacity is 7-1/2 tons per hour.

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(4) <u>Boilers.</u> - The six boilers (Fig. 58), manufactured by Combustion Engineering Company, Inc., are of the two-drum, bent-tube, water-wall type. They are fed with  $212^{\circ}$ F feed water, and operate at a steam pressure of 175 p.s.1., and a superheater outlet temperature of  $477^{\circ}$ F. The three smaller boilers (each of 40,000 pounds per hour capacity) are  $24^{1}-4-1/3^{n}$  long by  $14^{1}-9^{n}$  wide, and are spaced on  $22^{1}-9^{n}$  centers. The three large boilers (each of 50,000 pounds per hour capacity) are  $24^{1}-4-3/4^{n}$  long by  $17^{1}-8^{n}$  wide, and are spaced on  $30^{1}-0^{n}$  centers.

(5) <u>Chimneys.</u> - The two chimneys rise 175 feet above the main floor level. They are of radial brick construction supported on a reinforced constate foundation. They have a diameter of approximately 17 feet at the base, and 9 feet at the top.

(6) <u>Combustion Control.</u> - Mecessary control equipment is provided so that the boilers may be operated either automatically or manually. The methods are analogous to those used in the power plant, Section 700 (Par. 12-5e).

(7) <u>Water Treatment Equipment.</u> - The water treating equipment consists of two complete and similar systems, each composed of a softener, three filters, a descrating heater, lime-soda feeder, phosphate feeder, flash tank, and heat exchanger. The make-up supply is





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taken from the recirculating cooling water system, Section 800. Further details may be found in Volume V, Part I of the Kellex Operating Manuals, and Book I of the Kellex Engineering Descriptions.



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SECTION 18 - POWER PLANT DESIGN

12-1. <u>Ceneral.</u> - The power plant area (designated Section 700) is one of the largest installations at the site, covers approximately 160 acres, and is located on the east bank of the Clinch River, about 8800 feet southwest of the main process area. Power generation facilities are designed to supply electrical power of extremely high dependibility factor at frequencies varying from 45 to 150 cycles. Total design capacity is 238,000 NV. An additional 110,000 KN at the fixed frequency of 60 cycles, has been made available by connection with the Tennessee Valley Authority system.

12-2. Design Bases. - As soon as the main features of the diffusion cascade and its auxiliaries had been fairly well established, initial estimates of K-25 electrical power requirements were made,

a. Load Requirements. - It was originally salculated that the total electrical load would be approximately 195,000 KW, of which 2000 KW was to be 240 cycle variable frequency, 4000 KW was to be 120 cycle variable frequency, 110,000 KW was to be 60 cycle variable frequency, and 77,000 KW was to be 60 cycle constant frequency. It was considered that 27,000 KW (of the constant frequency load) could be of normal industrial dependability; all of the remainder would have to have an extremely high reliability factor. When plans for the construction of Section 5 of the diffusion caseade were cancelled in March 1945, the 240 cycle power block was eliminated. Originally estimated power requirements (App, F12), final design estimates, and actual installed capacity, are tabulated in Appendix D1. The 60 cycle

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band variable frequency load was to be distributed among seven different frequencies varying from 45 to 65 cycles. The 120 cycle band load was to be distributed between two different frequencies, each of which might have any value from 90 to 130 cycles. It was necessary to be able to change the frequency of each, and to maintain any desired frequency which might be found most suitable, in order to operate process pumps at most efficient speeds.

b. <u>Selection of Power Source.</u> - Careful studies were made to determine the best source of power. Consideration was given to procuring power from the Tennessee Valley Authority, and to constructing a steam power plant at the site. The decision was made to obtain power for the small, non-vital, fixed frequency load by means of a tie-in with the T.V.A. system (App. F17), but to build a power plant within the K-25 area to carry the vital and major portion of the load. Reasons for this decision, as opposed to drawing all power from Tennessee Valley Authority, were as follows:

- An interruption of power supply to the K-25 process for more than the smallest fraction of a second would have a severely disruptive effect upon plant productivity.
- Protection of the power station is simplest for an onsite power plant, and supply from an outside source involves the possibility of transmission line interruption resulting from sabotage or other factors.
- 3. Satisfactory operation of the gaseous diffusion plant demands a wide range of variable frequency power.
- 4. Acceptance of standard 60 cycle power from an off-site



source to supply the total K-25 load would necessitate conversion of this power to various and variable frequencies in large quantities, and would require a large amount of complicated rotating electrical machinery and control equipment. Such an arrangement would possess disadvantages as discussed below.

5. The availability of power from existing T.V.A. facilities was limited because other war-time activities within the Clinton Engineer Works area and adjacent regions had previously absorbed large blocks of power from this source.

c. <u>Mode of Power Generation.</u> - After the decision was made to construct a power plant at the site, it was necessary to choose between generation at the various required frequencies, and use of frequency-changing apparatus.

(1) <u>Consideration of Rotating Frequency Changers.</u> - It was not felt that this method would present the dependability demanded, since considerable new development work would be required in order to work out equipment designs capable of producing large quantities of power at frequencies which could be varied at will. Furthermore, the equipment would be highly complex, and would involve considerable attendant hasard to service.

(2) <u>Consideration of Electronic Frequency Changers.</u> -All of the larger manufacturers with experience in this field were consulted. The consensus was that an unduly long period of experimentation, design, and development would be necessary. Construction schedules therefore made this method unacceptable.

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## (5) Selection of Steam-driven Turbo-generators.

Direct production at frequencies required was decided upon, since this nethod provides the most reliable power source, and the simplest source of variable frequency current, Equipment required would involve standard designs, and would therefore be most quickly obtainable, most easily operable, and have highest salvage value. It would also displace less war-essential equipment in industrial manufacturers' shops than any other type. Moreover, a fully equipped beiler plant, suitable for the major portion of the proposed installation was available, and plant foundation and piping drawings were essentially complete. The cost of the on-site variable frequency power generation method ultimately selected was not unduly greater than that of other methods.

d. Transmission to Process Area,

(1) <u>Selection of Underground System</u> - Various possible methods of power transmission were considered. The dependability requirement ruled out overhead transmission because of the expected probability of occasional outages resulting from lightning and other weather contingencies.

(2) <u>Choice of Cable Type</u> - Consideration was given to the use of oil-filled cables, cables carried in oil-filled pipes, gas-filled cables, and three-conductor, paper-insulated, lead-covered cables. The first two (cil-filled) types showed a larger overall cost, and presented operating disadvantages. The gas-filled cable is theoretically attractive for this service, but previous usage had been limited; it was rejected because of its experimental nature. The simplicity of installation and operation of the three-conductor, paper-insulated,

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lead-covered cable, plus its reliability (proven by extensive prior industrial experience) led to its adoption for power transmission from the K-25 power plant to the process area (Par. 12-10c).

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(5) <u>Choice of Transmission Voltage</u>, - Nost of the power was to be generated at 15,800 volts. It was decided to transmit it at the same voltage level in order to avoid the necessity for both step-up transformer facilities at the power house, and high voltage switching in the process area. Furthermore, total reactance between generator and load is less at a 13,800 transmission voltage than at higher levels. In the case of the 120 cycle power, transmission was to be at the generation level of 4,360 volts.

e. <u>Steam Bate Requirements</u> - Approximately 1,800,000 pounds of steam per hour were required for normal operation of the turbo-generator plant. It was decided to install three 750,000 pound per hour steam generating units, two of which would be required for normal operation, the third acting as a spare.

12-5, Procurements ...

a. <u>Steam Generating Units</u> - Two boilers of the desired type and expansity had been ordered by the Commonwealth Edison Company for its Fisk Station in Chicago, but this order had been cancelled at the request of the War Production Board. A great deal of work had been completed on these units, however, and, as their size fitted K-SS requirements very micely, it was decided (and approved by War Production Board) to procure these boilers, thereby making available a large amount of previously completed design work, and greatly accelerating the progress of power plant construction. A third unit was ordered and constructed, identical in design with the first two.

b. <u>Turbo-generators.</u> - Ten turbo-generators were installed to carry the 60 cycle load (constant plus variable frequency). Most of the machines used had been ordered by prospective purchasers, and were in various stages of fabrication. By direction of the War Production Board they were re-routed to the K-25 Project. Four additional turbogenerators were obtained from the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Gompany in order to carry the 120 cycle load.

c. <u>Auxiliary Equipment</u>. - Specific items of power generation and distribution equipment are discussed in the remainder of this section. Procurement contracts, with summarized information pertaining to effective date, cost, scope of work, etc., may be found in Appendix A. Design and engineering for the power plant were handled by Sargent and Lundy (contract W-7418-eng-13) under the general supervision and direction of the architect-engineer, The Kellex Corporation. A schematic contract chart illustrating procurement channels for power plant equipment is shown in Appendix 05.

12-4. <u>Goal Handling System.</u> - An extensive system of soal handling equipment, furnished by Robins Conveyors, Inc., is designed to perform any of four functions:

- Convey mine run coal from the railroad track hoppers to the coal breaker, and raw crushed coal to the boiler room bunkers.
- Convey mine run coal from the railroad track hoppers to a screen, from which the fines are conveyed to the boiler room bunkers, and the larger sizes are conveyed

to a storage pile.

- 5. Convey mine run coal from railroad track hoppers to the storage pile without processing.
- 4. Convey coal reclaimed from storage to the breaker, and the boiler room bunkers.

Provision has also been made in the area design for a conveyor to be installed for unloading river barges. Capacity of the coal handling system is 350 tons per hour.

a. <u>Track Scale (K-708E)</u> - A railroad track scale with a capacity of 150 tons, is provided for weighing in coal received.

b. Coal Track Hoppers  $(K-708A)_{0}$  - Goal is received by rail over two duplex track hoppers with a combined capacity of 600 tons. Each hopper delivers to a duplex shaking feeder under the hopper pit which feeds coal to conveyor No. 1.

s. <u>Coal Transfer House (K=708B)</u> - Conveyor No. 1 transports and elevates the coal to a junction point, where the coal is delivered through a chute to conveyor No. 2. A scale is installed at the foot of this conveyor with a load indicator in the boiler house.

d. <u>Breaker House (K-706C)</u> - The coal is discharged by conveyor No. 2 to a humermill breaker, which reduces the coal to a size which will pass through a 1-1/2 inch screen, and rejects foreign material through a discharge chute. The breaker consists of a drum, 12 feet in diameter and 22 feet long, driven by a 150 horsepower motor. The paddles are driven by a 50 horsepower motor. Conveyor No. 5 (fitted with a magnetic pulley and sampler) accepts the crushed coal, and transfers it to conveyor No. 4, which, in turn, transports and elevates

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## TABLE 5. - CONVEYOR DATA

HO.	LENGTH (feet)	BELT WIDTH (inches)	SPEED (ft./min.)	LIFT (feet)	DRIVE (h.p.)
1	157	42	250	48	40
	882	42	250	85	40
3	26	48	\$50	10v01	20
Å	173	56	850	56	40
5	550	56	850	55	40
6	25	42	275	22	15
7	1255	42	250	lowl	75
8	98	42	250	level	10
Hopper Feeder	7	42	40	lovel	殆
Stacker Booms (1	) 55	42	800	10	?출

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it to a junction point with conveyor No. 5. The latter conveyor carries the coal up and into the boiler house where a 36 inch, motor-driven, travelling tripper discharges it into bunkers.

e. <u>Screen House (Ke708D)</u> - Coal intended for storage is received from conveyor No. 1 (at the junction point with conveyor No. 2) through a chute into conveyor No. 6 which delivers to a screen. Fines are discharged to conveyor No. 6 which transfers them to conveyor No. 2, the latter delivering to the boiler house bunkers. Screened lump coal is discharged through a hinged chute onto the reversing stacking-and-reclaiming conveyor No. 7.

f. Stock Pile. - Conveyor No. 7 is equipped with a motor-driven travelling stacker with two boom conveyors which form initial piles on either side. The storage piles are then formed by bulkdosers. Coal is reclaimed from storage into a motor-driven reclaiming hopper located behind the stacker. This hopper is fitted with a belt feeder for regulating the flow on to conveyor No. 7, which, in reclaiming, is operated in reverse direction, and sends the coal to the boiler house bunkers by way of conveyors Nos. 8 and 2. The exterior storage pile is approximately 1100 feet long by 500 feet wide, with a conveyor running longitudinally through the center. The storage area is thus divided into two stock piles, each with a capacity in excess of 125,000 tons; yard storage capacity exceeds \$1,000,000 worth of coal.

g. <u>Summary of Conveyor Datas</u> - Table 5 summarises the characteristics of the scal handling system conveyors. A typical conveyor is shown in Appendix ElS.







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12-J. Combustion System.

a. <u>Pulverisor Feeders</u> - Each boiler is served by a 1000 ton capacity bunker. Raw crushed coal is delivered from the bunkers, through automatic coal scales, to feeders which deliver coal at a controlled rate to the pulverisers.

b. <u>Pulveriserc.</u> - Each boiler is supplied with pulverised ecal by three bowl mills, manufactured by the Raymond Pulveriser Division, Combustion Engineering Company, Inc. Coel fed to a mill falls to the center of the revolving bowl, where it is thrown by contrifugal force between the rolls and the grinding ring. Primary air enters over the top of the bowl, picking up fines and carrying them through deflector epenings to a classifier which recycles oversize particles.

e. <u>Burners.</u> - Pulverised coal is carried out of the classifier in the primary air stream, by sustion from the exhauster (App. E14) through a 30 inch pipe. It is discharged tangentially through twelve burners, three at each corner of the furnace. The primary and secondary air is supplied to each boiler by two 96,000 CPM forced draft fams which draw warm air from the top of the boiler room, discharging it through the air heaters.

(1) <u>Conversion to Oil Service.</u> - In order to provide for emergency operation in case of coal shortage, one of the boilers was adapted for oil service in the spring of 1948 by suitable modification of burner facilities, and four 25,000 gallon fuel oil day tanks were moved in from the adjacent 8-50 area, now in shut/down status (Book VI). The 6,000,000 gallon fuel oil tank farm, also available in the 5-50 area, is in use for storage purposes.



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d. <u>Gas Handling Equipments</u> - Some of the gases may be by-passed around the superheater to prevent too high superheater temperature. All the gases pass through an economiser, sir heater, and fly ash precipitator. The two induced draft fans of 167,000 CFH capacity for each belier discharge to a twelve foot diameter steel stack. The three stacks extend 102 feet above the roof, which in turn is 135 feet above the basement floor.

e. Combustion Control.

(1) <u>Hethods.</u> - The combustion control system is designed to permit operation by any of the three methods maned below. The choice is independent for each of the three boilors.

(a) <u>Automatic Control.</u> - Pressure impulses from the main stream header cause regulators to function which proportion fuel feed, air and boiler feedwater flow, so that constant steen pressure is maintained. With automatic control, the operator must make observations and final adjustments for precise combustion conditions.

the boilers are regulated manually and individually from controllers on their respective control boards. The operator must make continuous observations and adjustments for precise control of combustion conditions and steam pressure.

(b) Boiler Hanual Control. . In this method,

(c) <u>Hand Control.</u> - The individual regulators are operated separately (either directly or through the boiler control boards). The operator must make observations, regulate steam pressure, regulate each controllor separately in proper sequence, and make adjustments for desired combustion conditions.


(2) Variables.

 (a) <u>Fuel and Air Feed.</u> - Fuel feed is controlled through regulators on the mill feeders, and primary air by regulators operating exhauster inlet dampers. Total air flow is controlled by regulators which position control vanes on the induced-draft fans.
(b) <u>Furnace Draft.</u> - Furnace draft is controlled

automatically by regulators which control the forced-draft fan suction vanes. These regulators are actuated by impulses from the furnace pressure. They may also be controlled manually from the boiler boards. (c) Feedwater Level. - Control is accomplished

by two-element feedwater level regulators, which position the feedwater regulating value in response to variations in drum level and steam flow. Each feed-water regulator may be remotely controlled from its particular boiler board.

(d) <u>Steam Temperature</u> - Proper steam temperature is maintained by proportioning the gas flow through the superheater by means of a damper. This damper is positioned by three cil-operated regulators which are positioned from one hand wheel on the boiler gauge board.

f. Boller Notor Interlooks. - The motors driving funs, coal pulvorising, and feeding equipment are electrically interlooked to prevent the occurrence of dangerous or undesirable furnace conditions as a result of improper operation, and to prevent damage to these motors and their connected equipment.

E. Electrical Precipitators. - Ash content of the coal is about 15 per cent. The gases passing through the boiler, carry half of

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this ash, about 65 per cent of which will pass through a 525 mech screen. The CO<sub>2</sub> in the flue gases varies from 10 to 15 per cent, and the unburned earbon loss is about one-half of one per cent. An electrical precipitator type of dust collector is installed in the gas dust between the air heater outlet and the induced draft fan inlets of each beilor. The dust collector is used in order to minimize the amount of ash passing through the induced draft fans causing abrasion and wear, and to prevent a local muisance resulting from large amounts of fly ash being discharged from the stack. Precipitation equipment (supplied by the Research Corporation) consists of the following for each beilers

- 1. A main gas-tight chamber, containing four precipitator sections.
- 2. An upper gas-tight chamber containing the high tension bus beams which are connected, by means of jumpers through insulator bushings, to the high tension terminals mounted in housings on the precipitator roof.
- 5. Eight hopper bottoms below each precipitator. (There are also four hoppers below the inlet dust and four below the outlet dust.)
- 4. Electrically controlled, air-operated, collecting cleatrode vibrating systems.
- 5. High tension leads from the precipitator sub-station to the housings on the precipitator roof. Each lead is provided with an oil reservoir connected to the terminal located at the precipitator.
- 6. A remotely located procipitator sub-station where 440

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volt alternating surrent is converted to unidirectional current in the range of 55,000 to 75,000 volts, for use in the precipitator sections.

h. <u>Fly Ash Disposal System.</u> - Fly ash from the hoppers under the precipitators, and from hoppers under the precipitator inlet and outlet connections, is transported through a system of piping by a vacuum produced with two ejectors operating on service water. The water passes through a ring of small nossles set in the ejector bodies, and converges in the Venturi threats. The air and dust drawn through the system mixes with the water, and is discharged into a splach pan in an air separator tank, where the air is liberated and released through a top went connection. The mixture of dust and water is discharged from this tank by gravity to a point of disposal at a low region in the area approximately 800 feet from the building.

1. <u>Ash Handling System.</u> - Furnace slag runs continuously through two water-cooled slag holes in the furnace floor to water-filled tanks. The slag disintegrates, upon falling into the water, into small granular pieces. The tanks are emptied periodically into a pit at the south end of the boiler room basement. From the pit, the slag is pumped through an underground pipe running from the ash collecting tank to the same disposal area as the fly ash.

12-6. Stean Constation System.

a. <u>Steam Generating Units.</u> - The boiler house (K-701) houses three Combustion Engineering Company tangentially fired steam generating units, each designed to produce 750,000 pounds per hour of superheated steam at 1325 p.s.i. and 935°F. Each unit consists of a





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three-drum, bent-tube boiler equipped with water-cooled furnace walls, a superheater with by-pass control, an economizer, and a tubular air heater (Fig. 59). The approximate distance from the basement floor to the center line of the upper drums is 120 feet.

(1) <u>Boiler</u> - The main boiler tube bank consists of four staggered rows of 3 inch tubes.

(a) Lower Druz. - Leaving the lower 30 inch drum, these tubes are bent upward and toward the rear of the unit, where they are combined to form two writical rows in the same plane. At the top of the unit the tubes are expanded into a round header.

(b) <u>Separating Drun</u> - This header is connected to a 54 inch separating drun by means of 3-1/2 inch finned tubes which form the roof of the boiler. The 50 inch drun is connected to the separating drun by two rows of 3-1/2 inch uptake tubes at the front of the unit through a round header and its connecting tubes. The outside tubes are finned, and form the boiler front wall. The separating and lower druns are also connected by two 10 inch downcomer pipes.

(c) <u>Offtake Drum.</u> - A 60 inch offtake drum is located in front of the separating drum and 9 inches above it. These drums are connected by means of five rows of 3-1/2 inch water circulators. The 60 inch drum is also connected to the 30 inch drum by one 10 inch downcomer pipe.

(2) <u>Furnace.</u> - Furnace volume is 47,600 subic feet. The front, rear, and side walls are water-cooled with three-inch bare tubes on close centers. These tubes are of bifurcated constructions that is, two wall tubes are forged together at top and bottom into one





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nipple, which is expanded into the headers. The furnace botton/ is water-cooled by three-inch tubes with cast iron block covoring.

(a) <u>Distributing Header.</u> - At the lower front of the unit, there is a large round distributing header which is fed by six 10 inch downcomer pipes, four from the 54 inch drum, and two from the 60 inch drum. A system of 3-1/2 inch tubes from this header feeds the wall and floor tubes.

(b) <u>Front Wall Tubes.</u> - The front wall tubes connect through an intermediate header below the SO inch drum to 3-1/2inch riser tubes which pass through and above the main boiler bank. They are arranged in symmetrically staggered relation to the boiler tubes. These risers enter a square header at the top of the unit which is connected to the 54 inch drum by 3-1/2 inch tubes located immediately above the roof tubes.

(c) <u>Rear Wall Tubes</u> - The rear wall tubes are fed by the floor tubes, and connect through an intermediate header with the upper rear, or riser, tubes to a square header at the top of the unit. The outer tubes are finned and form the rear boiler wall. The top header is connected to the 54 inch drum by 3-1/2 inch tubes which form the top of the boiler.

(d) <u>Side Wall Tubes</u> - The short side wall tubes at the rear of the furnace connect with S-1/2 inch outside risers through an intermediate header, and the long side wall tubes connect with the upper side wall risers, also through an intermediate header. These risers are 5 inch finned tubes and form the boiler side walls. All side wall risers discharge into headers at the top of the unit which





are connected by 5-1/2 inch tubes to the 54 inch drum. The water walls are suspended from the steel girt just below the lovel of the 30 inch drum, so that the furnace tubes can expand downward and upward uniformly from the point of support. The front and rear walls are tied through the floor tubes. The side walls are hold in position against the floor tubes by means of the rods and springs.

(3) <u>Superheater</u>. - The superheater is of the continuous loop type with 2-1/8 inch tubes. Saturated steam from the efficie drum enters the saturated header through 5-1/2 inch connecting tubes, and flows downward, counter to the gas flow. The steam leaves the superheater through a single 12 inch connection on the outlet header. The superheater is divided into three sections, the top and intermediate sections somewhat shorter than the lower section. This arrangement is made to provide a by-pass for the gases away from the upper sections for the regulation of the superheat. A vertical sliding damper is located at the boiler outlet, and is arranged so that, as it opens the by-pass connection, it also closes the normal gas outlet. This damper is divided into three sections with an operating cylinder for each section. The cylinders are actuated by a master control on the panel board.

(4) <u>Economiser.</u> - A continuous loop type economiser is located at the rear of the unit. It is arranged in two sections with separate inlet and outlet headers. The water enters at the bottom and flows upward, counter to the gas flow.

(5) <u>Air Heater.</u> - A tubular air heater is located at the rear of the unit under the economiser. One flows straight through

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UNIT	LA NU-		ILP'ULSE	REACTION	PROBSURE	TELE	PRESSURE	CAPACITY	CC CC
NO.	FACTURER	~	STACES	STACES	P.S.I.	OF	TROMES	GAL	-
1	AC		1	53	1250	925	29	5200	Rydr
2	AC		0	-51	1250	925	29	3200	Hydr
8	<b>2</b> 3		19	0	1250	925	28.5	8400 -	Hydr
4	Œ		19	0	1250	925	28.5	8400	liyar
5	W		1	29	1250	925	29	2400	Eydr
6	Œ	-	19	0	1250	925	28.5	3400	Hydr
7	W		1	46	1250	925	29	2400	Hydr
8	W	2	1 .	66	1250	925	29	2400	Hydr
9	<b>E</b>	1	34	0	1250	925	28.5	1000	14
10	GE		34	0	1250	925	28.5	3000	AL
11	AC		1	29	600	750	29	830	AL
12	AC		1	50	600	725	29	850	AL
15	AC		1	50	600	725	29	530	A.
24	AC		1	80	600	725	29	330	AL

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.5		2400	Hydrogon	25,000	•7	35,714	13,800	3	45-65	38
1 <b>-5</b>		2400	Hydrogen	25,000	.8	31,250	13,800	3	45-68	38
)		2400	Hydrogen	20,000	.7	28,570	13,800	3	45-65	38
.5		2400	Hydrogen	25,000	.8	51,250	13,800	3	45-65	36
ł		2400	Hydrogen	25,000	•8	31,250	15,800	3	45-65	30
E.		2400	Hydrogen	25,000	8.	31,250	15,800	3	45-68	36
.5		1000	Alr	12,500	8.	15,625	15,800	3	45-65	56
•5	2.8	1000	AST	10,000	.8	12,500	13,800	3	45-65	36
		550	ASP	1,500	.7	2,143	4,160	3	90-130	36
		330	Air	5,000	87	4,286	4,160	3	90-130	36
	6	330	Atr	3 <sub>8</sub> 000	•7	4,286	4,160	5	90-150	36
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from top to bottom, counter to the direction of air flow. Air enters at the bottom side, and makes three passes across the tubes, leaving at the top.

(6) <u>Cleaning Equipment</u> - Special care has been taken in the boiler design to prevent the boiler bank, superheater, and water wall surfaces from being fouled by slag and dust, and a complete system of mechanical soot blower units has been provided.

b. <u>Boiler Feed Pumps.</u> - There are 6 eight-inch, sixstage Worthington centrifugal pumps located on the main floor of the boiler room (App. E15). The capacity of each pump is 600,000 pounds per hour against a head of 1600 p.s.i. Two are driven by 1540 horsepower Westinghouse impulse type turbines; the others are notor-driven.

e. <u>Pressure Reducing and Desumerheating Station</u>. - Turbogenerator units Nos. 11, 12, 13, and 14 ( and a turbine-driven exciter) use steam at 600 p.s.i. This steam is taken from the high pressure header through a pressure reducing and desuperheating station, which will pass a maximum of 100,000 pounds of steam per hour. The desuperheater admits high pressure feed water to the steam, thus reducing its temperature to 750°F. The water flow through the nessle is controlled automatically, through a bellows-operated valve, by a thermal element located in the piping approximately 25 feet downstream,

d. <u>Condensate Purps.</u> - There are a total of twenty-four Allis-Chalmers condensate purps, ranging in capacity from 40 to 600 GM, and with discharge heads ranging from 640 to 900 feet.

e. Water and Steam Circuit.

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(1) Boilors, - Water enters each boiler (Fig. 60)



through the economiser, where its temperature is increased by the heat remaining in the flue gases. The heated water then enters the offtake drum. Water from the bottom of this drum flows through the water wall downtake pipe into the lower distributing header, then rises through the furnace water wall. The mixture of steam and water enters the separating drum from which it circulates through the boiler tubes. After passing through the moisture eliminators in the separating drum, the dry steam is conducted through the three sections of the superheater to the outlet header, and then to the main steam header, from which it is distributed to the individual turbines, flow being regulated by the respective turbine governor control valves.

(2) <u>Turbines</u> - Units 1 to 10 have extraction steam openings for three-stage feed water heating and evaporator makeup. Turbines 11 to 14 each have one extraction opening each for feedwater heaters.

(5) <u>Condensers.</u> - The exhaust steam from each turbine discharges directly into a condenser, and condensed steam is received by a descrating hot well. From four outside storage tanks, the condenser hot wells also receive the required make-up water, which enters the system at this point.

(4) <u>Condensate Pumps</u> - Condensate pumps take suction from the condenser hot wells, and discharge to the feed-water heaters. These pumps also return any excess water in the system back to the storage tanks.

(5) Feedwater Heaters. - The cold side receives condensed turbing exhaust, which, after being heated, flows through

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the boiler feed pump suction header. The hot side receives extraction steam from the turbines. After condensing, it is either pumped back to the condensate system, or flashed back to the condensers.

(6) <u>Boiler Feed Purps</u>. - The six boiler feed purps take suction from the boiler feed header, and discharge into a common header supplying the boilers, through the economisers.

(7) Evaporators. - Three 25,000 pound per hour evaporators are installed for furnishing the necessary make-up water to the system.

(a) <u>Hot Side</u> - For heating, either extraction steam from the main turbines is used, or exhaust steam from the boiler feed pump turbines. This steam, after condensing in the evaporator coils, is pumped back to the boiler feed pump suction header,

(b) <u>Cold Side.</u> - Hake-up water from the Clinch River passes through a descrating heater, and is pumped to the evaporators. The resulting waper is condensed in the intermediate pressure feedwater heaters, and then pumped back to the condensate header, or flashed back to the condensers.

(8) <u>Fator Treatment Plant</u> - A Permutit Company 75,000 pound per hour cold carbonaceous process water treating plant was installed in order to overcome difficulties encountered with rew water sludging in the descrating heater and evaporator feed pumps. This treating plant takes filtered and chlorinated water from the reservation domestic water supply. The water passes through 7sokarb\* tanks and a degasifier, thence to a concrete storage tank, from which it is supplied to the descrating heater.

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12-7. <u>Invo-generators.</u> - There are fourteen turbo-generators (App. E16) installed in the turbine room (K-702). Characteristics of these machines are summrised in Table 6. All are provided with separate motor-generator set exciters, and with suitable lubrication and governing facilities. A spare steam-driven exciter is also provided to serve any turbo-generator in time of emergency. The turbine condensers operate at vacuums of 28 to 29 inches of mercury, and have a total heat transfer area of 224,870 square feet. Total condensing capacity is 1,737,846 pounds per hour, using 254,000 gallons per minute of cooling water.

12-8. Cooling Water System.

a. <u>Crib House (Re705).</u> - Clinch River water is drawn in from a fifty-foot forebay, protected by a steel grill which screens out driftwood and debris, and passes through the crib house which contains four travelling screens.

b. <u>Pump House (K-706).</u> - Water flows from the orib house, through an intake tunnel, step logs, and sluice gates, into wet wells under the pump house. Cooling water is pumped to the turbine condensers by means of three Worthington vertical shaft, propeller pumps (App, E10), each pump with a capacity of 82,500 GPH and discharge head of 30 feet. The pumps are driven by 700 horsepower 2500 volt motors. An electrically operated rubber-seated butterfly valve is located in the discharge line of each pump. Five service water pumps, and two ash sluice supply pumps, are also installed in this building. The circulating pumps discharge into a 78 inch header through their respective 54 inch discharge lines. The pump discharge header feeds a 66 inch condenser supply header in

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the turbine room. When the S-50 plant was in operation, its process cooling water was supplied from this purphouse (Par. 12-9).

Discharge Flume (K=702A). - Water leaving the condensers
is discharged into ten wells connected to a 10 x 10 foot reinforced
concrete discharge tunnel 1006 feet long, which connects with a 2200
foot stone-lined flume 25 feet deep. The flume connects with a second
10 x 10 foot reinforced concrete tunnel discharging into Poplar Creek.

12-9. Stean and Condensate System for S-50. - The construction of the K-25 power plant was completed well before its full generating capacity was needed for operation of the process plant and auxiliaries (Vol. 4). In order to advance the overall Manhattan District program by utilising the available K-25 steam-generating facilities, the Edquid Thermal Diffusion (S-60) plant was constructed adjacent to the K-25 power house in the latter part of 1944 (Book VI). The bulk of that plant's requirements for process steam, cooling water, and electrical power was then supplied by the K-25 power plant (Vol. 6) for approxinately one year, until its full capacity was required for K-25 operations. In order to adapt the power plant to this service, which was not originally contemplated, it became necessary to design and install equipment for sending 1,500,000 pounds per hour of 1250 p.s.i. stean at 925°F to the S-50 Plant, and for handling the same amount of 1000 p.s.i. hot water return at  $545^{\circ}F_{\bullet}$ 

a. Section 750. - Two heat exchangers to cool the hot water to 550°F, and two pressure reducing valves to reduce the pressure to 250-500 p.s.1. were installed. The cooling medium in the heat exchangers was condensate from the turbine condenser hot wells. The



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cooled water was passed through a pressure reducing valve, and then combined with this condensate. This stream was fed to the beiler feed pump suction header. Excess het water that could not be cooled by the available condensate was diverted to flash tanks located cutside the east turbine room wall. The het water was flashed to atmospheric pressure, and resulting steam and condensate sent into the main condensers. A relief valve, leading back to the flash tanks, was installed on the beiler feed pump suction header for the protection of the comdensate system in case the pressure valves should be accidently opened. Relief valves were also installed on the flash tanks to protect the rain condensers from overpressure.

b. <u>Section 760.</u> - To supplement the equipment of Section 750, additional evaporator and condensate handling equipment was installed and identified as "Section 760".

12.40. Electrical Distribution System. - The power supply to the processs area is divided into two general systems: the first supplies constant frequency 60 cycle power; the second is further divided into nine different sub-systems, seven of which may operate at any frequency between 45 and 65 cycles, and two of which may operate at any frequency between 90 and 130 cycles. Utilization voltages are 2400, 480, 208, and 115, the latter two levels serving principally for lighting, heating, and miscell@meous small motors. The remainder of this paragraph prosonts a brief description of the K-25 electrical system. Further details may be found in Volume 7, Part II of the Kollex Operating Manuals, and in Book XI of the Kellex Engineering Descriptions.

a. Main Switch House (K-704). - The main switch house is





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a three-story brick building, 635 feet long by 46 feet wide, located approximately 150 feet from the turbine house. All electrical power used within the K-25 plant (exclusive of K-27), either generated in Saction 700, or received from T.V.A., passes (via underground cables) through K-704, which forms the control center for the transmission system to the plant area. A master control station, and the required 13,800 volt switchgear are installed on the top floor. The ground floor is used for bus connections, potential transformers, dis-connect and pothead enclosures, and miscellaneous auxiliary equipment. The basement is a conduit and cable room (App. E17).

(1) Auxiliary Switch House (K-707). - A four-story brick building, 200 feet long by 30 feet wide, and located behind the boiler house, contains electrical switch gear and controls for the regulation of power supplied to the power house area itself.

b. <u>Outdoor Switchyard (K-709).</u> - Connection with the T.V.A. system is made through a switchyard northeast of the main switch house. Power received is stepped down from 154,000 volts to 13,800 volts by means of three 40,000 KVA power transformers, each of which is equipped with an accessory regulating transformer to permit changing the voltage ratio under load. The low voltage sides of these transformers are tied to the 60 cycle constant frequency bus in the main switch house. There are three incoming 154,000 volt lines to K-709: one direct feed line from the T.V.A. hydroelectric plant at Fort Loudon, one tie-line from the No. 2 Elsa Sub-station, and one tie-line from the K-27 switchyard (K-732). The K-27 electrical system is supplied entirely from T.V.A. sources, and is described in Faragraph

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14-5. Further details of the general C.E.W. electrical system, and T.V.A. supply connections, are presented in Book I, Volume 12.

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Main Transmission Lines. - All power is carried from 0. the main switch house to the utilization area by means of underground cables, enclosed within fibre ducts, and encased in concrete. The ducts are grouped in banks of six, and provided with manholes 500 feet apart. Thirteen duct-banks (including spares) are installed between the switch house and the junction ranholes near the process area. From the junction manhole area, seven duot banks are carried along the east side of the process area buildings, and seven ducts along the west side. At a point just south of the end of the main process buildings, one bank branches off to the right, and continues north within the cascade court. From the junction manhole area, one run also branches off to supply the administration and conditioning areas. The generation and transmission voltage on the constant frequency system, and on the variable frequency system in the 45 to 65 cycle band, is nominally 13,800 wolts at 60 cycles, and proportional at other frequencies. The cables which carry this power to the utilisation area (14 for the constant frequency system and 36 for, 45-65 cycle frequency system) are of the 5-conductor, lead-covered type, insulated with 1/4 inch of imprognated paper. The nominal voltage on the 90 to 130 cycle band of the variable frequency system is 4160 volts. The 8 cables which carry this power to the utilisation area are of the S-conductor, lead-covered type, insulated with 3/16 inch of warnished cambric. Shielding is provided on all cables in order to equalize the voltage stress on the insulation, and to assure that most faults will be phase to ground faults. Cable sizes

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and layout are shown schematically in Figures 61 and 62.

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d. <u>Constant Frequency System.</u> - The constant frequency system (Fig. 61) is supplied from a double bus in the main switch house. Each feeder cable leading to the process area is provided with two breakers so that, in case there is any fuilure of equipment on either of the two bus sections, the other will remain in service and continue to supply the load. Each of the two bus sections is subdivided into two smaller portions by a 9 per cent 35,000 KVA bus the reactor which acts to limit the flow of current in the event of a short circuit.

(1) <u>Power Source.</u> - The constant frequency bus is normally supplied with power from three turbo-generators, one acting as a running resorve. In addition, as described above, a connection is made through the switchyard to the incoming T.V.A. supply lines. A 25,000 KVA synchronous condenser is installed in the switch house for use in improving power factor and controlling voltage at times when all constant frequency power is being drawn from the 154,000 volt  $T_vV_A$ . system.

(2) Intra-Area Distribution. - Throughout the utilisation area, a network distribution system is used. Four transformers, each supplied from a different cable, are paralleled on their secondary sides to form a 480 or 2400 volt bus. Each 13,800 volt cable and its associated transformer normally food one group of switches, but four switch groups are connected together by means of low voltage bus ties, and function as a unit. Transformers and cables sizes are so selected that, with one transformer or its primary feeder out of service, the remaining three can carry the full bus load.

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e. <u>Variable Frequency System</u> - Each of nine different variable and adjustable frequencies is supplied from a separate bus in the switch house (Fig. 62). These buses are equipped with one breaker per generator and one breaker per feeder.

(1) <u>Power Source.</u> - Each bus in the variable frequency system is normally supplied with power from a particular turbo-generator which is assigned to that bus and to that frequency. A spare turbogenerator is kept available so that it can pick up the load on any of the busies in 46 - 65 cycle band, should the generator normally supplying that bus be out of service. Two spares are provided to serve either of the busies in the 90 - 150 cycle system.

(2) <u>Intra-Area Distribution</u> - Variable frequency power is used at 480 volts. Transformers and switchgear are located in the process building basement vaults.

(a) <u>60 Cycle Hand.</u> - Two cables and transformers feed one bank of switches, and two of these switch banks are connected together by means of low voltage bus tie cables. When necessary, three of the four cables and transformers in any particular group can carry the total load for that group.

(b) <u>120 Cycle Band</u> - In Section 4 of the diffusion caseade the "A" and "B" motors are run at different speeds, and are supplied by different buses. The circuit breakers which supply the "A" and "B" motors for a particular cell are interlocked so that they are both closed and opened at the same time. In case either breaker is tripped automatically by relays, both breakers will open. In Section 4 the transformers are operated in groups  $\frac{6}{10}$  two, instead

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of in groups of four as in other sections. Each transformer supplies one bank of switches, and two of these switch banks have their low voltage buses connected together. Each switch bank supplies "A" and "B" motors for two cells, each cell being supplied through a separate circuit breaker. Normally, both transformers will be in service, but in an emergency one of the two transformers of a group can supply the entire load,

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#### f. Equipment.

(1) <u>Transformers.</u> - The step-down power transformers are practically all of the non-liquid filled, air-cooled type. Primary voltage in the 120 cycle band variable frequency system is 4,160 volts. In the 60 cycle constant and variable frequency systems, it is 13,800 volts. Secondary voltage is 480 volts in all cases, except for a number of constant frequency units, which deliver power at 2400 volts. Transformer sizes are shown in Figures 61 and 62. The two KVA values are the self-cooled and fan-cooled ratings. In general, the self-cooled rating is adequate for normal requirements, but the fan-cooled rating allows three transformers to carry the entire bus load normally distributed among four. Transformers in the constant frequency system were supplied by Allis-Chalmers; those in the variable frequency system by Westinrhouse.

(2) <u>Switchgear</u> - All of the switching equipment is of the metal-enclosed, air circuit breaker type with removable circuit breakers. In Section 300, the transformers and switching equipment are located in long wealts between the process buildings. In the pump house, air conditioning building, and other miscellaneous buildings,

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## TABLE 7. - PROCESS PUEP MOTORS

CASCADE SECTION NUMBER	TYPE PULS	LOTOR RATING (h.p.)	NUMBER OF MOTORS
-3	Α	<b>2</b> 6 <b>30</b>	<b>4</b> 5 9
	В	50	54
-5	I	50	2
<b>4</b> 2 <b>4</b> 2 <b>4</b> 2	Å	50	126
	B	100	126
	A	60	90
- <u>1</u>	B	100	90
-1	Ĩ	60	8
-1	Å	60	282
1	B	100	222
20.	Å	50	276
28.	B	200	276
2a. 2a.	Ĩ	100	2
	Ā	80	<b>652</b>
2b	B	60	552
26 26	Ĩ	60	8
26	Ā	15	288
5a.	B	50	288
Sh	I	16	8
Sa	Å	10	708
5b	B	20	708
55	I	25	2
3b	Ā	7.5	576
4	B	7.6	578
4	I	7.5	2
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NOTE: I denotes intersectional cell pump.



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the transformers and switching equipment are located in special rooms provided for that purpose.

(3) <u>Hotors</u> - The variable frequency load consists of power drawn by induction motors driving the diffusion stage process pumps. The 2892 stages of the main cascade, each with its "A" and "B" pumps, require a total of 5764 stage pump motors. The size and distribution of these motors, together with those installed in intersectional cells, are shown in Table 7.

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#### SECTION 15 - THE ADMINISTRATION AREA

13-1. General. - The designation, "Section 1000", is applied to include buildings provided at K-25 for administrative and miscellaneous purposes. All of these structures (except as noted in Par. 13-2) are of a temporary low-cost type. Most are located within the administration area, which lies southeast of the main process area.

13-2. <u>Laboratories</u>. - Four laboratory buildings are provided: K-1004-A, -B, -C, and -D. The first three are permanent two-story somerete block structures, and are connected by a corridor. Their combined floor space is 50,000 square feet. The fourth is a one-story wood frame building with a plan area at about 15,000 square feet. All are air-conditioned. Activities and equipment in these laboratories are described in Volume 5.

13-5. <u>Administration Building (K-1001)</u>. - The administration building is a two-story, four-wing building containing over two acress of floor space. It is the main office building for the gaseous diffusion plant.

13-4. Industrial Relations Building (K-1032). - As a supplement to the administration building, building K-1032 was constructed on an adjacent plot of ground to house offices having to do with industrial relations and similar matters.

13-5. Field Office Buildings (K-1029, K-1034). - Two two-story field office buildings are located just south of the cascade "U". These were designed and built for the purpose of providing office facilities

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for a portion of the administrative personnel of the J. A. Jones Construction Company, The Kellex Corporation, and the Manhattan District. They are now used by Carbide to provide office space for the Instrument, Equipment Test and Inspection, and General Engineering Departments.

13-6. <u>Personnel Facilities.</u> - The following personnel facilities are provided:

(-1002	Cafeteria
(-1003	Dispensary
(-1005	Payroll and Safety
-1015	Laundry
-1026	Bus Terminal
-1027	Bus Repair Shop

13-7. <u>Miscellaneous Buildings.</u> - Numerous warehouses, change houses, pay stations, first aid stations, guard houses, and garages are located throughout the K-25 area.



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SECTION 14 - THE K-27 AREA

14-1. <u>General</u>. - The K-27 plant is a structurally separate annex to the main cascade of the gaseous diffusion plant. It can be operated as a separate unit, but is normally operated in conjunction with the main K-25 plant, the two process areas being interconnected so as to form a "cascade of cascades" (Vol. 5). The decision to construct the K-27 plant is discussed in Paragraph 7-2. An extensive description of K-27 is available in Volume V of the Kellex Completion Report.

a. <u>Contractual Arrangements</u>. - In practically all cases, specific portions of the K-27 work were performed by the same contractors (App. A) who had handled corresponding phases of the originally designed K-25 plant. For example, overall responsibility for design, engineering, and procurement was vested in the Kellex Corporation under Modification No. 2 of contract W-7405-eng-23.

b. <u>K-27 Plant Site</u>. - The K-27 plant is located within the K-25 Area. Site selection was governed by consideration of the following factors:

1. Minimum disturbance to existing structures and services.

2. Proximity to existing utility supply facilities such as electric feeder cables, senitary water, fire water, etc.

3. Ease of drainage.

4. Proximity to the K-25 plant.

5. Availability of cooling water make-up supply.

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7. Ease of grading and soil preparation.

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8. Accessibility from other parts of the area. K-27 buildings occupy a sixty-acre plot of land just southwest of the main cascade "U". Thus, the K-27 cascade is situated within a deep bend of Poplar Creek, and is bordered on three aides by that stream. Flot plans of the K-27 area, and of the overall gaseous diffusion plant area, including K-27, are presented in Volume 1, Appendices A3 and A5. Fhotographic views are shown in Volume 5, Appendices D16 and D17.

c. <u>Design Principles</u>. - Design principles of the K-27 plant are identical with those of the main K-25 plant. In order to expedite the speed of construction, and since K-25 plant operation had proved successful, the general policy was followed of extending the diffusion plant process facilities by constructing duplicates of one of the main cascade process buildings (Vol. XXI of Kellex Operating Manuals). Only those changes were made which were absolutely necessary, or by means of which significant improvement could be effected without delaying the progress of construction. Accordingly, discussion of K-27 design, as presenteduelow, follows an outline similar to that used for the main K-25 plant; emphasis is placed upon points of difference between K-27 and the previously designed K-25.

d. <u>Capacity</u>. - In effect, K-27 operation produces an enriched feed for the K-25 cascade, and thereby increases its daily production of U-235. It was contemplated that the K-27 extension would result in a 35 to 60 per cent increase in total U-235 production.

14-2. Process Design. - The K-27 cascade consists of 540 diffusion stages. As in K-25, six stages are grouped to form a cell. The cascade

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is housed in nine contiguous process buildings (designated Section 400), each containing ten cells. The process equipment essentially duplicates that of Section 2a of the main cascade. Figure 63 depicts the method of process interconnection between the two cascades.

a. <u>Feed and Purification System (Section 130).</u> - The K-27 feed and purification system (Vol. XL of the Kellex Operating Manuals) differs in several important respects from that originally designed for service with the main K-25 cascade. Feed to K-27 is obtained from two sources:

- 1. Fresh, normal concentration, UF<sub>6</sub> supplied by the Harshaw Chemical Company.
- 2. Partially processed uranium hexafluoride recycled from the bottom of the K-25 cascade.

Experience with the main cascade feed purification program had shown that it would be unnecessary to provide purifying facilities for the fresh feed stock received from Harshaw. Accordingly, no equipment corresponding to the UF6 distillation towers of Section 100 was provided. It was decided, on the other hand, to provide purification facilities for the recycled stream from K-25. The K-27 feed and purification plant, as finally designed, is subdivided into three distinct systems which are discussed below.

(1) Fresh Feed Vaporisation System. - Fresh feed stock is vaporised directly by immersion of drums in hot water baths, and the vapore are sent through feed filters to the K-27 cascade. This is essentially similar to the method used in the feed system for the main cascade. Four hot water baths are provided, each serving a bank of four

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cylinders. Total vaporizing capacity is on the order of 32,000 pounds of UF<sub>6</sub> per day.

(2) Batch Still Furification System. - This installation, housed in a separate room of Building K-131, contains principally a packed tower and re-boiler, a still pot, condenser, and reflux drum, together with process material containing drums, and water bath vaporizers for feeding purified UF to Section 400. The system removes such impurities picked up during processing in the main cascade as coolant and light diluents, and was designed to reduce C8F16 concentration to a specified 2.14 per cent by weight. An extraction and separation unit is provided for removing traces of UF6 from the C8F16 coolant recovered in the purification operation. Process piping in Section 130 differs from that of Section 100 (which is traced with calrod heaters) in that it is encased within electrically heated air conditioned enclosures, which confine leaking process material, and permit of purging the leaking area. Also, whereas the feed to the Section 100 purification system is vaporized by electrical heating jackets, in Section 130 the feed to the batch still is vaporized by hot water coils clamped around the shipping containers.

(3) UF<sub>6</sub> Disposal System. - The disposal system (housed in Building K-132) removes UF<sub>6</sub> from vent gases, purge gases, and relief valve discharges by absorption in water. The resultant solution is returned to Building K-131, and agitated in a tank with a 10 per cent caustic solution which precipitates the uranium as sodium uranate,  $N_{2}^{a}U_{2}^{O}\gamma^{*}$ The precipitate is filtered in a plate and frame press, washed, and charged to barrels for storage. The filtrate and washings are transported

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by tank truck to the conditioning area for disposal.

#### b. Surge and Waste System (Section 630).

(1) <u>Surge System</u>. - Similar in design and purpose to Section 600 of K-25, the K-27 surge system includes a bank of twelve large drums capable of absorbing an inventory fluctuation of 3900 pounds, which is equivalent to 15 per cent of the K-27 cascade inventory.

(2) <u>Waste System</u>. - The waste system, with a design capacity of 9300 pounds of process material per day, withdraws process gas from the "B" line serving the surge system, and compresses it to 33-50 p.s.i.a. by means of two special pumps (Par. 14-3d(1)) connected in series. The stream is then liquefied by heat exchange with process coolant, and collected in one of two waste accumulators from which it is drained to shipping cylinders for storage. The K-27 surge and waste system is completely spared (Vol. XXXIX of the Kellex Operating Manuals).

(3) <u>Ventilation System</u>. - A carefully engineered ventilation system has been provided in Building K-631 to furnish the following services:

1. Frotection of personnel against toxic gases.

- 2. Limit and control surfaces requiring decontamination in case of a leak.
- 3. Dissipate heat.

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The ventilation system is unique in that certain areas of the building where process gas is handled at super-atmospheric pressures are maintained at pressures below atmospheric so that leakage of process gas to the atmosphere will not contaminate other parts of the building. In those parts of the building where process gas pressures are below atmospheric, the pressures are held slightly above the normal barometric level CONTRENTINEAD DELEKET

in order to minimize further the flow of contaminated atmosphere into such areas.

c. <u>Purging System</u>. - Design of K-27 purging facilities was considerably simplified because of K-25 operating experience, and because of the fact that the process stream at the top of K-27 is not very highly enriched in light isotope concentration.

(1) <u>Alternatives Considered</u>. - Two methods were considered. The first involved a design similar to that used in the temporary purge and product systems at the top of Sections 2a and 2b of the K-25 cascade. This method would possess the advantage of simplifying K-27 product removal, but would necessitate relatively complicated plant purging operstions. The second alternative was based upon the use of normal cascade cells to produce light diluent of high purity (about 1 mol per cent  $UF_6$ ). This would permit separation of the product withdrawal system from the purging system.

(2) <u>Final Design</u>. - The latter method was chosen because of its simplicity. It also made possible the sparing of purge system cold traps by recovery system cold traps. The highest on-stream coll of the K-27 cascade normally operates on direct recycle, and light diluent is concentrated in the top 2-5 cells to 99 or more mol per cent. A purge stream is taken from the "A" stream of the uppermost stage and compressed to atmospheric pressure by means of a Beach-Russ vacuum pump of the type used in the process gas recovery system. The stream passes through a cold trap system housed in Building K-413, and is refrigerated with liquid  $CO_2$ at minus 55°F. It is then run through a carbon absorber and exhausted to the atmosphere. A control valve in the vacuum-pump suction line regulates



the flow of purge gas so that the UF6:N2 ratio in the process stream at one of the stages near the top of the cascade remains constant. Refrigeration is supplied from the  $CO_2$  refrigerating plant in Building K-402-9 which also serves the K-27 process recovery system. For stand-by purposes liquid  $CO_2$  for refrigeration can also be supplied from cylinders. The design capacity of the purge system is 2400 standard cubic feet of nitrogen per day.

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d. Process Gas Recovery System. - The process gas recovery system of K-27 differs from that of K-25 (which was equipped with recovery stations scattered throughout the main process buildings) in that a single central station is provided. This design was chosen after study and discussion between Kellex and Carbide. Three two-pump vacuum pumping stands, placed at equal intervals along the cascade, exhaust the process gas from the process equipment when necessary, and discharge it through mist filters into a header which runs along the front of the process buildings, and leads to the central station at the front of Building K-402-8. At this point three cold traps are provided, together with auxiliary carbon traps and controls. Recovered process material is stored in five liquid storage drums and returned as needed to the cascade by way of a return header which runs parallel to the evacuation header. Operation of the K-25 cascade has shown that the Allis-Chalmers stage pumps can operate at lower pressures and amaller suction volumes than were originally anticipated. This information was utilized by employing these pumps to wacuate the contents of a cell, and transfer the process material to mother cell, or to the main cascade stream. In this way, a cell can e evacuated to less than 10 per cent of normal shutdown pressure, the emainder of the evacuation being taken care of by the recovery system, hich thereby carries a greatly reduced load. In the K-25 recovery rooms,

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a storage drum, after being filled, had to be disconnected from the piping, moved, and replaced by another storage drum. In K-27, storage in the cold trap room is provided for by stationary drums which collectively can hold the contents of one building. These drums are manifolded and encased in an electrically heated box designed so that the  $UF_6$  can be held in the drums either as a liquid or as a vapor. Extra storage capacity can be obtained by vaporizing the  $UF_6$  from the recovery storage drums and sending it to the product room in Building K-413 through a piping connection provided for this purpose, and condensing it into portable product drums. The piping arrangement also makes it possible to use the K-27 cascade recovery system for evacuation of equipment in the surge and waste system, or as a spare purging system when the normal purge system is shut down. The K-27 process gas recovery system and purge and product system is described in Volume XXXVIII of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

•. <u>Product Withdrawal System</u>. - The K-27 product system serves to transfer K-27 product to K-25 at a metered rate, and provides a means for operating either the K-25 or K-27 cascade when the other is out of service. The principal difference from the K-25 product system, where the product rate is relatively low, is that the K-27 design product withdrawal rate is 4400 pounds per day. Final design of the product withdrawal system was fixed after consultation with Carbide. Froduct is withdrawn from a cell near the top of the K-27 cascade where the light diluent concentration approximates three mol per cent. Product may be withdrawn through any of a number of connections installed between the converter outlet and stage control valve in the sixth stage of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh cells from the top of Building K-402-9.

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Similar connections are made in Building X-402-8 for use in the event that Building K-402-9 may be taken off stream. Product is normally transferred to K-25 in the vapor phase by means of interconnecting piping between the two plants, which run through purge and product building K-413 (Fig. 63), where the flow rate is continuously metered. The product system is housed in Building K-413 along with the purge system, the two systems being separated by a partition well. On account of the process pressure differential between K-25 and K-27, no booster pump mechanism is required. The product header discharges into any of a number of feedpoints in the K-25 cascade.

(1) <u>Alternate System</u>. - Facilities are also evailable for liquefying the process material, and transporting it to K-25 in tared drums. When this method is used, (e.g., when the K-25 cascade is shut down) a stream is drawn from the product header, and compressed by means of two special pumps (Par. M-3d (1)) connected in series. The compressed gas passes through a condenser where it is liquefied by heat exchange cgainst  $C_8F_{16}$ , the liquid flowing by gravity into run-down drums, from which it is drained into tared shipping drums. These drums have a combined storage capacity of 15 tens of UF<sub>6</sub>, and provide a stockpile for supplying the K-25 cascade for a considerable period, in the event that normal flow of K-27 product is interrupted.

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b. <u>Converters</u>. - The converters of the K-27 stages are identical with the Size 2 converters of the K-25 cascade (Table 3, facing p. 6.10). The use of a higher quality barrier makes possible a higher operating pressure in K-27 (Section 400) than is possible in K-25 (Section 300). A typical K-27 cascade "B" stream pressure would be on the order of 3.2 p.s.i.s.; a maximum pressure of 4.0 p.s.i.s. is possible. This maximum pressure fixed design cooler duties, electrical power requirements, end some of the instrument ranges. A typical "A" stream flow rate through K-27 barrier is 637,000 pounds per day, as against 490,000 pounds per day in Section 2s of the K-25 plant.

6. <u>Process Fumps</u>. - Because of the relatively high pressures and increased interstage flow at which the K-27 stages were to be operated, the stage-pump motors had to be capable of a higher power output than was necessary in Section 2a. The "A" pump motors are rated for continuous operation at 75 horsepower, and the "B" pump motors at 150 horsepower.

d. <u>Service Pumps</u>. - The various special pumps developed (Vol. 2, Section 5) for K-25 service were used for corresponding applications in K-27.

(1) <u>Waste and Product Pumps</u>. - It was necessary to design one new pump for the K-27 plant. The K-27 waste system required a positive displacement pump to compress  $UF_6$  to 33-55 p.s.i.a. prior to liquefaction; the K-27 product system involved a similar pumping service. A Beach-Huss pump (Vol. 5, Par. 8) was tested at the Kellex Jersey City Test Floor, and later at the plant site. A number of design modifications were made, and a two-stage unit was developed with increased sylinder clearance and an improved lubrication system.



e. <u>Frocess Cas Coolers</u>. - The stage coolers are identical with those used in K-25. K-27 contains no intercell coolers, however, the need for these being eliminated by the use of MFP-10 plastic valve seats, which is capable of withstanding higher operating temperatures than the "C" rubber seats originally installed in the main encode.

5. <u>Process Pining</u>. - K-27 process pipe is identical with that used in K-25, with the exception that the tippe and four inch sizes (as well as the larger diameters) are of nickel-plated steel instead of monel. By the time that the K-27 plant was constructed, Bart Laboratories had extended their plating techniques to permit of handling these smaller sizes.

g. <u>Process Block Valves</u>. - The G-17 block valves in K-27 are equipped with MPP-10 seat rings instead of the "C" rubber seating usterial originally used in K-25.

h. <u>Instrumentation</u>. - Instrumentation changes were made primarily in passes where it was found possible effect simplification or improvement without delaying the program. Specific details are described in Section S-III (10) of the Kellex Completion Report.

i. Stage Control Valves. - As in the K-25 plant, butterfly control valves are used to regulate stage pressures in the K-27 plant. Since complete closure of a control valve would result in process disturbances which would overload the pump motors, it was decided to provide special means for preventing the valves from closing beyond a pre-determined amount. This was accomplished by controlling the tir supply for the disphrage motors of the valves to that pressure which would permit the valves to close to a specified position. The valves have also been

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fitted with stops to limit the degree of closure. The relays used in K-25 were supplied with two degrees of "reset"; this has proven unnecessary, and the relays used in K-27 are designed without the reset feature.

J. <u>Cold Traps</u>. - The cold traps used in the K-27 purging system were salvaged from cancelled recovery rooms in Sections 3a and 3b of the K-25 cascade. Those used in the K-27 process gas recovery system, however, were specially designed for the K-27 plant. Representing a modification of the radial fin type trap, they are larger and somewhat simpler in design than any type used in the K-25 plant, containing no inner refrigerant shell. A feature of these traps is a nickel wool filter installed at the outlet to remove entrained  $UF_4$ .

 <u>Carbon Traps</u>. - K-27 carbon traps are similar in design to those of K-25, but generally somewhat larger in size.

14-4. Process Service Installations.

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a. <u>Process Coolant System</u>. - The  $C_8F_{16}$  coolant system for K-27 (Vol. XXXV of the Kellex Operating Manuals) differs from that for K-25 primarily in the following ways:

1. As mentioned above, intercell coolers are not required.

- 2. An undesirable upward thrust obtained in Section 300 coolant circulating pumps is eliminated by drilling the impellers of pumps in Section 400.
- 3. In order to reduce coolant loss, the inert gas blanket pressure on the coolant system was reduced to ½ inch of water column gage, instead of the 3-5 p.s.i.g. originally specified in the K-25 coolant system.

4. A pulsation damper has been placed in the coolant circulating

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pipe discharge pressure gage line in order to minimize the effect of pump vibration on the gage reading.

5. The entire temperature level of the coolant system (except for the inlet cooling water temperature) is higher than in the K-25 plant, because of the higher specified process temperatures.

b. Recirculating Cooling Water System (Section 830). - Some consideration was given to enlarging the K-25 system so that it would be able to supply the cooling requirements of the K-27 plant. However, it was soon found that this would require major revisions of the existing plant, and would require the interruption of process operations. The scheme was therefore abandoned. A separate cooling tower (H-832) is provided for K-27 service. It is a 14 cell induced draft installation. The recirculating system is similar in principle to that of K-25. Design capacity is 55.000 GPM, and indicated load is approximately 34,000 GPM. It was originally expected that the K-27 system would require its own makeup water supply facilities. However, operating results at K-25 showed that the make-up requirements for that plant were running less than estimated, so that it was possible to feed K-27 from the K-25 system, and a tie-in was made between the supply main of K-25 and the return main of K-27 to sarry make-up feed to the latter system. Late in the design of the new plant, and at Carbide's suggestion, facilities were added so that make-up water can be fed to both plants from the sanitary water system. This provides a stand-by source which can be used during periods of low water, and when the raw river water is exceptionally dirty. Because of the higher process gas circulating rates and pressures in the

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cascade of the K-27 plant, the quantity of heat to be carried away per building is greater than for a similar ten-cell building in Section 2a of the K-25 cascade. It was therefore necessary to increase the differential pressure between the supply header and the return header so that each building would receive the required supply of cooling water. As a result, the recirculating pump discharge pressure is higher in the K-27 plant, and the sizes of the supply and return mains, and of the building headers are proportionately larger. Further details are available in Volume XXXVII of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

c. Dry Air System. - The dry air system of K-27 serves a function similar to that of K-25. It was designed to operate as a dead-that system aince experience in the main K-25 plant had shown to be preferable to continuous circulation. It was originally intended that a dehumidification plant should be set up in Building K-1131 for producing the dry air needed in K-27, but it was later calculated that the existing K-25 dehumidifying installation (Section 1100) would be able to supply the meeds of both process areas, with both operating on the dead-end system. A connecting supply line was therefore installed to supply the K-27 plant with dry air from Section 1100. Construction of Building K-1131 was discontinued, and later resumed after the bulk of the more urgent construction work had been completed. The building is now used for miscellaneous storage and maintenance purposes.

(1) <u>Instrument Air</u>. - The K-27 instrument air system differs from that of K-25 in that there is only one system per building. All air-actuated instruments and controls are supplied with minus 70°F dew point air, whether located inside or outside the dehumidified equip-

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ment enclosure system. The air is drawn from the main K-27 dry air distribution header, and compressed to 10-55 p.s.i.g. by means of four compressors in Building K-1231, and then sent to the process building distribution system. At the front of each process building, the system is connected to the plant compressed air header in order to make available a source of emergency supply. A full description of the K-27 air distribution systems may be found in Volume XXXII of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

d. <u>Compressed Air System</u>. - The "plant air" for K-27 is fed from the K-25 system (Section 1200) by means of a connecting supply line. No additional compressors were required; existing facilities were capable of carrying the added K-27 load.

e. <u>Lubricating Oil System</u>. - The K-27 process pump lubricating oil system is similar in all important respects to that of K-25, though minor changes were made in the method of feeding and venting the main building supply headers, duplex filters were installed at each stage pump instead of single filters, and the size of the main feed header was increased in order to provide a greater emergency supply of oil (Vol. IXXIII of the Kellex Operating Manuals).

f. <u>Drv Nitrogen Supply System</u>. - The sizes of some of the stage pump scaling systems were increased in order to facilitate vacuum testing of these systems, trace indicators in the scal exhaust headers were eliminated, and the method of controlling scal exhaust pressures was changed so that they are regulated differentially from the scal feed pressures. Further details are available in Volume XXXVI of the Kellex Operating Manuals.

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14-5. <u>Power Supply and Distribution (Section 730)</u>. - The K-27 plant was designed to run entirely on constant frequency 60 cycle power. This made it possible to draw all power directly from the T.V.A. system. Accordingly, the entire K-27 electrical supply system is considerably less complicated than the K-25 installation.

a. <u>K-27 Switchward (K-732)</u>. - The 154,000 volt line between the T.V.A. Watts Bar generating station and the Elsa No. 1 substation was looped through the K-27 switchyard, thus providing in effect, two sources of power supply. A third source was erranged by means of a 154,000 volt line from the K-25 switchyard (K-709). Any two of these three sources can supply the entire K-27 load. Power is stepped down to 13,800 volts by means of five transformers in the K-27 switchyard. It is then transmitted to the K-27 switch house by means of underground cables.

b. <u>K-27 Switch House (K-731)</u>. - The switch house is a steel and concrete structure, about 400 feet long, 50 feet wide, and 40 feet high, located adjacent to the switchyard, and south of the K-27 process buildings. The switching equipment installed in the K-27 switch house is similar to that used in K-25. It is of metal enclosed design with the phases well isolated.

c. Design Load. - In order to provide for possible future expansion of the K-27 plant by construction of three additional process buildings, all 154,000 volt transmission line facilities, switchyard facilities, power transformers, and 13,800 volt switchgear have been designed for a maximum load of 150,000 KW. From this point on, the K-27 electrical distribution system is designed for a total load of 100,000 KW, which was the estimated load for full operation of the nine K-27 process buildings

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and auxiliaries. The bulk of the power is utilized at 480 volts.

d. Distribution System. - The 13,800 volt cables from the switch house to the process buildings, the low voltage switchgear, and the low voltage cables are all designed to take the full load rating of the motors, and are rated for a stream efficiency of 100 per cent. This rating was based upon experience at K-25 which showed that the estimated stream efficiency of 87 per cent assumed in that area was decidedly conservative. The 13,800 wolt bus in the K-27 switch house is divided into two sections. A radial distribution system with four cables to each wault is provided, all four of these cables being supplied from one bus section. Each cable has two breakers, one from the main bus, and one from the reserve bus. Adjacent vaults are fed from alternate bus sections. The two bus sections are not tied together either at the switch house or in the process area. The stage pump transformers and the auxiliary transformers in a given vault are fed from the same cables. Any three of a group of four 13,800 wolt cables can carry the full load in emergencies. Furthermore, stage pump transformer sizes have been so selected that any three transformers of a group of four can carry the full load when neoessary. Cables and conduits carrying power from the K-27 switch house to Section 400 are of the same types as used in K-25.

14-6. <u>Conditioning and Administrative Facilities</u>. - The K-27 plant is served by Sectione 1300 and 1400 in the same way as the main K-25 cascade.

a. <u>Steam Plant (K-1531</u>). - The addition (K-1531) made to the original K-25 process steam plant (K-1501) in order to supply K-27 requirements is discussed in Paragraph 11-9. K-27 is supplied with steam through a separate line which connects with the main steam header supplying

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the K-25 plant at a point near the southeast corner of the conditioning building. This steam line crosses the K-25 area and extends overhead to K-27. Branches connect with the various auxiliary buildings, and to a header which distributes steam to the nine process buildings. Condensate is pumped back to the heating steam plant through an independent condensate line.



SECTION 15 - ASSISTANCE FROM BRITISH SOURCES

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15-1. Introduction. - A number of design calculations and preliminary investigations of the gaseous diffusion process were made by British scientists. Various conferences were held with this group relative to most practical policies, methods, and procedures. (Contacts with the British group developing diffusional separation processes may be grouped into the following four periods:

> Period 1. Preliminary discussions, Fobruary-April 1942. Period 2. Review of gaseous diffusion plant design. September 1943-January 1944 (App. F14).

- Period 5. Assistance with theoretical problems, February-May 1944.
- Period 4. Development of scraper cold trap, July-October 1944.

British work on the devolopment of "C" rubbor valve seats has been mentioned in Paragraph 8-11b, and is further discussed in Both Vil.

15-2. Preliminary Discussions. - The main topics discussed during the first visit of the British group to this country were principles of diffusional separation and alternative types of plant structure. (Vel. 2, Par. 5-5). The discussions on theoretical principles were helpful to American workers in disclosing the major design problems and suggesting design methods. The views of the British group on plant structure, however, were too divergent from the American plan to be of much practical value and were, therefore, rejected for reasons indicated in the following paragraph.

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15-S. Review of Gaseous Diffusion Plant Design. - At the suggestion of the Kellex Corporation, the British group was invited to eriticise the design of the gaseous diffusion plant. A series of conferences was held at which the following subjects were discussed:

a. <u>Barrier Natorials</u> - The British investigators reviewed the relative merits of barrier materials under consideration, and aided in the selection of the DA barrier.

b. <u>Stage Recycle Principle.</u> - In December 1943, the British investigators proposed that an investigation be made of the "rabbit principle", a stage recycle method. In this plant, converter diffusate from only the first pass is advanced to the next higher stage; diffused gas from the remaining passes is recycled back to the same stage. The merit of the method lay in the reduction of required number of stages to obtain a specified product concentration, but, at the same time, total barrier area requirements were increased. A change over to this method at the current status of process development would have seriously delayed the completion of the plant because of increased complexity of converter design and stage operation. The method was carefully reviewed by Kellex engineers, and it was decided that process advantages which right be obtained could not justify its acceptance. The British group later concurred with this decision.

c. <u>Cascade of Cascades Principle.</u> - At the suggestion of the British investigators, some consideration was given to designing the gaseous diffusion plant as a "cascade of cascades". In such a design, the plant is not laid out as a simple, long cascade, but, rather, is compartmentalised, and consists of a number of smaller

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groups of stages, each in itself set up as a simple cascade, and each connected with its neighbors in a sanner analogous to the interconnection of individual stages. Thus, there is associated with each unit cascade a feed, waste, and product stream which correspond, respectively, to the "B" inlet stream, "B" outlet stream, and "A" stream of an individual stage. Each unit cascade is fed with a mixture of "product" from the unit cascade below, and "waste" from the unit cascade above. The waste from the unit cascade under consideration is fed to the unit below, and the product is fed to the unit cascade above. Such an arrangement would facilitate purging at a number of intermediate points in the cascade, and opportunity would exist for independent operation of the unit caseades, and for localisation of operating disturbances within these units. The disadvantages involved increased complexity of the process piping system, and less efficient utilization of diffusional equipment. Discussions on the advantages of this type of plant structure were helpful in suggesting means for controlling operating disturbances and in devising alternative purging methods, but the plant was not converted to the cascade of cascades principle since the American plan appeared to be satisfactory and design was progressing on schedule. The method of sectionalising the simple cascade, which was finally chosen, permitted sufficiently rapid isolation of process disturbances, and avoided the complexity of the cascade of cascades layout.

d. <u>Purge Cascade.</u> - The British group made a valuable analysis of possible difficulties with the purge cascade system. They pointed out that if the compressors of the purge cascade failed to

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work, the plant as then designed would be without means for purging light gasec. They suggested that the control of the purge caseade might present special difficulties, and offered to undertake a detailed analysis of this problem. Although it was later found that control of the purge caseade was relatively simple, the discussions instigated by the British were helpful in understanding the problems connected with it.

e. <u>Pressure Control.</u> - The British group criticised the method proposed for control of stage pressures and recommended the use of landnar resistance in place of automatic pressure control valves. Although the British suggestion was not adopted, the criticisms related concerning the use of automatic valves were valuable in eliminating potential difficulties with this type of equipment.

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construction of the British diffusers appeared perfectly feasible, it was not adopted because the American design was well under way, was on schedule, and its performance was considered satisfactory.

g. <u>Cold Traps.</u> - The British investigators made a number of valuable suggestions concerning the design of cold traps. In particular, they suggested that trouble might be encountered in the Kellex type of trap from low heat transfer coefficients and process gas func losses. Both of these criticisms were subsequently proved walid by experimental tests, and the cold traps were medified to include the installation of mist filters.



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15-4. <u>Assistance with Theoretical Problems.</u> - During the period from March to June 1944, certain members of the British group, Mesors. C. F. Hearton, R. Peierls, K. Fuchs and R. Skyrme, were stationed in New York, and, on request from Kellex, and with the approval of the War Department, undertook analysis of the following theoretical problems:

- 1. Gascade of cascades flow sheets.
- 2. Exact calculation of equilibrium time.
- S. Loss of separation due to surges.
- 6. Control of main cascade (e.g., frequency of use of automatic control valves).
- 5. Control of purge casoades.

Reports of these theoretical studies were summarized in a series of reports (Appr 19), and have been helpful in anticipating problems of plant design. (The MSN Series) [1999]

15-6. <u>Development of Scraper Cold Traps.</u> - The British investigators had advocated the use of a scraper cold trap in an alternative method for process stream purging in case the diffusion purge cascado should prove imperable. In this type of trap, solidified material is continually removed by scraping, thereby maintaining high overall heat transfer coefficients. To investigate the usofulness of the scraper cold trap, the British workers invited The Kellex Corporation to sond representatives to Billingham, England, to observe there the operation of an experimental model. Dr. W. I. Thompson and Mr. E. A. Johnson remained in England from July to October 1944 for this purpose. Upon their return to this country, The Kellex Corporation, with the aid of the National Research Corporation, was able to complete the engi-

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neering design of a scraper cold trap (App. F25). However, it was later decided not to use this trap because of the difficulties anticipated in controlling its process gas inventory.

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16-1. Safety Program.

a. Organization.

(1) New York Safety Coumittee.

(a) <u>Functions.</u> - The New York Safety Committee was organized in December 1943, at the request of the New York Area Engineer, to serve in a consultant and advisory capacity on safety problems involved in handling fluorine, uranium hexafluoride, and other hasardous chemicals used in K-25 work.

(b) <u>Composition</u> - The Committee was composed of members of the Kellex staff representing process, engineering, and research, a liaison officer from the Medical Section of the Manhattan District, and a member of the SAE Laboratories staff.

(c) <u>Activities.</u> - In the performance of its duties, representatives of the Committee visited all laboratories and other organisations of the K-25 group working with hesardous materials, including those under contract to the Hadison Square Area for development and production of special chemicals (Book VII).

(2) <u>Transfer of Responsibility.</u> - By the end of February 1945, the bulk of the safety work had been completed. The Hanhattan District Engineer's office was so informed, and the recommendation made that the responsibility for continuing these activities be transferred to the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation at the plant site. In letter dated 28 Harch 1945 (App. F26), the New York Area Engineer was informed that instructions had been issued to effect

the transfer of responsibility for Safety Committee activities to Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation. Actual transfer was completed early in April 1945.

b. <u>Safety Measures.</u> - In the course of its activities, the Safety Committee prepared for the New York Area Engineer a total of fourteen safety bulletins, revisions, and supplements (App. Il) describing the hazards entailed in dealing with these dangerous special materials, and prescribing regulations for their safe handling.

16-2. Security Program.

a. Organisation.

(1) District Organisation. - A full account of the evolution of the District Security organisation and its activities is presented in Book I, Volume 14. In March 1943 a security officer was assigned to the New York Area office. With the development of the Manhattan District intelligence and security system, the functions of the Area Security Office changed; from June 1943 until May 1944, this position mainly required limison between contractor, area, and District Intelligence and Security Sections. As sub-areas were created, under the jurisdiction of the New York Area Engineer, it becaus necessary to assign security officers to the Decatur, Milwaukee, and Detroit Areas. Each of these sub-area security officers was directly responsible to the respective sub-area engineer and also, as in the New York Area, to the local District Intelligence Officer. After the District Intelligence Section was reorganised as the Intelligence and Security Division, an officer from the local Branch Intelligence and Security Office was substituted for the Area Security Officer. Each of these area security



representatives then became responsible for all security and intelligence matters pertaining to his area, and to contructors therein. They reported both to the respective Area Engineers, and to the local Branch Intelligence and Security Offices. In the case of the Hew York Area, this system took effect in May 1944.

(2) Contractor Organisation.

(a) The Kellex Corporation. - In December 1942, with the signing of the Kellogg contract, the Personnel Director of the M. M. Kellogg Company was appointed Security Agent for that company. His duties consisted largely of initiating elearance of personnel, and of setting up the security requirements to be followed by the contractor in accordance with District instructions. In February 1945, the Personnel Director of The Kellox Corporation took over these functions for Keller, and a few days thereafter a full time Security Agent was appointed by Kellex to assume for the corporation responsibility for security of all operations of Kellex and its subcontractors. At this time, the Kellex Security Agent reported directly to the New York Area Security Officer. This system continued in effect thereafter, with some variations as the District Security organization was developed. During the latter period, the contractor security agent reported both to the Area Security Officer, and to the local District Intelligence Officer.

(b) <u>Other Contractors.</u> - In May 1943, Kellex was relieved of the responsibility for security over prime contracts which had been written at their instance, but over which sub-areas had been created. In November 1943, Kellex was relieved of the re-

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sponsibility for security involving other prime contracts even though not administered by a sub-area. This jurisdiction was assumed directly by the Security Officer of the Area Engineer. Kellox then retained responsibility only for its own organisation, and for its subcontractors and vendors. However, security agents were appointed by all prime contractors and all important subcontractors. In general, these agents were the personnel directors of the respective organisations, and operated on a part-time basis with respect to security. They reported directly to the responsible Area Engineer and to the local Intelligence Officer.

b. <u>Security Measures.</u> - A complete security program was established for those facilities and sub-areas where a great amount of classified information was located, or where production was of paracunt importance. The Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, General Electric, Westinghouse, Crane Company, Bakelite, Metals Disintegrating, and a number of other contractors were then governed by the security regulations described below (App. 12). Prime contractors of lesser importance either from the standpoint of production, or of possession of classified information, were subject to this security program with warying degrees of modification. The complete program called for the establishment of procedures for personnel clearance and visitor control, educational programs, plant protection, and designating of certain restricted areas.

(1) <u>Personnel Clearance</u> - Clearance by investigation, of all military and contractor personnel who were granted access to either classified information or restricted areas, was handlod by



the District Intelligence and Security Division. The degree of investigation was dependent upon the facts revealed in the personnel clearance forms, and upon the position to which the individual was being assigned. In order to expedite Project activities, a system of interim clearance was worked out by which personnel clearance forms were screened immediately upon submission, the the individual either granted or denied clearance on this basis. The complete investigation which followed determined either the continuance of the individual in his position, or in the event of derogatory information, his termination or reassignment.

(2) <u>Designation of Rostricted Areas.</u> - Restricted areas were designated in which either important classified documents and information were located, or work of great importance was being carried on. Admission to these areas was granted only to those who were specifically designated and had received proper clearance.

(3) <u>Visitor Control.</u> - A system of visitor control was established which called for the issuance, by the Area Security Officer, of Hanhattan District passes to those who, for approved specific purposes, wished to visit a restricted area or a company which had received a contract with a classification of higher than "Restricted".

(4) Educational Program. - An educational program was established to insure that all personnel were aware of the importance, and the means of handling, of classified information. This program was carried out with the assistance of the various area security officers. The media of education were motion pictures, lectures,



literature, posters, and regular contacts with personnel where necessary. The program included specific instruction as to the proper classification of correspondence and its safeguarding and handling. Spotchecks were conducted at regular intervals by the security officer and by the security agents of the contractors.

(5) <u>Plant Safeguards.</u> - Plant protection measures were adopted at various installations, from the standpoint of safeguarding military information, and for the protection of research and production activities. These measures included establishment and instruction of guard forces, fencing of areas, pass and badge control, and fire protection.

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#### SECTION 17 - COSTS

17-1. Introduction. - An overall compilation of costs attributable to the K=25 Project is given in Volume 1, Section 7, together with an explanation of the principles involved in the method of cost presentation used. Costs incurred under the special chemicals development and procurement program are treated in Book VII. This section presents total costs chargeable to all other phases of the K=25 design, engineering, and procurement activities.

17-2. Cost Breakdown. - A detailed breakdown according to prime contracts is shown in Appendix A, which also presents original and modified contract estimates.

17-3. <u>Cost Surmary.</u> - Total cost figures for K-25 design, engineering, and procurement, effective as of the end of the fiscal year 1946 are as follows:

Contract Payments to Date	2245,598,661
Fixed Fee Payments to Date	9,039,913
Material Furnished by Government to Date	966,401 (credit)
Total Contract Costs to Date	255,672,175
Estimated Total Costs for Completed Contracts	275,449,699



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SECTION 18 - ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL

### 18-1. District Organisation.

a. <u>Overall Organisation</u> - The large number of contractors involved, and their wide geographical dispersion, posed a difficult administrative problem which was solved by the creation of a number of Eanhattan District Areas, so located as to permit close association with all contractors. This organisation served to administer contracts and expedite the solution of procurement problems arising within a particular Area.

b. <u>Line of Authority</u>. - The New York Area Engineer was responsible for the supervision of all Kellex design, engineering, and procurement activities. To facilitate the enormous task assigned the New York Area, additional areas (actually "sub-areas") were established, to handle administrative details, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Decatur, Illinois; and Detroit, Michigan. Where major pieces of equipment were being fabricated, responsibility for technical and procurement activities and decisions was retained by the New York Area. In cortain instances, other Hanhattan District Areas not primarily concerned with the Diffusion Project rendered supplementary services. Chief among these is the Madison Square Area, whose role is described in Book VII. Appendix C20 shows the District organisation for administration of design, engineering, and procurement activities connected with the K=25 Project. Solid lines show the direct line of authority as it applies to the New York Area activities. Dashed lines indicate



the relationship of other areas and Manhattan District offices which are only partly concerned with the diffusion plant. Contractors supervised by the Milwaukee, Decatur, and Detroit Areas are shown in Appendices Cl. 2. 5, and 4.

18-2. New York Area.

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Organization. - On 7 January 1943, Lt. Colonal **A**... J. C. Stowers was dosignated both as Unit Chief of the M-25 Project, and as Area Engineer, New York Area. One of his first assignments as Area Engineer was to organize a New York Area Office to administer The He We Kellogg Company contract, which had become effective on 14 December 1942. By 31 May 1943, the New York Area Office staff had increased to four officers and fifteen civilians. Two of those officers were assigned to the Decatur and Detroit "projects" as distinguished from other Kellogg-Kellex activities, Separate Decatur, Detroit, and Milwaukee Areas were later created to relieve the New York Area Engineer of administrative duties connected with Houdaille-Hershey Corporation, Chrysler Corporation and Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company operations. The first published organisation chart of the New York Area, dated 31 May 1943, is shown in Appendix C6. As of 31 March 1945, the New York Area office consisted of 12 officers, 4 enlisted personnel, and 51 civilians. The increased scope of activity required a more complex organization, which is shown in Appendix C7. The New York Area was dissolved as of 23 August 1946.

b. <u>Personnel.</u> - Lt. Colonel J. C. Stowers served as Now York Area Engineer from 7 January 1943 until 28 February 1946. Thereafter, the position was held by Major W. C. Campbell, Additional

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information concerning key personnel of the New York Area is given in Appendix JL.

18-5. Milwaukse Area.

a. <u>Organisations</u> - The Allis-Chalmers Hamifacturing Company was engaged on 8 February 1943 to manufacture pumps for the K-25 Project. In order to administer the manufacturing plant construction program, a project office was opened in West Allis, Wisconsin, and Lt. Colonel R. C. Gregory was assigned as Project Engineer on 23 February 1943. A staff of one additional officer and nine civilians was assembled. The Area organization as of 1 June 1945 is shown in Appendix C8, On 51 Harch 1945, the area staff consisted of four military and twolve civilian members (App. C9).

b. <u>Personnel.</u> - Lt. Colonel R. C. Gregory was succeeded on 15 July 1943 by Captain R. C. Hill who assumed the position of Area Engineer. He was in turn succeeded on 6 August 1944 by Hajor J. L. McCornick, Jr. who served as Area Engineer until 14 November 1945. Thereafter the position was held by Captain J. D. Anderson until the area was dissolved on 50 June 1946. A list of key military and civilian personnel attached to the Milmaukee Area is presented in Appendix J2.

18-4. Decatur Area.

a. <u>Organization</u> - On 19 April 1943 the Houdaille-Hershey Corporation agreed to not up a pilot plant at its Decatur plant for the purpose of developing the production of the electrofaced nickel barrier. After several months, sufficient progress had been made to warrant the construction of a production plant. Captain J. H. Brannan



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was assigned as Project Engineer on 24 kby 1943 for the purpose of assembling sufficient personnel in a project office to supervise plant construction. This project office functioned under the direct supervision of the New York Area Engineer, inasmuch as The Kellox Corporation was assisting in the design of this plant and its equivent. In order to facilitate progress on this project. Decatur was designated as an Area of the Banhattan Engineer District on 20 July 1943 for administrative purposes only. The Kellex Corporation was directly concerned with barrier research, development and manufacture. Plant construction was completed in July 1944. At that time the Area office staff consisted of two officers and ten civilians. An area or manisation chart dated 5 September 1943 is provided in Appendix Clo. The functions of the Area office increased continually, so that by 31 March 1945 the Area force consisted of six military and twenty-two civilian members (App. Cll). The Decatur Arca was dissolved as of 1 July 1946.

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b. <u>Personnel.</u> - The position of Decatur Area Engineer was held successively by Captain J. H. Brannan, Hajor C. E. Choate, Major J. J. Moran, and Captain R. L. Crawford, as tabulated in Appendix JS. This appendix presents additional information regarding other Area personnel.

18-5. Detroit Area.

a. <u>Organisation</u> - The original Detroit Office was opened by Major (then Captain) Norman R. Archer in May 1943, with a force of two civilians. On 21 July 1943, the Detroit Area was established, with Lt. Colonel (then Major) A. Tamaro as Area Engineer, and Captain



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R. G. Seider as Executive Officer. The civilian strength grow to fourteen by 15 July 1943, and was increased slightly over that figure in succeeding months. The principal functions of this area were administration of the Chrysler Corporation contracts W-7405-eng-127 (for the production of K-25 process converters) W-7405-eng-66 (for design and development), and numerous other construction and procurement prime contracts and subcontracts in connection with the work and facilities for the prosecution of the work. The Area organisation as of 16 August 1943 is shown in Appendix C12). As of Harch 1945, the Detroit Area was headed by Hajor F. H. Belcher, Area Engineer. The staff included four other officers, one enlisted man and 22 civilians. The area activities by this time were confined principally to production under contract W-7405-eng-127. A consolidated organisation chart as of 31 Earch 1945 is attached (App. C13).

b. <u>Personnel</u>. - The position of Detroit Area Engineer was held successively by Lt. Colonel A. Tarraro, Major F. H. Belcher, and Captain J. D. McCormick, as tabulated in Appendix J4, which also presents information regarding other key personnel.

18-6. The Kellex Corporation.

a. <u>Organisation</u> - In view of the magnitude of the undertaking contracted for in N-7405-eng-23, The E. W. Kellogg Company preferred, for accounting and security purposes, to separate completely its Manhattan District commitments from its other activities. The Kellex Corporation, a wholly-owned Kellogg subsidiary, was accordingly organized in January 1943. From then on, all work under the contract was prosecuted by, and in the name of, The Kellex Corporation. This



arrangement proved to be most satisfactory from both the Covernment's and the contractor's viewpoints. Many key personnel of the Kellogg Company were transferred to The Kellex Corporation, together with a considerable portion of other personnel in the various grades. Because of the complexity of the work, highly trained specialists were berrowed from other industrial companies and organisations under various financial agreements. Some departure was made from a normal channelised organisation. The work was broken down into conventional sections, and top caliber engineers with industrial experience were placed in charge of each section. The Kellex Corporation was set up as a complete self-sustaining firm with engineering, research, expediting, accounting, and service groups of various types. Appendix Cl4 presents a typical early Kellex organisation chart. Appendix Cl5 shows a later chart typifying the organisation as applied to K=27 activities.

b. Employment Statistics.

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(1) Total Employees. - The total personnel of The Kellex Corporation amounted to 1,676 persons as of 51 March 1945, of whom 354 wore stationed in the field, the remainder operating in or out of the New York office. A breakdown by categories is provided in Appendix D2.

(2) <u>Employment Growth</u> - A graph showing the wariation by months of Kellex personnel strongth is included as Appendix Cl6. The peak employment was reached during the summer months of 1944. Appendix D3 tabulates estimates of the maximum number of individuals engaged in design and engineering activities at facilities of subcontractors of The Kellex Corporation. The nature of the work and the products being manufactured likewise are listed in these appendices.

c. <u>Personnel</u>. - A list of key Kellex personnel and their chief duties is attached (App. J5). This list is divided into three sections showing (1) the corporate officers of The Kellex Corporations, (2) top engineering and administrative personnel of the corporation, and (3) a supplemental alphabetical list of other division and section heads. Individuals who made fundamental scientific research studies are listed also in Volume 2. Individuals engaged by principal subcontractors of The Kellex Corporation who made significant development contributions are listed in Appendix J6.

18-7. Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company.

a. <u>Employment Statistics</u>. - A peak employment of 625 employees was reached by Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company on 1 April 1943. This company manufactured equipment for the diffusion plant. Appendix Cl7 illustrates the variation of personnel strength, and Appendix D4 shows the number of design and engineering personnel at peak activity.

b. <u>Personnel</u>. - A list of key design and engineering personnel of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, together with their contributions to the diffusion Project is provided in Appendix J7.

18-8. Houdaille-Hershey Corporation.

a. <u>Employment Statistics</u>. - A total of 4,070 persons was employed by the Houdaille-Kershey Corporation in its Garfield Plant on S1 March 1945; office duties required 575 people, 2,515 were engaged in plant operations, 627 in plant maintenance, 234 in laboratory and research work and 121 were employed as guards. Appendix D4 contains the estimated number of design and engineering personnel at peak activity. A graph showing month-by-month variation of total Garfield Division employees is attached as Appendix C18.

b. <u>Personnel</u>. - A list of key design and engineering personnel of the Houdaille-Bershey Corporation, together with their contributions to the gaseous diffusion project, is appended (App. J7).

18-9. The Chrysler Corporation.

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a. <u>Employment Statistics</u>. - The personnel strength of the Chrysler Corporation at its Lynch Road Plant reached a peak of 2,605 persons on 1 May 1945, of whom 132 were engaged in engineering and laboratory activities, 1,567 in production, 285 in plant maintenance work, and 621 in other categories. Appendix D4 gives the estimated number of design and engineering personnel at peak activity. A graph showing month-by-month variation of total Lynch Road employees is provided as Appendix C19.

b. <u>Personnel.</u> - A list of key design and engineering personnel of the Chrysler Corporation, together with their contributions to the gaseous diffusion project is included in Appendix J7.

18-10. Other Contractors.

a. <u>Employment Statistics.</u> - Estimated total design and engineering personnel employed at the peak of their activity by other contractors supplying diffusion plant requirements are listed in Appendix D4, together with the type of product manufactured.

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b. Personnel. - A list of key design and engineering



personnel at other contractor installations, not specifically mentioned in preceding paragraphs, together with their contributions to the diffusion project, is presented in Appendix J7.


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BOOK II - GASEOUS DIFFUSION (K-25) PROJECT

## VOLUME 5 - DESIGN

### APPENDIX "A"

#### CONTRACTS

The following list represents a tabulation of design, engineering, and procurement prime contracts attributable to the K-25 Project with the exclusion only of contracts pertaining to the special chemicals programs the latter contracts are treated in Book VII. The list is complete as of the end of the fiscal year 1946, and cost figures are effective as of this date.

Contract type is tabulated in the first column and denoted by a numerical code, the key for which is as follows:

- (1) Unit price supply.
- 2) Fixed fee architect-engineer-construction-management.
- 5) Design and development, reimburgement for expenditures.
- (4) Unit price supply with periodic adjustment of price.
  - 5) Reimbursement for cost plus a fixed fee,
  - 6) Lamp sum construction.
- (7) Lung sum supply.
- (8) Lamp sum design and development.
- (10) Construction and operation, reinbursement for expenditures.
- (11) Lamp sum architect-engineer services,
- (12) Design and drafting, reimbursement based on man-hour rate.
- 13) Unit price service.
- (14) Unit price construction,
- (15) Storege.
- (16) Rental.
- (17) Lease.

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Method of letting is tabulated in the second column and denoted by a memorical code, the key for which is as follows:

- (1) Negotiated by New York Area.
- (2) Negotiated by Detroit Area,
- (5) He notiated by Milwaukee Area.
- (4) Regotiated by Decatur Area.
- (5) Negotiated by District Engineer.
- (6) Negotiated by District Office.
- (7) Negotiated by Madison Square Area,
- (8) Negotiated by Boston Area.
- (9) Negotiated by St. Louis Area.

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The contract table is arranged in numerical order by contract number; the following index list facilitates use of the table in cases where contractor's name is known, but the contract number is not.

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American Bridge Company American Steel Band Company Bakelite Corporation Bart Laboratories

Beach-Russ Company Bethlehem Steel Company

Birmingham Construction Company Buffalo Perge Company Burles Company, O. W. Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation Carrier Corporation Campbell Company, Ins., A. S. Chrysler Corporation

Combustion Engineering Company, Inc.

Commercial Solvents Corporation

Companyealth-Edison Company Connelly Iron Sponge and Covernor Company Crane Company

Decatur, City of Ellight Company Ferrar and Trefts, Inc. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Fidelity Noving and Storage Company Fisher Governor Company Fester Wheeler Corporation Fullor Company, George A. General Cable Corporation

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Illinois Power Company

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Metsoar and Son, R. H. Midwest Piping and Supply Company, Inc.

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ឥ-740 <b>1-eng-14</b> (5)	Linde Air Products Company 7 April 1944 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Designs, engineering of plant to produce nickel oxide and 12, MFP-10
₩-7401-eng-50 (1)	General Electric Company 23 April 1943 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver ( generator sets, 1500
W-7401-eng-79 (7)	General Electric Company 2 October 1943 (1)	New York, H. Y.	Furnish and deliver a restangular bell type equipment.
W-7401-eng-85 (1)	Pacific Pumps, Inc. 18 October 1963 (1)	Buntington Park, Calif.	Furnish and deliver vertical circulating
₩-7401-eng-86 (1)	National Tube Company 22 November 1943 (1)	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Furnish and deliver seamless black pipes
7401-eng-90 (1)	Linde Air Products Company 28 January 1946 (1)	New York, N. Ya	Supply liquid nitrog Estimated 300,000 ga
W-7401-eng-96 (4)	Faster Wheeler Corpo- ration 1 March 1966 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver and 60 special steel
<b>H-7405-eng-23</b> (2)	H. H. Kellogg Company Kellex Corporation 14 December 1942 (1)	Jersey City, N.J. New York, N. Y.	Research, developmen architectural, engin and consultant servi with design of the E
¥-7405-eng- <b>34</b> (2)	Allis-Chalmers Manu- facturing Company 8 February 1945 (1)	West Allis, Wisc.	Design, development, of plant; produrement of equipment and fac production of pumps
N-7405-eng-55 (3)	Houdaills-Hershey Corporation 23 April 1943	Detroit, Mich.	Research and develops and pilot plant oper

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H-7408-eng-58 (7)	Combustion Engineering Company, Inc. 20 April 1945 (1)	g New York, R. Y.	Purmish and deliver 3 courses generating units.
H-7405-erg-59 (7)	Bonry Fratt Company 20 April 1945 (1)	Chicago, Ill.	Furnich and deliver 8 stor fines and desit, complete generating unites
#-7408-eng-89 (1)	Company Company 27 April 1948 (1)	Chiengo, Ill.	Purmich and doliver variation regulators, valves, gages clastrical equipment.
H-7405-cog-61 (1)	Allis-Chalmore Manu- factoring Genpany 27 April 1968 (1)	Woot Allis, Wis-	Furnish ant deliver 2-88, 3-3000; 2-1,800 IR general 4-82,800; 2-80,000; 5-12,6 2-1860 equare foot contest
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Furnish and deliver 3 consists steam generating units.	2,577,700	2,577,700	8,877,1
Purmich and doliver 5 store stacks, flues and dusts, complete the 5 store generating units.	106,86 <b>0</b>	106,082	798°4
Furnish and deliver various controllers, regulators, valves, gages, the other electrical equipment.	<b>, 295,387</b>	268,672	862,1
Furnish and deliver 1-85,000 1-35,000; 3-3000; 1-1,600 IF generation units and 4-22,800; 1-30,600; 8-12,000; 8-5,840; 1-1850 square feet condemners.	2,000,427	8,226,345	2,246,1
Design, develop, manfacture and deliver 28 punge and drivers.	705,000	709,000	<b>488, (</b>
Turmish and deliver 5858 - 50 to 200 HP meters; 6068 size 18 to 218 pumps, and 88 cil systeme.	<b>\$7,715,800</b>	26, 374, 799	<b>27,069,</b> 1
Furnish and develop 28 meters, 360 to 1760 HP, and various 440 valu motor controll toquipment.	279,408	<b>291,507</b>	<b>276</b> ,1
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250,009	\$ 1,609,000	\$ 1,568,618	-	•	1,566,615	\$ 1,667,000
245,640	245,040	329,492	-	-	329,498	329,498
1,677,700	2,577,700	2,577,779	-	-	2,577,779	2,877,778
106,869	106,051	186,051	-	•	166,051	106,051
298,287	283,672	232,868	•	•	282,540	282,000
2,0 <b>26,42</b> 7	8,226,343	3,246,966	-	<b>-</b> .	2,246,800	2,347,GOD
700,000	709 <b>,000</b>	<b>698,86</b> 8	-	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	400,395	<b>709,000</b>
7,715,800	26,374,780	27,089,738	-	` 8,214	27,094,947	27,150,000
279,408	291,587	276,308	•	•	274,205	874,808

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8-7405-9ng-65 (11)	Albert Kahn, Inc. 27 May 1943 (2)	Petrost, Mich.	Furnish the necessary are engineering services need construction of a manufac building.
š <b>-7406-9ng-6</b> 6 (1)	R. C. Mahon Company 27 Bay 1945 (2)	Setrois, Mich.	Furnish and deliver approx 5760 tons of fabricated a steel and ersot approxima- tons of this steel at the Road Plant.
H-7405-4ng-67 (4)	Lukens Steel Company 9 June 1945 (1)	Contesville, Pa.	Install equipment furnish Government and manufactur and deliver nickel-slad p bars, heads, cylinders, r ets.
K-7405-eng-68 (1)	General Electric Company 14 June 1943 (1)	Ser York, N. T.	Furnish and deliver vario cable.
₩-7400-eng-69 (३)	Sethlehem Steak Cempany 15 June 1945 (1)	Row York, No Yo	Furnish and deliver struck steelwork.
£-7405-ong-70 (3)	General Electric Company 1 July 1963 (1)	New York, No Yo	Conduct studies and resent nestion with the measurem control of liquids and gas develop designs of electri electronic instruments for analysis and process purp
1-7405-eng-126 (7)	Research Corporation 28 June 1945 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish and install 3 dust with electric equipment, a with appurtonances.
-7405-ong-327 (5)	Chrysler Corporation 23 July 1945 (1)	Mighland Park, Mich.	Remove and relocate machin removate planty procure al production machinery and ( and operate plant so as to diffuser units.

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ch•	Furnish the necessary architectural- engineering services needed for the construction of a manufacturing building.	\$ 5,838	\$ 5,832	\$
.ch.	Furnish and deliver approximately 5750 tons of fabricated structural steel and ersot approximately 750 tons of this steel at the Hound Road Plant.	750 <b>, 482</b>	756, 231	
1 <sub>8</sub> P <b>R</b> +	Install equipment furnished by Gevernment and manufacture, elean and deliver mickel-slad plates, circ bare, heads, cylinders, reducer pipe ets.		4,300,768	5 <u>,</u>
i Te	Furnish and deliver various electric cable.	al 67,202	762,159	1 <sub>0</sub> i
• ¥•	Furnish and deliver structural steelwork.	129,630	129,630	
· 7.	Conduct studies and research in con- nection with the measurement and control of liquids and games and develop devigns of electrical and electronic instruments for testing analysis and process purpases.		100,000	
• T•	Furnish and install 3 dust precipitat with electric equipment, each complet with appurtonances.		215, \$70	1
rk,	Remove and relocate machinery and removate plant; procure and install production machinery and equipment and operate plant so as to produce diffuser units.	56 <b>,639,398</b>	61,963,185	<b>34</b> ,i

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5,832	\$ 5,832	\$ 5,832	-	-	\$ 5,832	\$ 5,832
'50 <b>, 432</b>	756,231	756,251	-	-	756,251	756,231
:32, 906	4 <b>,300,768</b>	5,699,831	-	\$ 609	<b>5,700,44</b> 0	5,800,000
67,202	762,159	1,047,717	-	-	1,067,717	1,100,000
L <b>29,630</b>	129,630	124,648	-	-	124,648	124,648
100,000	100,000	40,714	-	-	40,714	62,000
2 <b>8,3</b> 70	215,370	215,\$70	-	` <b>@</b>	215,370	215,370
5 <b>39,</b> 398	61,963,185	<b>34, 624, 9<b>34</b>, - (</b>	: :4 <b>,005,889</b>	1,202,756 (Credit)	37, 425, 613	43,854,000

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*-7405-eng-129 (11)	Albert Kahn, Inc. 15 July 1948 (2)	Detroit,Kiche	Furnish the necessary are engineering services need construction and supervis construction at Hound Rea
¥-7406-eng-130 (1)	General Electric Company 17 July 1943 (1)	New York, No Ya	Furnish and deliver misse switchgear equipment send variable and senstant fre equipment, centrel panels etc.
#-7405-sng-151 (2)	George A. Puller Company 21 July 1948 (1)	Chicago, Ill.	Architect-Engineer-Kanage for design and constructs facturing plant, power he treating plant, hydrogen, cerbon diexide generating necessary utilities, serv appurtenance. Construct Laboratory and dehydratic operate certain parts of Berahey Plant.
3-7405-eng-132 (6)	0. W. Burke Company 24 July 1965 (2)	Detroit, Nieb.	Furnish equipment and mak construct a New Military Servicing and Finishing F Mound Read, Macoub County
H-7405-eng-138 (1)	General Electria Company 17 July 1963 (1)	How York, Heave	Purmish and deliver 3 eig self and air pressure dus put regulating and 1-7500 izanafermer and all needs mitterials, including wood switches, miscellaneous d oil sircuit breakers.
2-740 <b>8-eng-139</b> (4-10)	Wetals Disintegrating Company, Inc. 24 February 1944 (1)	Elisabeth, H. J.	Design and construct a bu addition to contractor's building at Verone, N. J. procure, install necessar and produce nickel powder

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talls and alots at al tioh-	830,457	872,978 .	\$ <b>72,</b> \$75	
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41,917	3,865,996	3,,778,,278	•		5 <sub>+</sub> 778 <sub>+</sub> 275	<b>4,206,000</b>
63,966	7,684,118	9 <b>,376,848</b>	156,124	336,540 (Credit)	9,306,432	10,000,000
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<b>39,487</b>	872,875	972,975	•	■ starting	972, 976 ·	978,978
19,078	808,061	1,456,373	-	● Contraction of the second s	1,484,375	3,477,000
0 <b>0, 000</b>	1,618,678	<b>1,831,891</b> .	-	64,838 (Credit)	1,854,459	1,205,450

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8-7405-eng-149 Houdefille-Hershey Detroit, Mich. Design and prosurement of supervision of installati (5) Corporation 10 June 1943 equipment: preparation for operation of a manufactur (1)to preduce 6,500,000 "DA" tubes. 8-7405-eng-176 Illinois Power Company Decatur, Ill. Acquire and construct all equipment, materials, and 14 March 1966 (1) way needed for supplying (4) service to a barrier plan 201 R-7405-eng-177 Illinois Power Decatur, Ill. Gas service. (13)Company 13 March 1944 (4) H-7405-eng-178 City of Distantur Decetur, Ill. Construct facilities to f (1)1 May 1944 to Decatur plant, and fur (4)unit price per cubie foct W-7405-ong-181 Illinois Power Decetur, Ill. Installation of 21,251 11 8" high pressure gas wain (8) Company 15 Haroh 1944 (4) 2-7405-ong-185 Illinois Power Decatur, Ill. Supply comercially clean (13)Campany 1 July 1944 (4)2-7406-ang-189 Birmingham, Mich. Furnish Inber and materia Bigwingham Con-(8) struction Company construct trunk line some 4 August 1945 Road Plant, Macoub County (2) W-7406-ong-190 Glans and Eillian Detroit, Mich. Provide Labor and materia all work for the plumbing (6) COMDELLY 6 August 1963 protection system require (2) Road Plant. #-7405-eng-191 Lorne Plumbing and Detroit, Mich. Furnish labor and materia (6) Beating Company all heating and ventilati 6 August 1945 for construction of the M  $(\mathbf{2})$ 

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•	Tesign and prosurement of equipments supervision of installation of equipments preparation for, and operation of a manufacturing plant to produce 6,500,000 "DA" barrier tubes.	\$ <b>23,412,420</b>	\$ 16,536,000	\$ 28 <b>, 71</b> :
	Acquire and construct all necessary equipment, materials, and rights of way needed for supplying elsetric service to a barrier plant.	18,171	18,171	71
	Cas service.	900	900	<b>6</b> ;
	Construct facilities to furnish water to Decatur plant, and furnish water at unit price per cubie fost.	2,049	2,049	34
	Installation of 21,251 linear foot of 8" high pressure gas main.	65,074	65,074	61
	Supply commercially close and dry gas.	<b>£1,500</b> per month	41,500 per month	38'
ieh.	Furnish Labor and materials and construct trunk line sour at Yound Road Plant, Nacomb County, Michigan.	21,660	21,660	2
•	Provide labor and material and perform all work for the plumbing and fire protection system required at the Mound Road Plant.	154,100	138,499	154
•	Furnish labor and material and perform all heating and ventilating work require for construction of the Mound Road Plant		77,979	71

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12,420	\$ 16,536,000	\$ 28,711,692	\$ 1,305,000	\$ 245,086	\$ 30,262,778	\$ 33,972,000
18,171	18,171	719,975	-	<b>•</b> ·	719,975	<b>720,</b> 000
900	<b>90</b> 0	63 <b>, 354</b>	-	-	63,354	63,854
2,049	2,049	36,110	<b>.</b>	-	36,110	36,000
\$5 <b>,07</b> 4	65,074	65,074	-	-	<b>65</b> ,074	65,074
il,500 r month	41,500 per month	387,267	-	•	337,267	<b>540,000</b>
<b>:1,6</b> 80	21,660	21,660	-	-	<b>21</b> ,660	21,660
14,100	138,499	138,498	-	` •	138,498	158, 498
'9,252	77,979	77,979	-	-	77,979	77,979

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W-7405-eng-195 (6)	Hall Engineering Company , 10 August 1945 (2)	Detroit, Kich.	Provide labor and materi installation of electric connection with the equa the Nound Road Plant.
¥-7 <del>405-eng-230</del> (7)	Progter and Gamble Company - 24 August 1965 (1)	Cinzinnati, O.	Purchase of used boiler
F-7405-eng-231 (6)	R. H. Netsoar and Son 16 September 1943 (2)	Cincinnati, O.	Dismantling, londing, sh eresting of used boilers
E-7405-eng-261 (1)	Allis-Chalmers Manu- fasturing Company 25 October 1943 (1)	West Allis, Wis.	Furnish and deliver 142 KVA air-cooled transform
<b>5-7405-eng-262</b> (1)	Economy Electric Economy Electric 25 Osteber 1943 (1)	Keer York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver 61 - 57 - 50 KVA air-sooled to
N-7405-eng-271 (1)	General Electric Company 14 December 1945 (1)	How York, R. Y.	Furnish and deliver component part
K-7405-eng-274 (1)	Phelps-Dedge Copper Products Corporation 30 December 1943 (1)	•	Purnish and deliver 50.00 ANG and 10,000 feet #4/0 DOE
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1-7405-eng-285 (1)	Combustion Engineering Company 16 February 1944 (1)		Furnish and deliver 8 ste units and auxiliary equip

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h.	Provide labor and material for the installation of electrical work in connection with the construction of	\$ 80,362	£ 84, <b>234</b>	\$ 84,234	
	the Nound Road Plant.				
0.	Purchase of used boiler house equipment	t. 45,000	43,000	43,000	
0.	Dismantling, loading, shipping and re- erecting of used boilers and stokers.	<b>3</b> 9,585	41,831	41,851	
Kis.	Furnish and deliver 142 - 500 to 2000 XVA air-cooled transformers.	241,400	690,489	857,141	
Y.	Furnish and deliver 61 - 150 KVA and 57 - 50 KVA air-cooled transformers.	124,225	78 <b>,7</b> 51	78,751	٢
¥.	Furnish and deliver complete line re- corders or component parts	2,342,387	2,342,887	2,376,215	
Y.,	Furnish and deliver 50,000 feet #2 ANG and 10,000 feet #4/0 cable.	51,190	51,190	52,648	•
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Y.	Furnish and deliver 3 stonm generating units and auxiliary equipment.	89,547	91,422	92,908	<b>e</b> <sup>4</sup>
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10,362	£ 84,234	\$ 84,234	-	-	\$ 84,234	\$ 84,236
15,000	43,000	<b>43,000</b>	**	<b>e</b>	45,000	48 <sub>9</sub> 000
19,585	41,831	41,831	•	-	41,831	41,531
11,400	690,489	857,141	-	-	857,141	857,141
14,225	78,751	78,751	-	-	<b>78,751</b>	78,751
12,337	2,342,337	2,376,215	-	-	2,376,215	2,376,000
il <b>,</b> 190	51,190	52,648	<b>es</b> .	•	<b>52,64</b> 8	5 <b>2,648</b>
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ñ-7405-ong-816 (2)	Singmaster and Breyer 1 September 1944 (1)	How York, N. Y.	Architect-Engineer and pro service for installation of ment and utilities in an a building at Buffalo, New Y a new addition to plant at Kew York.
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N-7407-eng-47 (1)	Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company 15 June 1943 (1)	New York, N. Y. DOE b(3)	Furnish and deliver 23 ver diaphragm elestric motors; voit, 7 KVA motors, 5 - 2 squirrel cage motors; 2 co frequency changer sets, et
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(4)	Valley Iron Korks Company 9 February 1944 (1)	Appleton, Wis.	Furnish and deliver 140 be reciprocating piston pump plates for the pumps.
-7407-eng-50 (7)	J. F. Pritchard and Company 10 February 1944 (1)	Kansas City, Mo.	Furnish and deliver 5 dual activated alumina hydryer
-7407-eng-55 (1)	Nestinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company 18 February 1944 (1)	How York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver 477 - 1 and 1400 nofuse circuit br 5 metal enclosed switchges sets.
-7407-eng-65 (1)	Cffice Supply and Equipment Company 18 August 1944 (6)	Knorville, Tem.	Furnish and deliver 400 os

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₹•.	Architect-Engineer and presservice for installation of ment and utilities in an ex- building at Buffalo, New Yor a new addition to plant at Kew York.	equip- sting f, and in	<b>£ 1,027,000</b>	\$ 2,027,000	\$	
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•	Furnish and deliver 23 vert diaphragm elestric motors; volt, 75 KVA motors, 5 - 25 squirrel cage motors; 2 com frequency changer sets, sto	2-640 IP lete	128,956	238,552	1	
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	Furnish and deliver 140 bell reciprocating piston pumps plates for the pumps.		1,400,000	1,408,295	1,1	
•	Purnish and deliver 8 dual e activated alumina hydryer un		97 <b>,24</b> 0	\$\$\$,\$00	8	
		ine an Anna anna anna anna anna anna anna a				
	Furnish and deliver 477 - 221 and 1400 nofuse circuit break 3 metal enclosed switchgear sets.	ers and	174,281	592,903	4	- :

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7,000	\$ 2,027,000	\$ 841,111	\$ 22,544	<b>\$</b> 79	\$ 863,734	\$ 864,000



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1-7409-eng-17 (7)	Marley Company, Inc. 15 October 1943 (1)	Kansas City, Kansas	Furnish and doliver 1-418- 1 fl4-844 Marley mood fill induced draft double Flow cooling towers, less where
H-7409-ang-19 (4)	Bart Laberatories 22 Nevember 1943 (1)	Belleville, N.J.	Clean and electroplate app 290,450 linear feet of sea steel pipes
¥-7409-eng-22 (1)	WoGoon Chemical Company 27 April 1944 (1)	Cleveland, Ohio	Design and Construct a built its plant for the manufact special nibbel carbounts and and install necessary equi- manufacture approximately pounds of such special him carbonate.
¥-7409-eng-38 (1)	Industrial Plants Corporation 15 August 1944 (7)	Long Island City, No Yo	Purchase of certain stock : equipment
#-7412-eng-29 (7)	Robins Conveyors, Inde 22 May 1965 (1)	Passale, N. d.	Furnish and deliver 1 comp for handling, erushing and nin-of-mine coal at a poin of 360 tone per hour and 1 system for stocking and re- win-of-mine coal, include preservening equipment, tr- stachers, reclaiming hopped
R-7412-mg-30 (1)	Whiting Corporation 4 June 1943 (1)	New York, No Yo	Purmish and deliver 1 - 6 1 - 5 noter and 1 - 1 motor granes.
W-7412-eng-32 (1)	Vierling Steel #erks 18 June 1945 (1)	Chicago, Ill.	Furnish and deliver approx 1,757,000 pounds of missel iron and stoel for beller turbine room, beller feed elevator enclosure and pum

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¥•	Furnish and deliver 1-418-24A and 1 14-24A Marley wood fillsd wood induced draft double from type cooling towers, less water basins.	\$ 193,880	\$ 193,830	\$
, X.J.	Clean and electroplate approximately 290,450 linear feet of scanless steel pipe.	529,000	1,800,000	1,
<b>Ohio</b>	Design and Construct a building at its plant for the manufacture of special niskel carbonate and presure and install necessary equipment and manufacture approximately 300,000 pounds of such special minkel carbonate.	200,000	200,457	
d Ye	Purchase of certain stock supplies and equipment	485 <b>,3</b> 70	485 <b>,3</b> 70	
. <b>J.</b>	Furnish and deliver 1 couplete system for handling, crushing and conveying run-of-mine coal at a nominal espacity of 350 tens per hour and 1 complete system for stocking and reclaiming run-of-mine coal, including conveyore, preservening equipment, travelling stackers, reclaiming hopper, etc.	<b>330,</b> 964	<b>330,039</b>	
3. Y.	Furnish and deliver 1 - 4 motor; 1 - 3 motor and 1 - 1 motor everhead granes.	56,240	56,240	
11.	Furnish and deliver approximately 1,757,000 pounds of missellansous iron and steel for boiler house, turbine room, beiler feed pump bay, elevator enclosure and pump house.	162,171	162,171	·
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13,830	\$ 195,830	\$ 193,830	42	-	\$ 193,830	\$ 193,830
:9,000	1,500,000	1,825,290		9,282	1,834,572	1,834,572
10 <sub>0</sub> 000	200,457	213,634	-	-	213,634	215,634
5,370	485 <b>,3</b> 70	166,672	-	<b></b>	166,672	166,672
<b>10,</b> 964	330,039	330,059	-	-	330,039	380,039
i <b>6,240</b>	56,240	5 <b>6,709</b>	•	•	<b>56,</b> 709	56,709
12,171	162,171	128,525	-		128,625	128,525

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1-7412-eng-35 Geomite-Callender Cable Passaio, N.J. Furnish and deliver various (1)Company electric cable. 28 June 1943 (1)8-7412-00g-34 General Cable Sew York, S. Y. Furnish and deliver various Corporation 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 conductor (1)28 June 1945 (1)4-7416-enz-21 F. J. Stokes Machine Philadelphia, Pa. Furnish and deliver 50 - 100 44 - 50 CPN vacuum pumpe and (1)Company 5 December 1945 spare parts for same. (1)whitlook Manufacturing New York, H. Y. 3-7416-00g-25 Furnish and deliver coolant (1)CONDERIT as fellowing: 120 - 1306 sc 16 December 1945 feet: 92 - 720 square feet:  $(\mathbf{1})$ 495 square feet; 45 - 980 sq foot: 118 - 663 square foot 197 square feet. 7-7415-eng-31 Bayonne, N. J. Fidelity Moving and Storage of nickel powder. (13)Storage Company 20 August 1948 (1)#-7415-eng-32 Kerby-Saunders, Inc. New York, N. Y. Furnish and deliver 10 refri (7) 22 March 1946 units complete, last stage (1)nitrous exide stage. Buffalo, S. Y. 8-7415-eng-53 Farrar and Trofts, Furnish and delivor 52 micht (1)Inc. tanks in sises ranging from 15 May 1964 OD- 8'0" OD. (1)#-7416-eng-54 Beach-Russ Company Brooklyn, N. Y. Purnish and dollver 159 - 50 15 March 1944 (4) VACUUM DUMDE. (1)8-7415-eng-35 A. O. Smith Corpo-New York, N. Y. Furnish and deliver 688 exte coolers and 17 spare tube be (4) ration 22 April 1944 consisting of fin tubes bras tube sheets. (1)



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19,808	\$ 1,189,072	<b>\$ 1,286,87</b> 7	-	- 4	1,286,877	\$ 1,287,000
17,933	6 <b>27,</b> 892	529 <b>, 1</b> 87	-	-	5 <b>29,4</b> 87	529,487
×8,425	159,740	184,822	-	-	184,822	185,000
1,157	935,814	1,352,397	-	28,001	1,380,398	1,590,000
55 ozta	42.45 per month	817	•	-	817	817
0,000	250,000	18,837	-	-	18,837	18,837
5,796	114,815	150,708	-	-	130,706	130,706
i <b>,000</b>	458,984	708,902		<b>50</b>	708,952	715,000
),141	791,860	902,849	-	\$69	905,218	903,218

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7415-eng- <b>38</b> (7)	Josoph Lopperman and Sons	Philadelphia, Pa.	Furnish and deliver 1 experi cold-trap and various parts
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(1)Metals Disintegrating Elisabeth, N. J. Convert present building for N-7415-ang-37 Company, Inc. 25 April 1944 manufacture of Sigin peeder (4-10) design and construct a build (1)and procure and install equi to process Virginia powder a manufacture Elgin powder and brighton B powder at Elizabe Z. J. M-7415-00g-38 Aloo Products Division New York, N.Y.

2 May 1944

Furnish sixteen sode line tri (1) (American Locomotive ten surge drums, 119 oarbon Company) three absorber drums. 11 Eay 1944 (1)Bart Laboratories Bolleville, N. J. 2-7415-eng-59 Clean and electroplate approx 12 January 1944 1511.57 square feet of vario (1)(1) to 16" pipe. K-7415-eng-40 General Sleatria Sew York, N. Y. Furnish and deliver 485 diff (1)Company pressure panels and 5,318 di ential pressure transmitters 1 February 1944 (1)Detroit, Mich. Furnish and deliver 79,100 b W-7415-eng-41 Berron-Zimmers

(1) Koulding Company backing strips. 31 May 1944 (1)

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Furnish and deliver 1 cold-trap and various materials for cold-tra	parts and	\$	769,000	\$	124,684	\$ 124,68	34 -
Convert present buildi manufacture of Elgin p design and construct a and procure and instal to process Virginia por manufacture Elgin powd brighten E powder at E E. J.	building lequipment wdor and er and	1	<b>r, 125,000</b>	2	,222,500	1,827,02	-
Furnish sixteen soda 1 ten surge drums, 119 o three absorber drums.			72, 130		157,549	146,48	7 –
Clean and electroplate 1511.57 square feet of to 16" pipe.			6,590		8 <sub>6</sub> 590	6,79	1 -
Furnish and deliver 466 pressure panels and 6,3	518 ditfere	1	<b>,096,056</b>	1,	094,035	1,181,48	• •
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ential pressure transmi Furnish and deliver 79, backing strips.			67,500		95,675	112,911	- 1
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000	\$ 124,684	\$ 124,684	-	- !	\$ 124,684	ŧ 124,684
000	2,222,500	1,627,022	-	14,875 (Credit)	1,812,149	2,225,900
130	137, 349	146,487	-	-	146,487	145,487
590	8,590	6,791	-	-	6,791	6,791
56	1,094,036	1,121,489	<b>en</b> .	•	1,121,489	1,140,000
<b>500</b> -	<b>95,</b> 8 <b>75</b>	112,911	-	.' * *	112,911	112,911
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 Schook-Gusmer and
 Hoboken, H. J.
 Furnish and deliver cold tr as follows: 47 - 90 0.0.;

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 9 June 1944
 6'6" long; 7 - 10" IP3 x 19

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 long and 20 - 40" 0.0. x 8"

N-7415-eng-44 Carbide and Carbon New York, N. Y. (1) Chemicals Corporation 14 June 1944 (1)

W-7415-eng-45 Westinghouse Bleatrie New York, N. Y. (7) and Manufacturing Company 27 June 1944 (1)

%-7415-eng-60 Hational Research Boston, Mass. (3) Corporation 14 September 1944 (1)

W-7415-eng-61 Westinghouse Electric New York, W. Y. (8) and Namufacturing Company 16 September 1944 (1)

H-7418-eng-4 Transit Eix Concrete Hew York, N. Y. (1) Corporation 7 January 1945 (8)

X-7418-eng-11 Westinghouse Electric New York, N. Y.
(1) and Manufacturing
Company
3 April 1943
(1)

N-7418-eng-12 Northington Pump and New York, N. Y. (7) Nachinery Corporation 5 May 1945 (1) Research to design, develop, manufacture and deliver 5 pounds/hour scraper cold tr systems, including condense

Furnish and deliver 16 movil

C-216 disposal units and 5

Furnish and deliver various

variable frequency and conta

absorber units.

equipment.

Removate premises, install machinery and manufacture, furnish and deliver 1,650 m

ejectors and re-evaporators.

Purnish ready-mix concrete.

Furnish and deliver 2 - 25, and 1 - 20,000 EN turbo-gen units and 2 sets automatic ( selector equipment.

Furnish and deliver 6 boiler pumps and 1 complete rotatin for each pump.

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•	Furnish and deliver cold traps as follows: $47 - 9g^{\circ\circ}$ C.D. x $6^{\circ}8^{\circ}$ longs $7 - 10^{\circ}$ IPS x $10^{\circ}8^{\circ\circ}$ long and $20 - 4g^{\circ\circ}$ O.D. x $8^{\circ}4g^{\circ\circ}$ long.	3 240,000	\$ \$40,000	\$3]
[•	Furnish and deliver 16 mobile C-216 disposal units and 5 spare absorber units.	113,559	113,666	4
<b>!</b> •	Furnish and deliver various variable frequency and control equipment.	78,500	84,425	61
	Research to design, develop, manufacture and deliver 3 - 667 pounds/hour scraper cold trap systems, including condensers, ejectors and re-svaporators.	<b>300,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	
<b>[</b> •	Renovate premises, install machinery and manufacture, furnish and deliver 1,650 motors.	5,600,000	8,500,000	ŧ
•	Furnish ready-miz concrete.	2,415,000	<b>3,289,171</b>	81
•	Furnish and deliver 2 - 25,090 RM and 1 - 20,000 RM turbo-generator units and 2 sets automatic frequency selector equipment.	1,494,030	1,494,030	1,31
•	Furnish and deliver 6 boiler feed pumpe and 1 complete rotating element for each pump.	134,696	152,426	U
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240,000	\$ \$40,000	\$ 310,210	<b>.</b> .	٠	\$ 310,210	\$ 310,210
113,555	113,655	50 <b>,022</b>	-	-	50,022	50,022
78,500	84,425	65 <b>3</b> ,874	-	-	653,874	660,000
<b>800,</b> 000	<b>300,000</b>	8,790	-	-	5,790	5,790
500,000	8,500,000	89,760	-	•	8 <b>9,75</b> 9	89,760
<b>615,000</b>	3,269,171	877,057	-	-	877 <b>, 067</b>	8 <b>77,087</b>
496,030	1,496,050	1,389,711	-	` •	1,389,711	1,389,711
134,696	152,426	158,254	-	-	158,254	158, 254

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H-7418-eng-13 (12)	Sargent and Lundy 20 April 1943 (1)	Chicago, Ill.	Design, drafting and estimation work in connection with a staturbine power plant of appri- mately 235,000 IN turbine gen capacity.
₩-7 <b>415-eng-14</b> (4)	Taylor Instrument Companies 12 May 1945 (1)	Rochester, N. Y.	Furnish engineering, product consultant and advisory serv connection with instruments by the Contractor or Governm Contractor shall furnish and relays and transmitters speci floor instruments and standay special instruments.
¥-7418-eng-15 (1)	Sectinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company 16 May 1963 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver 5 - 22,6 square fest surface condenses 5 circulating water single s priming ejectors.
<b>H-7418-eng-16</b> (7)	Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company 24 May 1943 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver various house switch gear equipment exciter sets for turbine gene
W-7418-ong-17 (1)	Crane Company 15 June 1965 (1)	Long Island City, N. Y.	Furnish end deliver 30 gate v 5" to 12"
%-7418-eng-18 (4)	Crane Company 25 June 1963 (1)	Chicago, Ill.	Alter building as necessary to out work under contract. Fur and deliver gate valves and t floor valves and plate with a or other plating material pip fittings furnished by the Ges
₩ <b>-7418-eng-19</b> (7)	Westinghouse Elemtrie and Manufacturing Company 17 July 1948 (1)	Sew York, B. Y.	Furnish and deliver 569 Type transformers and various part automatic air blast equipment

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•	Design, drafting and work in connection wi turbine power plant nately 255,000 EN tur capacity.	th a steen	\$ 600 <u>,000</u>	\$ 750,000	\$71
• ¥•	Furnish engineering, consultant and adviso connection with instr by the Contractor or Contractor shall furn relays and transmitte floor instruments and special instruments.	ry earlies in wants furnished Gevernment. ish and deliver re special test	1,700,000	\$,76 <b>%</b> ,571	5,11
¥.	Purnish and deliver 3 square fost surface of 3 circulating water si priming ejectors.	ondensers and	197,820	197,520	u
<b>T.</b>	Furnish and deliver we house switch gear equ exciter sets for turb	ipment and	2,329,461	<b>2,5</b> 65 <b>,795</b>	3,61
ity,	Furnish and deliver 30 5" to 12"	> gate valves	6 <b>4,634</b>	62,849	¢
,	Alter building as need out work under contract and deliver gate valve floor valves and plate or other plating mater fittings furnished by	with nickol	<b>5,916,38</b> 5 `	10,928,491	14,2(
¥.	Purnish and deliver 56 transformers and varia automatic air blast eq	us parts and	2,164,920	1,992,548	2,64

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500,000	\$ 750 <u>,</u> 000	\$    7 <b>34,5</b> 55	-	- :	<b>\$ 736,</b> 555	\$     7 <b>34,555</b>
<b>700, 000</b> -	\$,762,571	<b>5,139,</b> 880	-	76	5,139,956	5,139,000
197,820	197,820	<b>198,</b> 889	-	•	198,839	196,889
529,461	2,565,7 <b>93</b>	3,686,164	-	-	3,686,164	8,732,000
64,654	62,849	61,163	-	-	61, 163	61,163
916,385	10,928,491	14,241,963	-	- 118 (Crgdit)	14,241,865	14,265,000
164,920	1,992,568	2,664,829	-		2,664,829	2,666,829

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Westinghouse Electric New York, R. Y. N-7418-ent-40 Furnish and deliver 186 - 200 and Manufacturing and 6000 CPM vacuum pung setti (7) COMPANY various bellows as semblies as 28 October 1948 spare parts: (1)H-7418-eng-42 Furnish and deliver 608 - 14 Magner Electric St. Louis, No. (1) Company HP coolant pump motore: 8 December 1943 (1)York Corporation E-7418-eng-60 New York, N. Y. Furnish and deliver 12 comple 28 March 1944 (1)mobile refrigeration plants 1 (1)renoval, recevery and condensation of special gases and complete equipment for the el conditioning of Laboratory Buildings A. B. C. and D. Republic Flow Meter 1-7418-ang-52 hurnish and deliver 684 - 4" Chicage, Ill. magnetically operated butters (4) CONDARY 17 April 1944 control valves. (1). . . . Furnish and deliver 324 leak N-7418-eng-63 General Electric New York, N. Y. (1)detectors, 30 mass spectre-COMPARY meters, 40 sets operating spi 80 April 1944 shelf spares, acoustis gas (1)analyzers, etc. #-7418-eng-54 General Electric Sew York, N. Y. Furnish and deliver 175 speef air bearing, 3 ph. induction (4) Company 5 May 1944 notors, 7200 RPM, approximate (1)6 HP.

#-7418-ang-55 J. M. Tull Metal and Atlants, Ga. (1) Supply Company, Inc. 3 July 1946 (1)

H-7415-eng-57 Otis Elevator Company New York, S. Y. (7) 28 July 1944 (1) Furnish and deliver 106,500 % feet of 1/4" to 2" standard 1 monel pipe.

Furnish, deliver and install Blair, Tennessee 7 electric automatic freight elevators, wide  $\propto 5^{\circ}10^{\circ}$  front.

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¥.	Furnish and deliver 186 - 2000 and 4000 CPM vacuum pump sets various bellows assemblies and spare parts.		‡ 982,488	\$ 1,221,067	\$ 1,24
ie.	Furnish and deliver 608 - 1 to HP soclant pump motors.	<b>50</b>	86 <sub>8</sub> 848	<b>118,966</b> .	15
¥.	Furniah and deliver 12 complet mobile refrigoration plants for removal, recovery and conden- sation of special gases and complete equipment for the sir conditioning of Laboratory Buildings A, B, C, and D.		293,148	293,148	56
	Furnish and deliver 684 - 4" magnetically operated butter? control valves.		408,557	278,278	<b>50</b> .
¥.	Furnish and deliver 324 leak detestors, 30 mass spectro- meters, 40 sets operating spec- shelf spares, acoustic gas analyzers, etc.		1,648,638	1,648,636	1,51
¥.	Furnish and deliver 175 special air bearing, 5 ph. induction motors, 7200 RPM, approximately 6 HP.		437,500	437,500	. <b>6</b> (
	Furnish and deliver 104,500 lin feet of 1/4" to 2" standard 1PH momel pipe.		120, 319	149,687	301
<b>I</b> -	Furnish, deliver and install at Blair, Tennessee 7 electric automatic freight elevators, 5 wide x 5'10" front.	ga Caraga	53,767	5 <b>3</b> ,767	61
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2,466	\$ 1,221,067	\$ 1,849,575	-	÷	1,249,576	\$    1;250;000
6 <b>, 548</b>	118,966	254,406	-	-	154,406	166,000
8,145	293,148	368,008	-	-	<b>368,008</b> /	368,008
8,557	278,278	301,877	-	16	301,895	<b>308,000</b>
5,636	1,648,636	1,518,361	•	176,015 (Credit)	1,342,846	1,910,000
7,500	437,500	64,485	-	•	54,485	54,485
D <b>, 319</b> -	149,687	305,772	-	•	303,772	303, 772
\$ <b>,</b> 767	53,767	61,448	-	-	61,448	61,448

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Furnish and deliver 10 refris 1-7418-ang-60 Sorthington Pump and New York, N. Y. unites the last stage of the (7) Hachinery Corporation being a nitrous oxide stage. 29 July 1944 furnish and deliver various parts and 65 globe valves. (1)W-7418-00g-62 Patterson Kelly East Stroudsburg Furnish and deliver 58 cold 1 Company, Inc. Pa. (1)1 September 1944 (1)Nestinghouse Electric New York, N. Y. Furnish and deliver 263 nicks R-7418-00g-63 and Manufacturing plated mist filters complete (4) inlet and outlet connections Company equipped with electric heater 14 June 1944 (1)N-7418-00g-64 Bast Boston, Mass. Develop production methods ar A. S. Campbell Company, Inc. technical and design equipment (5) for production of special tul 13 September 1944 (1)H-7418-ong-66 Halph Rogers Company Mashville, Tenn. Quarry, crush, screen, others (14)27 December 1943 process, as specified, hand! (8) haul, and load orushed stone. N-7421-eng-12 Furnish and deliver approxima Midwest Piping and St. Louis, No. (8) Supply Company, Inc. 6,200 tons of fabricated unit 20 December 1965 the complete coolant and cool (1)storage systems and process p for the complete waste and a process, production handling, purification systems and rela instrument piping systems req for the process plant. Furnish and deliver 2788 - 4" R-7421-eng-13 Fisher Governor Marshalltown. (4) COMPARY Icua 12" steel or monel body butts 21 December 1943 control valves and 652 bellow (1)assemblies for valves. W-7421-ong-14 Elliott Company Jeannette, Pa. Furnish and deliver 44 pumps-8 January 1944 (7) complete and 20 complete sets (1)replacement parts.

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¥.	Furnish and deliver 10 refrigeration units; the last stage of the units being a nitrous oxide stage. Also furnish and deliver various spare parts and 55 globe valves.	\$ 525, 858.	\$ 537,288	<b>₿ 5</b> /
burg	Furnish and deliver 58 cold traps.	353,000	166,719	11
¥.	Furnish and deliver 263 nickel plated mist filters complete with inlet and outlet connections and equipped with electric heaters.	197,250	197 <b>, 1</b> 50	2(
¥2.8 8 •	Develop production methods and technical and design equipment for production of special tubing.	50,000	50 <u>,000</u>	20
20.	process, as specified, handlay haul, and load crushed stone.	462,250	1,201,950	i
•	Furnish and deliver approximately 6,200 tens of fabricated units for the complete coelant and cooling storage systems and process pipe for the complete waste and surge, process, production handling, feed purification systems and related instrument piping systems required for the process plant.	4,565,000	6,146,410	7,22
	Furnish and deliver 2768 - 4" to 12" steel or monel body butterfly control values and 652 bellows assemblies for values.	1,465,052	1,098,412	1,431
	Furnish and deliver 44 pumps essembled complete and 20 complete sets of seal replacement parts.	<b>79, 200</b>	<b>52,000</b>	154
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<b>528,</b> 868.	\$ 537,288	\$ 587,167	•	-	\$ 587,167	\$ 595,000
363,000	166,719	170,633	-	2,711 (Credit)	167,922	167,922
197,250	197,250	206,925	-	-	206,925	208,938
50,000	50 <u>,</u> 000	20,520		- 15	20, 53 <b>5</b>	20, 536
<b>662,2</b> 50	1,201,950	2,157	-	. <b>-</b>	2,157	8,287
565,000	6 <b>, 146,</b> 410	7,221,849	<b>65,000</b>	<b>1,203</b> (Credit)	7,285,647	10,800,000
\$65 <b>,082</b>	1,098,412	1,433,244	-	183	1,433,427	1,484,000
79 <b>,</b> 200	82,000	164,267	-	-	184,267	184,000
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<b>F-7421-</b> 6ng-15	Salem Engineering Company 21 February 1944 (1)	Salen, Ohio	Furnish and deliver 261 varia Type A, B, C, D, and E specia alloy muffles, 144 sets of al and 377 grills.
#-7423-eng-11 (4)	Whitehead Ketal Products Company, Inc. 3 February 1944 (1)	Jew York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver 180 flat gas filters.
₩-7425-eng-12 (1)	Girdler Corporation 5 February 1944 (1)	Louisville, Ky.	Furnish and deliver material equipment for the construction 1 hydrogen manufacturing and purification plant having eap to produce 1500 standard subi- meters of hydrogen per hour.
¥-7425-eng-28 (1)	Carrier Corporation 12 January 1946 (1)	Sew York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver 14 centri air compressors, together with increasing gears and motors.
¤−7425-œg-61 (15)	Klug and Smith 14 January 1944 (1-3)	Milwaukee, Wis.	Vaload, move, stack, cover, m coils.
-14-108-eng-47 (13)	John Hennes Trucking Company 20 June 1944 (3)	Milmaukee, Wis-	Truck transportation of pumps Nest Allie, Nisconsin to Blai Tempsses.
-14-108-ong-68 (1)	Pennsylvania Engin neering Company 18 June 1945 (6)	Philadelphia, Pa.	Supply of freen gas and cylin
-22-075-eng-01 (1)	R. T. Roberts Con- struction Company, Inc. 24 April 1945 (8)	Cambridge, Mass.	Supply of cement asbestos for buildings.

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	Furnish and deliver 261 Type A, B, C, D, and E s alloy muffles, 144 sets and 377 grills.	pecial	\$ 868,315	\$ 2,248,032	<b>\$ 2,255,786</b>	-
٢.	Furnish and deliver 180 gas filters.		500 <u>,</u> 000	<b>246,99</b> 0	328,8 <b>39</b>	
ř•	Furnish and deliver mate equipment for the constr 1 hydrogen manufacturing purification plant havin to produce 1500 standard meters of hydrogen per h	and s especity subic	541,505	514,741	514,741	
<b>!</b> ⊕	Furnish and deliver 14 of air compressors, together increasing gears and mot	r with speed	66,408	200,068	201,448	-
l∎.	Vaload, move, stack, cove colls.		8,269	7,087	14,140	-
¥ <b>₽</b>	Truck transportation of p West Allie, Missonsin to Tennessee.	Blait	<b>12,21</b> 0	12, 210	12,210	-
Pa.	Supply of freen gas and e	ylincers	10,328	8,991	9,051	-
<b>*8</b> •	Supply of comont asbestom buildings.	for Certain	13,456	13,456	5,962	•

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i00,000	<b>246, 99</b> 0	328,839	-	<b>13,060</b> (Credit)	315,779	315,779
i <b>41,</b> 505	514,741	514,741	-	-	514,741	<b>514, 741</b> .
56,408	200, 068	201,448	-	• .	201,443	201,648
8,269	7,087	14,140	-	•	14,140	14,140
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10,328	8,991	9,051	-	-	9,051	10,000.
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CONTRACT NO. TYPE	NAVE OF CONTRACTOR EFFECTIVE DATE	HOME OFFICE OF CONTRACTOR	SCOPE OF WORK	
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#-22-075-eng-92 (7)	American Bridge Company 30 April 1945 (8)	Boston, Mass	Supplies delivered to Cak Rid and Elair, Tennessee.
W-22-075-eng-93 (1)	Salsh-Spencer Company 15 May 1945 (8)	Boston, Vass.	Furnish certain types of over doors.
%-22-075-eng-133 (7)	Chrysler Corpo- ration 15 August 1945 (6)	Highland Park, Nich.	Furnish steam, water, electri- and inspection services. DAE b(3
DELET		LETED	DELETED
¥-26-021-eng-47 (1)	Korfund Company, Inc. 20 October 1944 (1)	Long Island City N. Y.	Furnish and deliver Korfund in lators, vibro-isolators.
W-26-021-eng-51 (7)	Linde Air Products Company 15 December 1944 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish liquid nitrogen as rea for the operation of 2 Gevern plants operated by the Contras
я-26-021-sng-52 (1)	Herron-Zimmers Moulding Company 14 February 1945 (1)	Cetroit, Wich	Furnish and deliver 426,000 h backing strips.
n-26-021-eng-55 (1)	Connelly Iron Sponge and Governor Company 3 March 1945 (1)	Chicago, Ill.	Furnish and deliver 682 - 3" t cast iron relief valves.
й <b>-26-021-е</b> рд-57 (1)	Bart Laboratories 6 April 1945 (1)	Belleville, H. J.	Electroplate approximately 80, linear feet of 3 to 16 inch mi plated pipe.

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			ING FEE)	IEG FEE)	ING FES)	-
	Supplies delivered to Cak Rid, and Elgir, Tennessee.		\$ 100,239	\$ 100,239	\$ 5 <b>2,3</b> 66	•
	Furnish certain types of over doors.	head sa	4,099	4 <sub>0</sub> 099	1,850	-
,	Furnish steam, water, electric and inspection services.	ity,	5,352 (per year)	5,352 (per yeer)	<b>6,189</b>	-
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<b>y</b>	Furnish and deliver Korfund is lators, vibro-isolators.	• <b>0</b> -	<b>53</b> ,5 <b>28</b>	63,840	74,004	<b>-</b>
	Furnish liquid nitrogen as req for the operation of 2 Governm plants operated by the Contrac	ont	300,000	300,000	227,684	-
	Furnish and deliver 426,000 habaoking strips.	ur .	5 <b>56,</b> 760	536 <b>,</b> 760	760	-
	Furnish and deliver 682 - 3" t cast iron relief valves.	5_12*	214, 245	214,245	190,412	-
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ſ		)00 ikel-	385,914	463,033	38 <b>4,425</b>	-
f.	Electroplate approximately 80, linear fest of 3 to 16 inch nic	<b>kel-</b>	385,914	463,033	384,425	-



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,352 year)	5,362 (per year)	5,189	-	-	5,189	12,500	
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914	463,033	38 <b>4, 425</b>	-	-	384,425	442,000	



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<b>H-26-021-eng-58</b> (7)	Marley Company, Inc. 14 April 1945 (1)	Kancas City, Kansas	One double flow type cocli tower.
<b>*-26-021-eng-59</b> (7)	Combustion Engl- neering Company, Ine. 17 April 1965 (1)	Now York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver three pound per hour steam gener units.
#-26-021-eng-60 (1)	Combustion Engi- neering Company, Inc. 24 April 1945 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver twelve 30 foot 10 per cent nickel drums.
W-26-021-eng-61 (1)	Duffalo Porge Company 27 April 1965 (1)	Hew York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver 150 ve fanse
<pre>%-28-021-eng-64 (7)</pre>	Sectinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company 10 May 1945 (1)	New York, N. Y.	Furnish and deliver two 25 synchronous condensers.
8-25-021-eng-58 (15)	Federal Deposit Insurance Corpo- ration 26 September 1945 (1)	Jersey City, H. J.	Storage of a quantity of p
W-26-021-eng-70 (1)	Allis-Chalmers Hanu- facturing Company 28 April 1965 (1)	West Allis, Wis.	Furnish and deliver 550 - power motors and 550 - 150 motors.
¥-28-094-eng-29 (1)	Linde Air Products Company I August 1945 (5)	dew York, S. Y.	Contractor agrees to sell and Government agrees to p contractor products L-28 s

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<b>F</b>	One double flow type cooling tower.	<b>₿</b>  	102,390	\$ 104,574	\$ 2
• ¥•	Furnish and deliver three 50,000 pound per hour steam generating units.		113,406	113,404	1
. Y.	Furnish and deliver twelve 10" by 30 foot 10 per cent nickel alad drums.		71,620	71,520	
• Y•	Furnish and deliver 150 ventilati fame.	ng	63,568	93,794	
	Furnish and deliver two 25,000 EV synchronous condensers.		278,775	275,775	1
, ¥. J.	Storage of a quantity of powder.	<b>(</b> )	150 Mer month)	150 (Per month)	
ŭ <b>ls.</b>	Furnish and deliver 550 - 75 horse power motors and 550 - 150 horsep motors.		706,258	754,529	7
• Y•	Contractor agrees to sell to Gover and Government agrees to purchase contractor products L-28 and L-28-	from	<b>342,</b> 500	4,300,000	3

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102,390	\$ 104,574	\$ 104,897	-	•	\$ 104,897	\$
113,406	113,404	108,538	-	143	106,681	
71,520	71,620	67,944	-	•	67,944	
83,565	93,794	84,568	-	-	84,868	
278,778	273,778	222,456	-	-	222,486	
150 sr month)	150 (Per month)	<b>300</b>	-	•	300	
106,238	<b>754</b> ,6 <b>29</b>	78 <b>9,592</b>	•	-	759,592	
i48,500	4,300,000	350,739	-	-	360,739	



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CONTRACT NO. TYPE	NAME OF CONTRACTOR BFFECTIVE DATE HETHOD OF LETTING	HOME OFFICE OF CONTRACTOR	SCOPE OF WORK
%-28-094-eng-31 (13)	Struthers Xells Corporation 1 October 1945 (2)	harren, Pa.	Perform all services neces the handling, storage, pre packing and delivery of ou property.
¥-31-109-eng-33 (16)	Tennessee Valley Authority 1 March 1945 (6)	Knozville, Tenn-	Rental of towboat and barg
8-31-109-sng-42 (17)	Reconstruction Finance Corpo- ration 7 August 1945 (9)	Washington, D. C.	Lease of aluminum foundry
<b>H-35-0</b> 58-eng-63 (1)	Connercial Solvents Corporation 22 May 1945 (4)	How York, N. Y.	Furnish 75,600 gallons of
H-35-058-eng-64 (1)	Commercial Solvents Corporation 2 July 1945 (4)	New York, N. Y.	Supply of 190 proof sthyl
₩-42-069-eng-89 (1)	Wanning, Maxwell, and Moore, Ins. 26 April 1946 (8)	Kuskegon, Mich.	3upplies.
<b>W-42-069-eng-90</b> (7)	American Steel Band Company 8 May 1945 (8)	Pitteburg, Pa.	Furnish protective steel r certain buildings.

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1,458	\$ 1,458	\$ <b>1,458</b>	-	-	\$ 1,458	\$ 2,000
d 15 ny	10 and 15 per day	5,721		-	5,721	8,000
l ar yoar	) (per year)	4,133	-	-	4,138	4,133
3,092	<b>48,098</b> ,	42,517	-	-	48,517	42,517
0,780	30,780	30, 780		1,480 (Credit)	29,360	<b>29,36</b> 0
3,932	25,938	23,932	-	-	25, 932	25, 952
P,995	29,995	20, 799	-	•	20,799	21,000
TC	TALS:	<b>\$2</b> 45,593,661	\$ 9,039,913	<pre>     966,401     (Credit) </pre>	\$253,672,173	\$275,449,699
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APPENDIX "B"

PLAN DRAWINGS

### No.

### Title

- 1. Plan of K-S5 Cascade Buildings showing Arrangement of Sections, Buildings, and Cells, and showing Type of Barrier Installed in each Cells
- 2. Overall Process Material Flow Diagram showing the Path of the Process Stream throughout the Main Cascade.









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APPENDIX "C"

CHARTS AND GRAPHS

No	Title
1,	Schematic Contract Chart illustrating Procurement of K-25 Process Equipment (Principal Contracts only) between Architect-Engineer and various Suppliers and Fabri- cators of Equipment.
2.	Schematic Contract Chart illustrating Procurement of Process Cas Pumps and Drivers for the Diffusion Plant.
5.	Schematic Contrast Chart illustrating Barrier Tube Production and Procurement for the Diffusion Plante
4.	Schematic Contract Chart illustrating Gas Diffuser Production and Procurement for the Diffusion Plant,
5.	Schematic Contract Chart illustrating Procurement of Power Plant Equipment.
6.	Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for the New York Area, as of 31 May 1945.
7.	Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for the New York Area, as of 51 March 1945.
8.	Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for the Milwaukse Area as of I June 1945.
9•	Scheratic Chart illustrating the Organisation for the Mikwakee Area as of 31 March 1945,
10.	Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for the Decatur Area as of 5 September 1943,
11.	Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for the Decatur Area as of 51 March 1945.
12.	Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for the Detroit Area as of 16 August 1945.

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No.	Title
15.	Schematic Chart illustrating the Organization for the "Detroit Area as of \$1 March 1945,
14.	Typical Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for The Hellex Corporation,
15.	Typical Schematic Chart illustrating the Organisation for The Kellex Corporation in connection with the K-27 Project.
18+	Graph illustrating Personnel Strength of The Kellex Corporation.
17.	Graph illustrating Personnel Strength of the Allis- Chalmers Manufacturing Company.
18.	Graph illustrating Personnel Strength of the Houdaille- Hershey Corporation.
19,	Graph illustrating Personnel Strength of the Chrysler Corporation,
20.	Schematic Chart illustrating Idne of Authority for Administration of E-25 Design, Engineering, and Procurement Activities.



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	Electrical Contro Cable Cable Cable Cable Switchgear Switchgear Transformer Steel Stacks Coal Conveyors Condensers Pumps	llers Commonwealth Edison Co. Phelps Dodge Copper Prod.Co General Cable Corp. General Electric Co. Okonite Callender Co. General Electric Co. General Electric Co. Henry Pratt Company Robins Conveyors, Inc. Westinghouse El.& Mfg.Co. Westinghouse El.& Mfg.Co. Westinghouse El.& Mfg.Co.	W-7405-Bag-60	K-25 Power House Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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## APPENDIX "D"

### TABULATIONS

No.	Title
1.	Fower Requirements for the K-25 Flant as originally, and as finally designed.
2.	Total Personnel Figures as of 31 March 1945 for The Kellex Corporation.
3.	Design and Engineering Fersonnel of Kellex Subcontractors on K-25 Development Work.
4.	Design and Engineering Personnel of K-25 Contractors other than The Kellex Corporation.
5.	Kellex Engineering Descriptions.



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#### E-25 POWER REQUIREMENTS

### ORIGINAL DESIGN

#### FINAL DESIGN

Ee	tina ted Amount	To be Installed	Batimated Amount	Actual Installed	
Variable Frequency.					
60 Cycle - Operating between 45 & 65 cycles	109,430	7- 152,500	) 109,420	7- 152,500	
Denne Anna De comme		•	•		
Running Reserve		1- 25,000	)	<b>1- 25,000</b>	
120 Cycles - Op- erating between 90 & 130 cycles					
	4,015	2- 4,500	) <b>5,</b> 850	. <b>5- 7,</b> 500	
Running Reserve		1- 3,000	)	1- 8,000	
240 Oycles - Op- erating between 180 & 240 oycles			V cance	(not installed - Section V cancelled March 1945)	
	<b>2,71</b> 5	2- 4,000	)		
Running Reserve		1- 2,000	)		
Constant Frequency.					
60 Cycle - for Auxi- liary purposes	77 <b>,</b> 220		77,220		
From Power House (From T.V.A. System)		2- 50,000 (27,000		2- 50,000 (110,000)	
Total	193,880	16- 241,000	192,490	14- 238,000	
Rounded Estimate	193,000	241,000	193,000	238 <sub>0</sub> 000	
From T.V.A. System		27,000		110,000	
Total Connected Capacit	V	268,000		548,000	

NOTE: Figures followed by dashes indicate musher of turbo-generators.

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# THE KELLEX CORPORATION - TOTAL PERSONNEL FIGURES AS OF 31 MARCH 1965

1,649	loyees	Total Erg
27	Personnel	Borrowed
1,676	Personnel	Total

## Tabulation by Class of Work

	New York	Field	Tota 1
Technical	635	180	823
Administrative	84	2	26
Clarice 1	559	145	672
laintenance	154	21	165
Totals	1,832	354	1,676

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#### DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PERSONNEL OF KELLEX SUBCONTRACTORS ON K-25 DEVELOPMENT WORK

Subcontractors	Nature of Hork	Estimated Personnel at Peak
Elliott Company	Seal development	14
Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company	Notor development	16
Trent Tube Hamifaoturing Company	Barrier tube machine	8
Metal Forming Corporation	Welding development	7
Sam Tour, Inc.	Notal studies	7
Hanson, Van Winkle and Munning Company	Plating machine	1
United States Testing Company	Rubber tests	1
Firestone Tire and Rubber Company	Rubber development	8
Ceneral Electric Company	Welding and motor development	9
International Nickel Company	Furnace development	12
Harshaw Chemical Company	Chemicals development	6
Hamel-Dahl Company	Va <b>lve des</b> ign	9
Electroloy Company, Inc.	Welding development	1
Kerby Saunders, Inc.	Refrigeration	4



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DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PERSONNEL OF K-25 CONTRACTORS OTHER THAN THE KELLEX CORPORATION

Contractor	Froduct	Estimated Peak
Allie-Chalmors Manufacturing Company	Process Pumps	54
American Locomotive Company	Drums	$DOE b(3)^{8}$
A. O. Smith Company	Coolers	32
Bakelite Corporation	BRLETED	20
Bart Laboratories, Inc.	Pipe plating	5
Beach-Russ Company	Frankow	
Chrysler Corporation	Diffusers	132
Crans Company	Proces velves	9
Farrar and Trofts, Inc.	Nickel clad drums	4
Fisher Governor Company	Butterfly velves	3
F. J. Stokes Company	Furthe	3
General Electric Company	Instrumentation	<b>8</b> 5
General Electric Company	Hotor development	28
General Electric Company	Conditioning furnaces	14
Henry Pratt Company	Butterfly valves	3
Horron-Zimmers Houlding Company	Back strip holders	3
Houdaille-Hershey Corporation	Barrier	234
Midwest Fiping and Supply Company	Pipe fabrication	12
National Research Corporation	Scraper cold trap	4
Pacific Pumps, Inc.	Coolant pumps	7
Patterson Kelley Company	Cold traps	4

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Product	Estimated Peak
l'agnetic valves	8
Cold traps	1
Instruments tion	82
Purge pumpe	6
Diffusion pumps	8
Purge Diffusers	8
Coolant coolers	12
Refrigeration systems	10
Refrigeration	9
	Magnetic valves Cold traps Instrumentation Purge pumps Diffusion pumps Purge Diffusers Coolant coolers Refrigeration systems

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### KELLEX ENGINEERING DESCRIPTIONS

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Book	Title
II	Section 100 - Feed Purification System
III	Section 600 - Cascade Surge and Waste System
VI	Section 700 - Power Plant
V	Section 800 - Recirculating Hater System
VI	Section 1100 - Air Conditioning System
VII	Section 1200 - Plant Air System
VIII	Section 1300 - C-216 Generation, Compression, Storage
IX	Section 1400 - Conditioning Plant
x	Section 1500 - Heating Plant
XI	K-25 Electrical System

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FHOTOGRAPHS

No. Title 1. Typical Process Lubricating Cil System showing Lubricant Filter, Cooler and Drain Drum. 2. Typical Process Coolant Cooler and Coolant Drain Drum. Cold Trap Installation in Temporary Purge and Product 3. Room, Building K-303-10, before application of insulation. General View of a Typical Process Gas Recovery Room 4. showing Cold Traps, Pumps, Process Material Container Jackets, and Scales. 5. Typical Process Building Ventilating Fans and Ductwork. 6. Typical Frocess Building Transformer Vault. 7. 1 View of Furnace Room in Feed Furification Building, K-101. 8. View of Surge Pumps and Instrumentation in Surge and Waste Building K-601. Basement of Conditioning Building K-1401, showing Furnace 9, Piping, and in foreground from left to right, Elliott Conditioning Pump, Stokes Fluorine Removal Pump, and Westinghouse High Vacuum Fump. Circulating Cooling Water Fumps in Pump House, Building 10. K-706, for Turbine Condensers. Air Compressors in Compressor House, Building K-1201. 11. 12. Ammonia Compressors (center) and Brine Circulating Fumps (right) in Dry Air Plant, Building K-1101. Typical Coal Conveyor in Power House Area. 13. 14. Fulverisers and Exhausters in Boiler House, Building K-701.

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15.	Notor-driven Boiler Feed Pumps, and Pulveriser Coal Hoppers in Turbins Room, Building K-702,
	Turbo-generators Nos. 4, 5, 2, and 1 in Turbins Room, E-702.
17.	Cable Room below Main Switch House, K-704.

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Typical Process Lubricating Oil System El showing Lubricant Filter, Cooler and

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ES Cold Trap Installation in Temperary Purge and Product Room, Building K-505-10, before application of insulation. The fummel shaped item at the right is part of a vacuum dust removal system.





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E4 General View of a Typical Process Cas Recovery Room showing Cold Traps, Pumps, Process Material Container Jackets, and Scales,






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## E5 Typical Process Building Ventilating Fans and

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Typical Process Building Transformer, Vaulte E6



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## E7 View of Furnace Room in Feed Purification Building

K-101.



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E8 View of Surge Pumps and Instrumentation in Surge and Waste Building E-601.

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E9 Basement of Conditioning Building K-1401, showing Furnace Piping, and in foreground from left to right, Elliott Conditioning Pump, Stokes Fluorine Removal Pump, and Westinghouse High Vacuum Pump.







Blo Circulating Cooling Water Pumps in Pump House, Building K=708, for Turbine Condensers.



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B11 Air Compressors in Compressor House, Building K-1201.





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E12 Ammonia Compressors (center) and Brine Circulating Pumps (right) in Dry Air Plant, Building K-1101.





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E13 Typical Coal Conveyor in Power House Area.

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Eld Pulverisers and Exhausters in Boiler Houses

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Building K=701.







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E15 Notor-driven Boiler Feed Pumps, and Pulveriser Coal Hoppers in Turbins Room, Building K-702.



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E16 Turbe-generators Nos. 4, 5, 2, and 1 in Turbine

Room K-708.





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# E17 Cable Room below Main Switch House, K-704.



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E19 View of the Allis-Chalmers Plant, Milmaukee, Wisconsin, Constructed for the Hanufacture of Process Pumps.





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#### FILE REFERENCES

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<b>6</b> . <sup>√</sup>	Memorandum dated 24 February 1944, from Hajor General L. R. Groves to the Under Secretary of War, and notation of approval thereon by the Under Secretary of War. Classified Files, Major General L. R. Groves, Washington, D. C.
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### DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITS

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### Title

Estimated cost as taken from record of negotiations for Contract W-7405-eng-25 with The M. W. Hellogg Company and The Kellex Corporation.







ESTIMATED COST AS SHOWN IN RECORD OF RECOTIATIONS

### CONTRACT W-7405-eng-25

Estimated Cost - 1	Empluding	Contractor's	Fixed Pees
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Interial	<b>\$183,571,782</b>
Freight and Marshouse	1,864,840
Construction Equipme	nt 1,569,682
Labor (Field)	50,605,131
Componention and Publi on Field Labor	lie Liability Insurance 4,125,500
Process Development	. 5 <u>8</u> 520,000
Process Engineering	512,000
Mechanical Engineering	8,267,000
Field Supervision	1,784,000
Procurement	840,000
Home Office	1,855,000
Compensation and Publ (All Other Labor)	ic Idability Insurance 655,883
Laboratory Work	614,680
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Term

### Definition

- Duriron trade name for a high silicon (about 14.5 per cent) iron alloy resistant to most acids other than hydrofluoric.
- Florite trade name for a hard, granular despicating agent and adsorbent made from bauxite aluminum ore by special processes of activation and mechanical adaptation.
- Raschig rings gas absorption tower packing used to obtain both high unrestricted volume for flow of fluids, and high surface area per unit bed volume.
- Zeokarb a synthetic carbonaceous seolite formed by the sulfonation of powdered coal, and capable of regeneration with either salt or acid. It can therefore produce a softened water containing either sodium or hydrogen ions (or a mixture of the two) in place of the original calcium and magnesium ions; consequently, acidity of the effluent may be adjusted to the desired value.





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SAFETY AND SECURITY BULLETING

No. <u>Title</u> Le New York Area Safety Committon Bulletins

2. Security Publications





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## NEW YORK AREA SAFETY COMMITTEE BULLETINS

Bulletin No.	Title
S1:1,	Safety Committee Regulations for handling C=616 in laboratories and for small scale operations.
SEL, Rev. 1	Safety Committee Regulations for handling C+616 in laboratories and for small scale operations.
SML, Sup. 1	Nedical Considerations of work with C-618.
8)#8	Safety Committee Regulations for handling C-216.
SME, Rev. 1	Safety Committee Regulations for handling C-216.
Shi2, Rev. 2	Safety Committee Regulations for handling C-816.
SL2, Rev. 3	Safety Committee Regulations for handling C-216,
S1 <b>5</b>	Safety Counittee Regulations for handling hydro- fluoric acid in laboratories and for small scale operations,
538	Safety Committee Regulations for the handling of materials used in cleaning operations.
8 <b>86, 8up. 1</b>	listheds of detection of trichlorosthylens and carbon tetrachloride in the atmosphere.
SM4, Sup. 2	General remarks on operation of trichloroethylene degreasors.
816	Safety Committee Regulations for the handling of materials used in electroplating.
SM8, Sup. 1	Nethod of detection of trichloroethylene and carbon tetrachloride in the atmosphere.
516, Sup. 2	General remarks on operation of trichloroethylene degroasers.

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### SECURITY PUBLICATIONS

Protective Security Manual dated 1 February 1945. Security and Intelligence Manual dated December 1945. Intelligence Bulletin No. 4 dated 22 October 1945. Intelligence Bulletin No. 5 dated 27 November 1945. Intelligence Bulletin No. 6 dated 29 November 1945. Intelligence Bulletin No. 7 dated 28 June 1944.





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KEY PERSONIEL

Nos	Title
1.	Key Personnel, New York Area.
8.	Key Personnel, Milmudse Area,
8.	Key Personnel, Decatur Area.
4.	Ney Personnel, Detroit Area,
5,	Key Personnel, The Kellax Corporation.
6,	Key Personnel of Principal Kellex Subcontractors on Design and Engineering Development,
7.	Key Personnel of Prime Contractors Engaged in K-85 Design and Engineering Development.

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### KEY PERSONTEL, NEW YORK AREA

- Stowers, Lt. Col. J. C. Officer-in-Charge, K-25 Project from 7 January 1945 to 17 January 1945, New York Area Engineer, from 7 January 1945 to 28 February 1946. Supervised and coordinated design, engineering, and procurement activities. Haintained liaison between the District and contractors for purposes of consultation, guidance, production control and expediting proourement of equipment.
- Archer, Hajor N. R. Executive Officer from 27 July 1963 to 29 December 1944.

Cambell, Major W. C. - Deputy Area Engineer from 6 March 1944 to 28 May 1945, New York Area Engineer from 1 March 1946 to 25 August 1946.

- Christensen, Hajor J. G. Supervised special contracts. On duty in the New York Area from 20 August 1944 to 29 August 1945.
- Greenstein, Hajor Harold, Legal Advisor and supervised contracts termination, Reported to New York Area 1 November 1944,
- Morane Major J. J. Technical advisor from 1 June 1945 to 1 March 1944.
- Horris, Major D. H. Administered special price adjustment contracts, insluding coordination of production of such contracts, Reported to the New York Area 50 August 1945.
- Beokwith, Captain Me Me As technical advisor from 1 February 1964 to E November 1964, supervised research and development contracts and coordinated special chemicals requirements.
- Carothers, Captain H. T. Supervised special production contracto, scordinating schedules and expediting production, Reported to the New York Area 15 May 1944,
- Duley, Captain L. A. Special contracts and expediting from 16 October 1945 to 26 June 1945.
- Fredenburgh, Captain He He = Reported to the Hew York Area on 28 July 1945.
- Haloney, Captain J. H. Special contracts and expediting. Reported to New York Area 8 Harch 1944.
- Quayle, Captain P. J. Reported to the New York Area on 15 December 1965. As Contracts and Procurement Officer, prepared, distributed, reviewed, and recorded all contractual instruments, and attended





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all conferences on contract negotiations. Authorised representative of the Contracting Officer. Reviewed purchase orders on CPFF contractors for compliance with procurement regulations, and approved same. Issued preference rating certificates as required. Certified payrolls and reimbursement vouchers for all Hew York Area contractors.

- Rosenblum, Captain Charlos On loan to The Kellex Corporation from 12 January 1944 to I December 1944. Readed Kellex Corporation Barrier Testing Section and Barrier Production Section successively. Technical advisor to the Area Engineer.
- Alpert, 1st Lt. H. R. Assistant Property Officer from 26 October 1944 to 25 August 1945.
- <u>Holdulien, 2nd Lt. W. E.</u> As Security Officer, formulated and enforced security policies and made security investigations. Reported to New York Area 50 May 1944.
- Stebbine, S/Sgt. Hary In charge of Classified Files Section. Reported to New York Area on 18 November 1946.
- Griffing R. N. Chief administrative assistant to the Area Engineer from 1 June 1943 to 28 July 1945.
- Levine, Aaron Responsible for plan review and acted as general engineering advisor to the Area Engineer. Joined the Area staff on 1 August 1945.
- Hokee, J. F. Nead of the Audit Branch since 16 April 1943.
- Sailsbery, Miss Frances Confidential Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Area Engineer since 16 January 1945, immediately after the creation of the New York Area,
- Schenk, H. A. Head of the Administrative Branch. Joined the Area Staff on 26 April 1943.







### KEY PERSONNEL, MILHAUKEE AREA

- Gregory, Lt. Col. R. C. Project Engineer from 25 February 1945 to 15 July 1945. In charge of construction of Allis-Chalmers pump manufacturing plant.
- MoCormiek, Hajor J. L., Jr. Area Engineer from 6 August 1944 to 14 Hovember 1945. Administered all District contracts in the area; responsible for work progress and expediting; set area policies; coordinated work between Contractors and the Architect-Engineer.
- Anderson, Captain Jon D. Property Officer, Assisted with Production Control; responsible for surplus materials, records and disposal. Hilumukse Area Engineer from 15 November 1945 to 80 July 1946.
- Fugard, Captain John R., Jr. Assistant Area Engineer. Served as Cryptographic and Salvage Officer, and assisted with production control. In charge of construction and critical materials control and expediting.
- Hill, Captain R. C. Area Engineer from 15 July 1965 to 5 August 1964. Handled all District production contracts in the Area.
- Fitsgerald, Edmund A. Head of Accounts and Audit Section.

Landon, Edward F. - Security Agent.

Schults, Eleanors H. - Chief of Administrative Section.

Stock, Hasel F. - Chief of Property Section.





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Choate, Major Carlisle E. - Area Engineer from 10 October 1944 to B December 1944.

Horan, Major John J. - Area Engineer from 12 December 1944 to 14 December 1945.

Bookwith, Captain Merton Me - Assistant, Tochnical from November 1945 to January 1944.

Brannan, Captain John H. - Area Engineer from 20 July 1943 to 9 October 1944.

- Creaford, Captain Robert L. Assistant, Engineering and Maintenance. Area Engineer from 15 December 1945 to 1 July 1946,
- Bensen, Captain George H. Intelligence and Security Officer from 14 August 1944 to 27 January 1945.
- Schneider, Captain Henry Ne- Assigned 5 January 1945 as Asting Area Engineer.
- Halker, lat Lt. Homer D. Operations Division from 1 September 1945
- Cooley, 2nd Lt. Larry E. Assigned 28 January 1945 as Security Officer.
- Bihl, Edward Je, dr. Assigned 1 August 1945 as Administrative Assistant (Property)
- Chasteen, Roger H. Assigned 1 September 1945 as Administrative Assistant (Procurement and Surplus)
- Constock, Elbridge G. Engineer (Mechanical) from 16 December 1945 to 81 August 1946.
- Dondero, Louis E. Assigned 3 December 1965 as Chief of Administration Section.
- Dever, Thomas W. Assigned 12 December 1944 as Engineer (Bafety)

Labovits, Saul I. - Project Auditor from 1 Hovember 1943 to 25 Hovember 1945.

laven, Alexander - Assigned 22 January 1944 as Chief Administrative Assistant.

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- Hover, Curtis R. Chief Project Auditor from 16 January 1964 to 51 July 1944.
- Olsen, Cail R. Chief Engineering Aide from 2 August 1945 to 15 January 1945.

Oppenheimer, Leo F. - Administrative Assistant (Labor Relations) from 25 August 1944 to 7 December 1944.

Pippin, Raymond E. - Principal Administrative Assistant from 9 July 1945 to V March 1944.

Rich, Roy H. - Associate Engineer (Civil) from 6 December 1945 to BO January 1945.

Wesler, Harold W. - Assigned 25 January 1944 as Chief Project Auditor.









### KEY PERSONNEL, DETROIT ANEA

Taxaro, Lt. Col. A. - Area Engineer, 21 July 1943 to 16 November 1944. Supervised the initiation and the execution of the major portion of the construction and early operations under this Area.

Archer, Major Norman R. - Rosident Engineer in preliminary organisation of the work from May 1945 to July 1945.

Beleher, Hajor F. H. - Area Engineer, 18 November 1944 to 51 January 1948.

Shepherd, Major R. E. - Executive Officer, 80 November 1964 to 4 April 1965. In direct supervision of Area Operations, also served as Acting Area Engineer.

Brannan, Captain J. H. - Assistant to the Area Engineer and Accountable Property Officer, 15 January 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Howle, Captain A. L. D. - 27 Hovember 1944 to 23 January 1945, Assistant Area Engineer and Accountable Property Officer.

McCornick, Captain J. D. - Appointed on 16 February 1945 as Assistant Area Engineer and Accountable Property Officer. Area Engineer from 1 February 1946 to present.

Seider, Captain R. G. - Resoutive Officer, September 1943 to January 1944.

Crowley, Lt. J. T. = 83 November 1945, assigned as Security and Ellitary Intelligence Officer.

HoElwreath, Sgt. W. J. - Assistant Security and Military Intelligence Officer, assigned 15 January 1944,

Burling, H. D. - Assigned 21 June 1945 as Chief of Property Section.

Loupe, Bre. B. L. - Assigned 15 January 1944 as Administrative Assistant and Secretary to Area Engineer and Executive Officer.

Prumer, J. W. - Assigned 16 September 1943 as Chief Project Auditor.

Natkins, C. O. - Assigned as Office Engineer from September 1945 to June 1945.

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### KEY PERSONNEL, THE KELLEX CORPORATION

CORPORATE OFFICERS

Billorge Me We	President
Johnsen, P. R.	First Vice-President
Austine He Re	Emocutive Vice-President and Comprel Managor
Harvison, In H.	Second Vice-President
Reith, P. C.	Third Vice-President
Cidley, E. L.	Secretary

Madell, Ethel Me Assistant Secretary

Hoore, P. H. Treasurer and Comptroller

TOP ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

- Abboths To As Division Engineer, Instrument Department, Responsible for the design and development and production of process instruments.
- Allinson, J. J. Chief Field Resident Engineer. In charge of administration of field forces for supervision and coordination of construction.
- <u>Arnold</u>, J. H. Director of Research and Development. Supervised and coordinated all research, process development pilot plant operations, and specification of special chemicals and materials.
- Baker, A. L. Project Wanager. In charge of organization and administration of all engineering; scheduling; process equipment procurement; expediting and inspection; and supervision of construction. Was responsible for securing the services of many key scientific and technical personnel.
- Benedict, Dr. N. Engineer in charge of Process Design. Planned much of the experimental work on barriers, corrosion, pilot plant, cold traps, vacuum pumps and coolers under O.S.R.D. and Manhattan District contracts. Carried out all the fundamental mathematical studies of the diffusion process and established the basic principles upon which the design of the plant is founded. Also developed the process design for the entire plant and auxiliaries excepting utilities.

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- Cook, Dr. E. Metallurgical Consultant. Advised on special metallurgical problems. Contributed to barrier manufacturing design.
- Denne, W. H., Jr. Head of Contracts Division. In charge of the negotiations, preparation and administration of all contracts for the precurement of materials, equipment, apparatus, machinery, supplies and services for the project.
- Dunning, Dr. J. R. Assistant to Project Banager. Technical Coordinator. Consultant to Vice-President, Project Banager and Process Engineering Department on fundamental requirements of the plant.
- Fruit, A. J. Project Engineer. Responsible for the design of the plant and all auxiliaries. Assisted in forming engineering policies.
- Gordon, P. B. . Head of the New York Design Group (Field). Assisted in the engineering and construction of the barrier manufacturing plant.
- House F. P. Service Hanager. In charge of all service functions for the Kellex Corporation.
- Johnson, Dr. C. A. Research Engineer. Developed barrier used in the plant. Supervised laboratory work on corrosion studies, pilot plant operation, cold traps and other special equipment. Assisted in correlation of main plant operating studies.
- Keith, P. C. Vice-President and Executive in Charge of Project. Formerly member of Planning Board of OSRD Project SSRC-17. Personally directed early research and development work under OSRD contract and later directed all phases of research and development as well as all other technical work under Manhattan District contract.
- Levey, H. B. Assistant Project Engineer. Assisted the Project Engineer in design of the main plant.
- Hickman, A. A. Assistant Chief Resident Engineer, Supervised engineering and construction in the field. In early stages was Resident Engineer for construction of power plant.
- <u>Niero Dr. A. O.</u> Physicist, Did early work on mass spectrometer at University of Einnesota, Continued work at Kellex under Eanhattan District, Responsible for mass spectrometers used for leak detection analysis of contaminants in plant process stream and isotopic analysis as well as for a variety of other applications. Also developed Sugmarous other analytical machines and tools.

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- Norton, W. J. Head of Coordination Engineering. Responsible for schoduling, reports, estimating and schedule engineers.
- Powers, R. E. Division Engineer, Cleaning and Conditioning Department, Devised and perfected techniques for cleaning, conditioning, plating and vacuum testing. Responsible for wacuum tightness of the plant,
- Skog, L. Division Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Supervised the development of diffusers and other special process equipment, Responsible for design of power generating plant, Engineered special power and distribution system for main plant,
- Smith, S. B. Assistant Project Manager. Coordinated operation of various departments with emphasis on design and construction scheduling.
- Squires, A. No Process Engineer. Aided in the mathematical studies on the fundamentals of the diffusion process and on the productivity, equilibrium time and preferred modes of operation of the large diffusion plant. Also aided in the development of the process design of the main plant equipment.
- Natte, G. W. Division Engineer, Pump and Instrument Department, Supervised the development and manufacture of special process pumps and instruments.

### SUPPLEIENTAL ALPHABETICAL LIST

- Armistend, Dr. F. C. Field Engineer. Vacuum testing specialist for various manufactured components of the main plant.
- Barnholt, W. C. Schedule Engineer. Prepared construction schedules, cost estimates and special reports.
- Barrett, F. G. Head of Estimating Department.
- Barrett, W. A. Assistant Service Manager.
- Benenati, R. F. Engineer. Supervised the writing of the operating manuals.
- Berg, I. A. Schedule Engineer. Responsible for schedule engineering of Power Plant and coordinatin; work of Schedule Engineering Division.
- Binner, C. R. Assistant Division Engineer, Mechanical Engineering. Supervised design and construction of test floor and Jersey City Laboratory. Later was Chief Mechanical Engineer, supervising design of process valves, cold traps, and preparation of mechanical and erection specifications.

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- Brewstor, O. C. Development Engineer, Pump Department. Supervised the development and production of the special purge cascade pumps.
- Buschow, H. P. Job Engineer. Designer of diffusers, special filters and cold traps.

Cuniffe, J. J. - Director of Procurement. Responsible for Kellex procurement, expediting and inspection.

Dean, D. K. - Job Engineer, Mechanical Engineer for Conditioning Department.

Dean, H. W. - Division Engineer, Dessign Section. Responsible for structural design of main plant.

Deanesly, R. K. - Engineer. Fundamental work on barrier performance. Directed technical work for barrier testing.

Deutsch, Z. G. - Division Engineer, Barrier Development Group,

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Dever, P. F. - Engineer. Preparation of basic specification for valves and piping saterials.

- Elsoy, Dr. H. M. Consultant Chemist. Critically reviewed essentially all phases of the research and development work aided in setting of specifications and procedures for large scale nanufacture of specifications and continually inspected and constructively criticised chemical aspects of such manufacturing units and of the large diffusion plant.
- Esherick, G. E. Engineer, Cleaning and Conditioning Department. Design and layout of equipment in the conditioning and maintenance buildings.
- Evans, H. W. Sob Engineer. Supervised design of ventilating systems.

Fants, A. C., Jr. - Process Engineer. General assistant to head of process engineering department.

Ferrens, G. - Job Engineer, Supervised design of site laboratories and other auxiliary buildings.

Finlayson, D. K. - Engineer. In charge of Barrier Acceptance Group; set manufacturing specifications, responsible for acceptance and scheduling of barrier.



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- Greenspang Dr. J. Engineer. Assisted in the design and development of special instruments.
- Hill, W. H. Insulation Consultante Advised on special insulation problems.

Hobbs, J. C. - Hechanical Design Consultant. Developed special process valves. Consultant on mechanical piping arrangements and layouts.

- Hogerton, J. F. Engineer. Correlated material for completion report.
- Hollar, B. D. Supervisor of Interial Control Board (New York).
- Hopkins, W. A. Plating Specialist. Supervised development and application of eleaning and plating methods.
- decode\_ Dr. R. B. Division Engineer, Vacuum Testing. Developed
  vacuum testing techniques and special vacuum testing equipment.
  Supervised vacuum testing at site.
- <u>Kriege To A.</u> Security Agent. Responsible for security of Kellex operations.
- LaBarr, M. C. Field Division Engineer, Electrical Division. Responsible for electrical installations.
- Landau, Dr. Ralph Chemical Engineer. Carried out process developnent work on nitrogen generating and fluorine disposal plants.
- Levensteing H. H. Assistant Division Engineer. Head of boiler design and procurement on steam power and beating plants.
- McKinsie, D. J. Engineer. In charge of preparing erection and mechanical specifications in the field. Supervised Test Floor construction.
- Herris, J. E. Job Engineer. Supervised transfer of Government equipment to project and coordinated spare parts procurement.
- Newsonb, N. B. Pield Division Engineer, Structural Division. Responsible for structural installations.
- Powell, N. A. Field Division Engineer, Instrument Division. Responsible for instrument installations.
- Pray, J. A. Schedule Engineer, Barrier Production. Coordinated deliveries of critical components required in barrier manufacturing.



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Rehnberge H. A. - Field Division Engineer, Conditioning Building. Supervised construction and operation of Conditioning Building.

Reynolds, T. G. - Job Engineer. Supervised design of conditioned air plant for main process.

- Rose, H. A. Assistant Division Engineer, Cleaning, and Conditioning Department. Assisted in developing of special vacuum pumps for process service and supervisor of vacuum testing of manufactured equipment.
- Rosen, Dr. R. Chemist in charge of special chemicals. Devised inspection methods and compiled specifications for all special chemicals developed for the large plant. Also carried out a wariety of chemical investigations including the bulk of the work on walve seats.
- Recending, Dr. C. Research Chemist. Devised methods of evaluating barrier quality and organised production control laboratory. Also consulted on overall barrier development program.
- Russell, H. V. Personnel Manager.
- Schuman, Dr. S. C. Chemist. In charge of Jersey City Laboratory. Studied special chemicals stability and ran test floor.

Sheldon, E. L. - Head of Inspection Department. Administrative head of all Hellex inspection personnel at vendors' plants.

Scall, H. L. - Field Division Engineer, Coordination. In charge of coordination of construction.

Spinks, F. E. - Chief Expeditor.

Stoddard, W. B., Jr. - Chemist. DELETED

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Stone, G. D. - Head of Accounting Department. In charge of the accounting section.

Surden, A. C. - Assistant Division Engineer, Electrical Department. Hade studies of power requirements and distribution.

Swank, W. R. - Field Division Engineer. Responsible for mechanical installation.

Swanson, N. H. - Resident Engineer. In charge of Keller operations at Allis-Chalmors (Hawley Plant), and later Field Resident Engineer.





- Swearingen, Dr. J. S. Development Engineer. Developed process pump seals and made studies on fundamental pump designs.
- Thompson, Dr. W. I. Dovelopment Engineer, Process Department, Assisted in development of cold traps and related process equipment.
- Traxel, F. D. Division Engineer, Electrical Department. Coordinated and responsible for all electrical power distribution and consumption problems.
- Van Houten, R. B. Assistant to the Project Manager. Liaison for engineering and service activities. Assisted in technical personnel propurement.
- Van Valkenburg, K. Engineer, Process Department. Coordinator for special hasards problems, process department.
- Watson, J. Assistant Director of Procurement. In charge of purchasing department.
- <u>Weber, J. E. Chief Design Engineer.</u> Chief of Design Section and Drafting Rooms.
- Wheeler, H. E. Development Engineer. Responsible for instrument applications.
- Weeby, N. W. Job Engineer. In charge of auxiliary process systems.
- Zegers, J. A. Traffic Hanager. Responsible for all personnel and equipment transportation problems.









KEY PERSONNEL OF PRINCIPAL KELLEX SUBCONTRACTORS ON DESIGN AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPHENT

### ELLIOTT COMPANY

Crawford, D. B. - Job Engineer. Supervised design and development testing.

Lapp, R. H. - Seal Engineer. Special seal studies and development.

Shoets, H. E. - Engineer. Conducted research studies on gas flow In pumps.

Smith, R. B. - Chief Engineer. Coordinated development and engineering of special scals and pumping equipment.

FIRESTORE TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY

Daucherty, W. J. - Development studies and tests on special rubber for Dillon, J. H. valve seats. Ebert, H. L. Kelsey, H. H.

### GENERAL BLECTRIC COMPANY

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### HARSHAN CHEMICAL COMPANY

Cromer, H. W. - Conducted research on recovery of uranium hexafluoride from spent carbon trap residues.

<u>Pilipic, H. F. - Special studies on mickel carbonate slurries for</u> plating.

Harshaw, William J. - President, Coordinated development and specification of nickel earbonate slurries for plating.

Juredine, G. M. - Conducted research on the preparation and properties of mickel earbonate.

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Swinshart, Dr. C. A. - Conducted research on recovery of uranium hexafluoride from earbon trap residues.

### INTERNATIONAL NICKEL COLPANY

Bieber, C. L. - Head of Works Inboratory. Supervised testing and specifications of nickel products.

Carey, J. W. - Engineer. Supervised specifications for all nickel products.

Flocks, F. G. - Welding Specialist. Developed welding techniques and procedures used by many equipment manufacturers.

Kline, E. H. - Plant Munager. Supervised melting and forming procedures at Huntington, West Virginia.

Herica, P. D. - Technical Director. Coordinated technical development of nickel powder for barrier and nickel products used in equipment development.

### SAM TOUR, INC.

Davidoff, Charles - Engineer. Performed barrier studies and tests.

Tour, Sam - Technical Director. Coordinated metallurgical studies and development of welding apparatus.

### TRENT TUBE KANUFACTURING COLPANY

Elgo, F. B. - President. DELETF.D

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Hann, W. - Mechanical Engineer. Supervised design and engineering.

### WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY

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KEY PERSONIEL OF PRIME CONTRACTORS ENGAGED IN K-35 DESIGN AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT

### ALLIS-CHALLERS MANUFACTURING COLPANY

Avery, John - Manager, Blower and Compressor Department, Over-all ecordinator of development and production of process pumps.

Codrington, C. F. - Assistant Hanager. Blower and Compressor Department. Assisted in coordinating Hawley Plant Work.

Layman, D. - Seal Specialist Engineer. Supervised seal production and testing at the Hawley Plant and pump installation at the K-25 plant site.

Begler, Forest - Chief Mechanical Engineer, Responsible for mechanical design and testing.

Neubauer, E. T. - Chief Engineer. Hawley Plant. Supervised design and development during period of production and testing.

Shaw, K. C. - Chief Engineer. Blower and Compressor Department. Supervised early stages of design and development on blowers.

AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY, ALCO PRODUCTS DIVISION

Ettington, N. - Chief Engineer, Coordinated design engineering on special drums and tanks.

Gantvoort, J. M. - Engineere Supervised engineering and testing.

A. O. SHITH CORPORATION

Chyle, J. - General Superintendent, Also in charge of welding development and procedures.

Lindsay, E. H. - Job Engineer. Coordinated design and manufacture of special coolers.

Souddor, C. - Assistant Chief Engineer. Supervised design engineering.

Kepler, W. - Designs and Metallurgical studies. Lemine, C. Megow, L. Scheil, M.

### BARELITE CORPORATION

Groff, Frazier - Development Engineer.	DELETED
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Herrill, L. K. - General Superintendent. Headed up a joint Kellex-Carbide organisation on all phases of barrier production particularly those activities carried on at Houdaille-Hershey plant.

### BART LABORATORIES, INC.

Bart, S. C. - Vice President, Coordinated development of process and production of internally plated steel pipe.

Lousks, M. - Engineer. Supervised techniques and testing.

#### BEACH-RUSS COMPANY

Beach, E. J. - Vice President, Directed development and testing of special vacuum pump.

#### CHRYSLER CORPORATION

Boobe, A. H. - Director of Research. Headed laboratory work in research and developments

Foot, D. F. - Charge of design group.

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- Hartgering, J. M. Assistant Operating Managers Supervised production and coordinated engineering.
- Heinen, C. Chief Chemical Engineer, Responsible for conditioning and barrier tests.
- Heisner, C. Designed plating facilities and worked out techniques and procedures.
- Loofbourrow, A. Chief Engineer. Supervised preparation of all shop drawings and details from basis Kellex designe

Maloney, A. - Charge of Mechanical Testing Laboratory,

Wells, H. S. - Operating Manager, Coordinated design and manufacturing.

### CRAME COMPANY

Houser, A. He, Jr. - Design Engineer. Responsible for development, shop details, and standardisation of special process valves.

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Roinery, J. Roch, H. F. Mendi, H. S.

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Giaque, C. A. - Design engineers. Also assisted in working out special Grubbe, A. C. production and testing techniques. Hansen, A. M. Hedberg, R. Kittredge, H. H.

### FARRAR AND TREFTS, INC.

Lyall, R. G. - Design Engineer. Supervised design and testing procedures.

Trefts, J. A., Jr. - Vice President. Coordinated design engineering on mickel clad tanks.

#### FISHER COVERNOR COMPANY

Burris, T. B. - Special development studies. Later on loaned too The Rollex Corporation for special instrumentation studies.

Engel, R. A. - Chief Engineer. Coordinated engineering work on special butterfly valves.

Hunt, Verle J. - Design Engineer. Responsible for bellows and bellows seal designs.

#### F. J. STOKES COMPANY

Hull, L. W. - Chief Engineer. Supervised design engineering of special watuum pumps.

#### GENERAL ELECTRIC COLPANY

Anderson, Marshall - Job Engineer, Directed development and engineering on sealed air bearing motors.

Bousman, H. W. - Design and development of electronic components for Foust, C. M. mass spectrometers and space recorders (ionisation shambers).

Brucker, G. W. - Design of manifold systems for line recorders and Remacheid, E. J. space recorders.

Cochrane D. - Design of acoustic analysers. Mikelsone W.



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- <u>Cardner, G. F.</u> Design of differential pressure transmitters and Rich, T. A. experimental development programs.
- Hansen, C. A., Jr. Design of acoustic analyzers and thermal conductivity instruments,
- Haskells O. S. Heating Engineer. Supervised development and engineering on special furnaces for conditioning of process equipment.
- Kasstle, F. L. Design and application engineering relative to all instrument programs.
- <u>Killam, K. A.</u> Development Engineer. Directed special air bearing development.
- LaPierre, Cramer W. Assistant Engineer, General Engineering Laboratory. Supervised and coordinated all research and development studies for the Manhattan District by the Electro-Mechanical Division on the Acoustic Cas Analyser.
- Los, Everett S. Engineer, General Electric Laboratory. New and special instruments required by the Manhattan District were developed in the General Engineering Laboratory.
- <u>Hiddel</u>, H. D. Design of line recorders, differential pressure transmitters, acoustic analyzers, and experimental development programs.
- Howell, J. K. Development Engineer. Supervised motor development.
- Rader, L. T. Design of magnetic butterfly valve.
- Safford, H. H. Research Engineer. Research on insulations and notal properties of motors.
- Smith, Dr. James J. Assistant Engineer, General Engineering Inboratory, Eupervised and coordinated technical and administrative engineering for the General Engineering Inboratory on the mass spectrometer type look detector.
- Stack, S. S. Design of dew point recorder.
- Steenstrup, C. Refrigeration Specialist. Special development of high speed rotary seal for air bearing motor.
- Williams, W. D. Engineer. Development on magnetic thrust bearinge



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Winne, Harry A. - Vice President, in charge of Engineering Apparatus Department. New and special instruments required by the Manhattan District were developed in the General Engineering Laboratory, a division of the Apparatus Department.

Norcester, W. G. - Design of assay machine or large isotope spectro-

### HENRY PRATT COMPANY

Cottingham, E. B. - Machanical Engineer. Supervised design and production.

Smith, S. B. - Vice President. Coordinator of design engineering and production of special butterfly valve.

### HERRON-ZIMMERS MOULDING COMPANY

Crows, O. J. - General Hanager. Coordinated development and design of barrier holding pack.

Ball, W. J. - Chief Engineer. Supervised design engineering and testing.

### HOUDAILLE-HERSHEY CORPORATION

Borchert, Leslie C. - Assisted in the management and coordination in the development work and in the technical direction of production operations involved in the manufacture of all DA barrier used on the Hanhattan District Project, also conducted liaison between the Garfield Division and other coordinated laboratories and plants.

Conley, Charles C. - Assisted in the management and coordination in the development work and in the technical direction of production operations involved in the manufacture of all DA barrier used on the Manhattan District Project.

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Pinner, N. L. - Technical Director. In charge of laboratory, and responsible for translating laboratory techniques to barrier production. Also, supervised quality control.

### HIDNEST PIPING AND SUPPLY COMPANY

Downing, J. R. O. - Development Engineer. Development of vacuum equipment and procedures.

Fants, F. C. - Vice President. Design and development of special welding equipment and methods for the St. Louis fabrication shop and the field shop.

Leonard, B. H. - Welding Specialist. Developed and adapted welding equipment.

Morse, R. J. - President. Coordinated development on vacuum equipment and techniques and the design of a scraped cold trap system.

Wilms, H. - Design Engineer. Designed special fabricating equipment.

#### PACIFIC PUMPS, INC.

Cleveland, L. J. - Chief Engineer. Supervised design engineering of coolant pumps.

Weis, A. R. - President. Coordinated of engineering and production.

#### PATTERSON KELLEY COMPANY

Greiner, G. R. - Engineer. Designed special dies and welding fixtures.

Monaco, J. - Job Engineer. Coordinated design, development and testing of special cold trap.

### REPUBLIC FLOW METER COMPANY

MeMahon, J. B. - Over-all ecordinator of design and development of magnetically operated butterfly valve. On loan to Kellex Corporation instrument department.

Rosenberger, A. J. - Chief Engineer. Supervised design and Rechanical testing.

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### SCHOCK GUSMER COLL'ANY

Striberny, A. - Superintendent. Developed designs and manufacturing techniques for production of special cold traps.

### SHARPLES CORPORATION

Hoore, Dr. Walter J. - Supervised the installation and development of testing methods used in the evaluation of barriers.

<u>Hix</u>, Dr. Foster C. - Supervised and coordinated all research and development studies conducted for the Manhattan District at The Sharples Corporation, Research Laboratories.

### TAYLOR INSTRUMENT COMPANIES, INC.

Hanna, E. J. - Coordinator of procurement and manufacture of instruments made by Taylor and those procured from 35 subcontracting Sources,

Hubbard, K. H. - Chief Engineer. Supervised development and design activities.

Olson, R. H. - Managing Engineer. In charge of all development, engineering, design and production. Outstanding contribution rendered in over-all instrumentation program and as a member of the Kellex Process Instrumentation Committee.

Howard, G. E. - Development engineers. Responsible for various phases Heamer, Romald of design, production and installation of pneumatic Stell, H. W. instruments. Into, L. Lo Hisgler, J. G.

#### VALLEY IRON WORKS

Epibe W. K. - Works Manager. Coordinated design and development of reciprocating pumps.

Wells, J. D. - Chief Engineer. Supervised design layout and testing.

#### WESTINGHOUSE BLECTRIC CORPORATION

Dralle, H. E. - Manager of Petroleum and Chemical Engineering Division. Coordinated development and engineering work on gas bearing motors.

Hagge A. C. - Besearch Engineer. Research Laboratory, East Pittsburgh, Pa. Hade studies of gas lubricated bearings for high speed motors.

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- Heller, P. R. Mochanical Engineer, A/C Constator Engineering Department. Hechanical design and studies on gas bearing motors.
- Kilgore, Lo A. Manager, Motor Section. Supervised design and englneering on gas bearing motors.
- Robinson, R. C. Electrical Engineer, A/C Constator Department. Electrical design for gas bearing motors.

WHITEHBAD METAL PRODUCTS, INC.

Creeker, C. G. - Plant Manager, Coordinator of design and development work on special process diffuser for purge use.

Mohlin, R. - Plant Engineer, Supervised design and testing,

WHITLOCK MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Proudy, R. B. - Job Engineer. Supervised design and soordinated engineering.

Suith, S. A. - Chief Engineer, Supervised production adaptation and testing of special cooler.

### WORTHINGTON PULP AND MACHINERY CORPORATION

- Magee, W. H. Chief Engineer. Supervised development and design . Had refrigeration systems.
- Quinlan, F. Engineer. In charge of design engineering group.

#### YORK CORPORATION

- Cordrey, A. J. Magineer. Coordinated design and engineering of special air conditioning systems for site laboratories and for portable C-716 units.
- Olsen, T. Refrigeration Engineer. Supervised design of laboratory air conditioning systems.
- Russell, G. Nochanical Engineer. Supervised design of portable C-715 refrigeration equipment.

### METALS DISINTEGRATING COMPANY

Dunlap, Gordon E. - Supervised and ecordinated all research, development and construction. Developed Fine Mickel Grinding Process.



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