4 SEP 1996

1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID	3. OFFICE CODE	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
960701CCC5304	8 0 2 9	8 3 0	

4. DATE OF ACCIDENT	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED (YR MO DAY)
9 6 0 4 3 0	9 6 0 7 0 9

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A fire originated in the bedroom of a home as the result of a 4 year old male playing with a refillable butane lighter. He reportedly used the lighter to set the curtains on fire. No injuries were involved.

7. LOCATION(Home, school, etc.)	8. CITY	9. STATE
home (bedroom) 1 0	Grand Island	Nebraska N E

10A. FIRST PRODUCT	11a. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL
butane lighter 1 2 4 7	Aim-N-Flame Scripto Tokai Corp 11591 Etiwanda Ave. Fontana, CA 92335
10B. SECOND PRODUCT	**11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL**
curtains 0 6 1 7	unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM	13. SEX(Numerical code) Male -1 Female -2 Unknown-3	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
9 9 9	9	no injury 9	no injury 7 0

16. BODY PART	17. RESPONDENT(S)	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION On Site 1 Telephone 2 Other 3	19. TIME SPENT
no injury 9 9	homeowner 1	2	0 8. 0

20. ATTACHMENTS	21. CASE SOURCE	22. REVIEWED BY	YR MO DAY
multiple 9	newspaper 0 5	8 0 0 7	9 6 0 8 1 6

23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (Non Neiss Cases Only)

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24. NARRATIVE(See Instructions on Other Side)

MFR/PRVLBR NOTIFIED
No Comments made
Comments attached
Excisions/Revisions
Firm has not requested further notice

25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE

CPSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared
25C
No Mfrs/PrvtLblrs
Products Identified
Excepted by ANPR
Firms Notified,
Comments Processed
Jm 6/30/97

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FIELD ACTIVITY COVERSHEET

4 SEP 1996

1 Region/State	2 Operation (Check one)	3 Date
FOCR/ATL-SO	__ Inspection ___Establishment visit ___Telephone contact _X_ Investigation ___Other _____	7/9/96 4 Number 960701CCC5304

5 Establishment

Name Scripto Tokai Corporation
Address 11591 Etiwanda Ave.
City Fontana **State** CA **Zip** 92335 **Telephone** 714-360-2100

6 Related firm ___Parent ___Headquarters ___Subsidiary ___Other

Name _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

7 Products covered	8 Other consumer products
refillable butane lighter	curtains

9 Establishment Type	10 Annual production
unknown _X_ Manufacturer ___Importer ___Wholesaler ___Own label distributor ___Retailer ___Repackager ___Other _____	N/A Product covered $_____ units_____ Other products $_____ units_____

11 IS business	12 Samples collected	13 MIS code	14 Hours
N/A % received _____ % shipped _____	none	32626	Activity 8 Travel 0

15 Reason for activity Assignment 960701CCC5304 to conduct IDI in Grand Island, Nebraska, as F/U to a fire involving a lighter.

16 Announced ___(Rationale for announced inspection)
Unannounced ___

17 Employee's Name	Title	Signature date
Jimmie L. Barrett	Product Safety Investigator	

18 __ **Endorsement** __ **Remarks** __ **Summary** __ **Other** _____

This IDI was requested by CCM as a F/U to a newsclip.

While playing with a refillable, butane utility lighter a 4 year old male set fire to the curtains in a bedroom of his home. The ensuing blaze caused extensive damage. No one was injured.

F/U: None.

19 Reviewer's Name	Title	Signature
William E. Gentry	Supervisory Investigator	W E Gentry

20 Review Date	21 Distribution
8/23/96	O: EPDS, C: FOCR(IDI), CCM(MB), FOWR, CS: BG, RF, JLB

An on-site was not conducted at the home in Grand Island, Nebraska, where this incident occurred. Information in this report was provided by the homeowner who stated his 4 year and 11 month old son was playing with a refillable butane lighter in the bedroom of his home when he apparently used the lighter to set the curtains on fire. No injuries were involved.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

The respondent who identified himself as the father of the 4 year 11 month old male stated he has a one floor ranch home with a basement and 2 bedrooms. The attached Exhibit 2 report received from the fire department identifies the property as a "single family dwelling".

The respondent stated he and his wife had a refillable butane lighter which is approximately 9-1/2" long that they kept in a tackle box. He stated they had purchased the lighter to use when they go camping and this is the reason his wife had it stored in the tackle box. He stated the lighter was still in its original package and had never been used prior to the date of this incident (4/30/96).

The respondent stated that, on the day of this incident his wife was at work in the evening hours and he had put his son in the bed. He stated he had gone downstairs and when he started to come back up, he saw that his son had gotten out of bed and was standing at the top of the stairs. He stated he told him to go back to bed and approximately 15 seconds later his son started yelling fire. He stated it was approximately 11:22 p.m. He stated he went to the bedroom and saw that the curtains were on fire. The respondent stated his son apparently had gotten the butane lighter out of the tackle box without he and his wife knowing about it and took it to his bedroom where he apparently set the curtains on fire with the lighter.

According to the respondent, there were no unusual circumstances occurring and no one was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

ACCIDENT:

On 4/30/96, at approximately 11:22 p.m. a fire originated in the bedroom of a home in Grand Island, Nebraska, as the result of a 4 year 11 month old male playing with a refillable butane lighter when he set the curtains on fire. No injuries were involved but according to the homeowner, there was a lot of smoke damage to the home. The attached Exhibit 2 fire report indicates that the loss to the property and contents is estimated to be "$35,000". According to the homeowner, the estimated cost is estimated to be approximately $80,000. Attempts have been made to obtain a copy

of the insurance report and also any photographs that might have been taken at the scene by the insurance company. If additional information is received at a later date it will be added as an addendum to this report. The homeowner stated he and his family are currently living in an apartment until the home can be repaired.

The respondent stated this was the first time the lighter had been used since it was purchased and it had never been refilled. He also indicated that his child had never played with the lighter before. The respondent stated the reason they feel the son used the butane refillable lighter to start the curtains on fire is because they talked with him after the incident occurred and the child told them it was the lighter that started the fire. In addition, he stated his wife noticed the day after the incident that the tackle box where the lighter was stored was open and the lighter was not in the tackle box. He stated the lighter and the curtains were destroyed in the fire.

POST ACCIDENT:

The respondent stated when he went to the bedroom and saw the curtains on fire, he immediately called 911 and fire personnel arrived shortly thereafter to extinguish the fire. A copy of the fire report is attached as Exhibit 2. According to the fire report "The fire had started in the S.E. bedroom from a 4 year old...playing with matches, he caught the curtains and bed on fire that had several clothes piled on top of it. His Father, was in the basement and had come upstairs to discover the fire, he took his son and dog out of the house and called 911." The attached Exhibit 2 further states "Damage to structure and Contents: The bedroom and its Contents were totally destroyed, the rest of the main floor suffered heat and smoke damage, the basement had water damage to the ceiling. Many windows were cracked by heat."

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

The respondent identified the lighter as a refillable butane lighter which he indicated is approximately 9-1/2" long in its entirety. He stated the lighter was attached to a cardboard type packaging with a blister pack type material over the lighter. He indicated the packaging and the lighter were destroyed in the fire. He had no manufacturing information to provide. However, he stated the lighter was purchased, he thinks, from Wal-Mart, Grand Island, Nebraska, approximately the end of summer 1995 for approximately $3.96. The address for the manufacturer was obtained from the Trade Names Dictionary as being Scripto Tokai Corporation, 11591 Etiwanda Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335, (714) 360-2100.

In describing the lighter he indicated it is an "Aim-N-Flame". He stated it has a handle portion or body which is red in color that is made of plastic material. He indicated it has a metal portion that is approximately 5" in length that sticks out from the handle and this is the portion that is used to light charcoal, etc.. He also indicated it has a push button which is black in color that the user must push in order to light the lighter.

The respondent had no manufacturing information to provide pertaining to the curtains.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1 - ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST form and newspaper article.

2 - Report received from fire department.

BOB OKARSKI 2/3
FOCR/CHIC

JLB

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: G9660177A

DATE OF INCIDENT: UNK **CATID:** CARM07 1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED **HAZARD ANALYSIS ( ) CRM ( )**

TYPE FOLLOW-UP **TELEPHONE ( ) ON-SITE (X)**

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368
Backup: Bob Poth 504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

Person(s) to Contact: LeRoy Arend, FD
Parent

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number: 960701CCC5304 **Date:**

Assigned to: CHIO **Requested by:**

CPSC Form 324A (10/95)

Ex. 1 vid 7/8

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UPCB Smoke Eater
Pierce, Nebraska

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Fire Causes $35,000 Damage

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A night fire caused an estimated $35,000 in damage a fire official said.

The fire reported at 11:14 p.m. at [redacted]'s home was caused by a child playing with matches or a lighter, said LeRoy Arends, a Grand Island Fire Department investigator. Damage was estimated at $20,000 for the house and $15,000 for its contents.

The fire started in a back bedroom and also burned a hallway. The rest of the house had heat and smoke damage.

[redacted] and his 4-year-old son were home when the fire started. [redacted] heard a smoke detector, smelled smoke and reported the fire, Arends said.

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EX. 1

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City Of

GRAND ISLAND

Fire Department

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DATE August 14, 1996

NUMBER OF PAGES FAXED INCLUDING COVER PAGE: 4

FAX DOCUMENT TO JIMMIE BAREPTY

TELEPHONE NUMBER 770-482-4058

FAX NUMBER 770-482-0173

SENDER HOWARD L. SCHMITT
Deputy Fire Chief

SENDER'S FAX (308) 385-5423

SENDER'S PHONE (308) 385-5300

SUBJECT FIRE REPORT

[redacted]8801
APRIL 30, 1996

Ex 2

100 East First Street • P.O. Box 1968 • Grand Island, Nebraska 68802
(308) 385-5444 ext 220 • Fax: (308) 385-5423

Fire Department

City Of

FIRE REPORT

GRAND ISLAND

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ADDRESS: [redacted]

DATE: April 30 1996

TIME: 2314 Hours

OWNER: [redacted]

OCCUPANT: Same

COMPANY OPERATIONS:

First Arriving Company: Engine 4 was the first arriving company, Lt. Miller saw flames comming out the S.E. bedroom window and used a 1-3/4" line from E-4 to knock down the visible flames and cool the sideing of the house to the south of the fire. E-4 layed a 125" of 5" from a hydrant just North of the house on Johnson drive.

Second Arriving Company: Ambulance 8 crew dawned mask and took a 1-3/4" line from E-4 and advanced it into the house and put out the remaining fire which had just came through the closed bedroom door, and they extinguished hot spots in the fire room.

Third Arriving Company: Engine 5 crew dawned masks and helped A-8 crew advance line into the house, then proceeded to ventilate the house by opening windows and doors, and checked the attic for fire extension, finding none. They then ventilated the attic with positive pressure from a exhaust fan.

Fourth Arriving Company: Ladder 1 crew helped ventilate by setting up a fan in the front door and put salvage covers in the basement to protect a bed and a computer. They also covered a window in the fire room after the had broken it out.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

Origin/Cause: The fire had started in the S. E. bedroom from a 4 year old Christopher Kmiecik, playing with matches, he caught the curtins and bed on fire that had several clothes piled on top of it. His Father, was in the basement and had come upstairs to discover the fire, he took his son and dog out of the house and called 911.

Damage to Structure and Contents: The bedroom and its contents were totally destroyed, the rest of the main floor suffered heat and smoke damage, the basement had water damage to the ceiling . Many windows were cracked by heat.

Submitted by Capt. Ron Kucera

Ron Kucera

NFIRS 1 (VERSION 4)
(5/91)
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN YOUR OWN WORDS BOTH A WRITTEN RESPONSE AND CODE WHERE NECESSARY.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL-COMPUTER DIVISION
NEBRASKA FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
FIRE INCIDENT REPORT

960701CC5304

MAIL TO: NEFIRS Coordinator
246 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-1804

Grand Island Fire Department

1 ☐ DELETE
2 ☐ CHANGE

A — COMPLETE ON ALL INCIDENTS

FDID	INCIDENT NO.	EXP. NO.	MO.	DAY	YR.	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME	ARRIVAL TIME	TIME IN SERVICE
10 0 8 0 0 4		0 0	0 4	3 0	9 6	1☐S 3☐T 5☐T 2☐M 4☐W 6☐F 7☐S 3	2 3 1 6	2 3 1 9	0 0 4 5

B

TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND
11 ☒ Structure fire
12 ☐ Outside of structure
13 ☐ Vehicle fire
14 ☐ Brush, grass, leaves
15 ☐ Trash, Rubbish
16 ☐ Explosion, No after fire
17 ☐ Outside spill with fire
19 ☐ Other fires not classified
29 ☐ Overpressure Rupture
32 ☐ Emergency Medical call
33 ☐ Locked-in, trapped
34 ☐ Search
35 ☐ Extrication
39 ☐ Rescue-Not classified
41 ☐ Spill, leak-no-fire
44 ☐ Power line down
45 ☐ Arcing electric equipment
46 ☐ Aircraft standby
47 ☐ Chemical spill
49 ☐ Hazardous condition
52 ☐ Water removal
53 ☐ Smoke removal
54 ☐ Animal Rescue
55 ☐ Assist Police
56 ☐ Unauthorized burning
57 ☐ Move-up
59 ☐ Other service calls
61 ☐ Smoke scare
63 ☐ Controlled burn
65 ☐ Steam, gas mistaken for smoke
71 ☐ Malicious false
72 ☐ Bomb Scare
73 ☐ Alarm Malfunction
74 ☐ Unintentional false
99 ☐ Unclassified

TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN
1 ☒ Extinguishment
2 ☒ Rescue
3 ☐ Investigation only
4 ☐ Remove hazard
5 ☐ Standby
6 ☐ Salvage
7 ☐ Ambulance service
8 ☐ Fill in, move up, transfer
9 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined or not reported

MUTUAL AID
1 ☐ Rec'd
2 ☐ Given
3 ☒ N/A

C FIXED PROPERTY USE (Occupancy): single Family dwelling

IGNITION FACTOR (Cause): child playing with matches

D CORRECT ADDRESS (Up to Maximum of 21 Characters): 531 Locust Drive

ZIP CODE: 68803 CENSUS TRACT:

E 11 OCCUPANT LAST NAME: [redacted] FIRST: [redacted] MI: L. TELEPHONE: [redacted] ROOM OR APT.:

F 12 OWNER LAST NAME: [redacted] FIRST: [redacted] MI: L. ADDRESS: [redacted] TELEPHONE: [redacted]

G 13 METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC
1 ☐ Telephone direct
2 ☐ Municipal alarm system
3 ☐ Private alarm system
4 ☐ Radio
5 ☐ Verbal
6 ☐ No alarm recd.
7 ☒ Tie-line (911)
8 ☐ Voice signal municipal alarm signal
9 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined or not reported

CO-INSPECTION DISTRICT: 004 SHIFT: NO. ADDITIONAL:

H FIRE PERSONNEL RESPONDED: 012 ENGINES RESPONDED: E-4, E-5 002 AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED: L-1 001 OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED: A-8, C-4 002

COMPLETE IF CASUALTY

I 20 NO. INCIDENT-RELATED INJURIES (COMPLETE NFIRS 3) (COMPLETE NFIRS 2) FIRE SERVICE ___ OTHERS ___

NO. INCIDENT RELATED FATALITIES (COMPLETE NFIRS 3) (COMPLETE NFIRS 2) FIRE SERVICE ___ OTHERS ___

COMPLETE FOR ALL FIRES

J COMPLEX: Dwelling complex 41 (98 ☐ N/A)

MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE (Complete Line S): 08 (98 ☐ N/A)

K AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN: Bedroom 21

EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION (If any) (Complete Line T): 98 ☒ N/A

L FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION (Heat Source): Match 45

TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED (Composition): man made fabric 71

FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED (Use): Curtin 36

M METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT
1 ☐ Self-extinguished
2 ☐ Make-shift aids
3 ☐ Portable extinguisher
4 ☐ Automatic ext. system
5 ☐ Pre-connect hose/tank
6 ☒ Pre-connect hose/hydrant
7 ☐ Hand-laid hose/hydrant
8 ☐ Master stream device
9 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined

LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN
1 ☒ Grade level to 9 ft.
2 ☐ 10 to 19 feet
3 ☐ 20 to 29 feet
4 ☐ 30 to 49 feet
5 ☐ 50 to 70 feet
6 ☐ Over 70 feet
7 ☐ Objects in flight
8 ☐ Below ground level
9 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined

ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS: 3,500

COMPLETE IF STRUCTURE FIRE

N NUMBER OF STORIES
1 ☐ 1 story
2 ☒ 2 stories
3 ☐ 3 to 4 stories
4 ☐ 5 to 6 stories
5 ☐ 7 to 12 stories
6 ☐ 13 to 24 stories
7 ☐ 25 to 49 stories
8 ☐ 50 stories or more
0 ☐ Undetermined

CONSTRUCTION TYPE
1 ☐ Fire resistive
2 ☐ Heavy timber
3 ☐ Protected non-combustible
4 ☐ Unprotected non-combustible
5 ☐ Protected ordinary
6 ☐ Unprotected ordinary
7 ☒ Protected wood frame
8 ☐ Unprotected wood frame
9 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined

O EXTENT OF DAMAGE

	Flame	Smoke		Flame	Smoke		Flame	Smoke		Flame	Smoke
Confined to object of origin	1 ☐	1 ☐	Confined to the fire-rated comp.	4 ☐	4 ☐	Extended beyond structure	7 ☐	7 ☐			
Confined to area of origin	2 ☐	2 ☐	Confined to floor of origin	5 ☐	5 ☒	Undetermined or not reported	0 ☒	0 ☐			
Confined to room of origin	3 ☐	3 ☐	Confined to structure of origin	6 ☐	6 ☐	No damage of this type (N/A)	8 ☐			7	5

P DETECTOR PERFORMANCE
1 ☐ Det in room or space of fire origin-oper.
2 ☒ Det not in room or space of fire origin-oper.
3 ☐ Det in room or space of origin-no oper.
4 ☐ Det not in room or space of origin-no oper.
5 ☐ Det in room or space or fire origin but fire too small to oper.
8 ☐ No detectors present (N/A)
9 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined

SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE
1 ☐ Equipment operated
2 ☐ Equipment should have operated-did not
3 ☐ Equipment pre. but fire too small to oper.
8 ☒ No equipment present (N/A)
9 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined

Q IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN

TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE: Cotton, rayon 72 (98 ☐ N/A)

AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL
1 ☐ Air handling duct
2 ☐ Corridor
3 ☐ Elevator shaft
4 ☐ Stairwell
5 ☐ Opening in construction
6 ☐ Utility opening in wall
7 ☐ Utility opening in floor
8 ☐ Not classified above
0 ☐ Undetermined or not reported
8 ☐ No avenue of smoke travel (N/A)

R FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE: Wearing apparel on bed 39 (98 ☐ N/A)

S 30 IF MOBILE PROPERTY | YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | SERIAL NO. | LICENSE NO. (IF ANY)

T 40 IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION | YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | SERIAL NO.

Estimations and evaluations made herein represent "most likely" and "most probable" cause and effect. Any representation as to the validity or accuracy of reported condition outside NEFIRS is neither intended nor implied.

U Officer in Charge (Name, Position, Assignment): LEROY ARENDS TRN. OFFICER Date: 4-30-96

Member Making Report (If Different from Above): [signature] CAPT. Date: 4-30-96

ALL INCIDENTS

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GRAND ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

X	Building	Report No:	960701CCCS304
	Vehicle	Location:	[redacted]e
	Grass / Trash	Date:	April 30 1996
	Other Fire Outdoor	Alarm Time:	2314
	Other	10-10 Time:	0055

District: 4 Fire Code: 1-11 Day of Week: Tuesday
Response time: (10-8 to 10-97) 3 min. From 10-97 to fire controlled: 3 min.
How alarm was received: 911 X Still ____ Radio ____ Other ____
* Weather conditions: Fair Humidity 85% Temp 39 Wind W 7 mph

COMPANY	NO. MEN	PER MAN	COMPANY	NO. MEN	PER MAN
E-5	3	1 hr 41 min			hr min
E-4	3	2 hr 03 min			hr min
A-8	2	1 hr 08 min			hr min
L-1	3	1 hr 29 min			hr min

Chief Officers at fire: C-4 TOTAL MAN HOURS 17 Hr 55 Min
On duty men responding: No: 11 Names: Capt. Kucera, Wood, Hartley, Lt. Miller Bates, Teichmeier, Leaf, Weibe, Zaruba, Stahl, Throop
Off duty men responding to fire scene: No: 0 Names: ____
Recall personnel at stations: No: 0 Names: ____

EXTINGUISHERS		HOSE LINES			SMOKE		MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT			
No	Type	No	Size	Tot Ft	Air	X Bott	No	Type	No	Type
	Water Cans		1		6		2	Axes		Sledge
	Carbon Dioxide	2	1 3/4	400	SALVAGE COVERS USED		1	Bars		Pick
	Dry Chemical		2 1/2				1	Pike Poles		Squeegee
ELECTRICAL EQUIP.			3		No	Floor		Shovels		Resusc.
No	Type	1	5	125	1	Bsmt		Brooms		Wet Vac
2	Exhaust Fans	LADDERS USED					1	Buckets		B Cutt
	Generators	No	Type	Tot Ft				Mops		Plug/Dike
1	Flood Lights		Roof					Ropes	2	Rug Runner
2	Hand Lights	1	Wall	12				Hand Saw		Lt Water
	Electric Saw		Aerial					Gas Saw		Jaws

Total water used: 100 gallons ____
How fire controlled (largest line(s): 2-1-3/4" Ignition Factor: child playing with matches
Equipment lost/destroyed/damaged: none

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Value of property (est.) $ 75,000 Insurance $ 75,000 Loss (est) $ 20,000
Value of contents (est.) $ 40,000 Insurance $ 40,000 Loss (est) $ 15,000
TOTALS: Value (est.) $ 115,000 Insurance $ 115,000 Loss (est) $ 35,000
Insurance company American Family Agent: Ron Zimba

Attach to this report a narrative account of the fire and a sketch of the fireground.

OCTOBER 1993

6 AUG 1996

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EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID	3. OFFICE CODE
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4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY
[9][6][0][6][0][8]	9][6][0][7][0][1]

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

A 3 year old male apparently used a butane fueled grill lighter to ignite bedding material in a bedroom of the family home. There were no injuries. The home was not livable after the fire.

CPSA § (b)(1) Cleared 25C
No Mfrs/PrvtLblrs
Products Identified
Excepted by
Firms Notified
MFR/PRVLBR NOTIFIED
No Comments made
Comments attached
Excisions/Revisions
Firm has not requested further notice

7. LOCATION *(Home, school, etc.)*	8. CITY	9. STATE
Home [1][0]	Mooresville	Indiana

10A. FIRST PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
butane fueled grill lighter 1247	Aim 'n Flame Scripto-Tokai Corp., Fontana, CA 92335
OB. SECOND PRODUCT	**11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS**
bedding 4002	unknown

12. AGE OF VICTIM	13. SEX *(USE NUMERICAL CODE)*	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
[0][0][3]	MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [1] UNKNOWN- 3	no injury[9]	none [7][1]

16. BODY PART	17. RESPONDENT(S) *(Mother, Friend)*	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION	19. TIME SPENT
all [9][9]	fire dept, insurance invetsig, retailer [2]	ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3	Hours [ ][8].[0] Travel [2].[0]

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Photos [2]	[1][3]	[8][3][1][1] [9][6][0][7][3][1]

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SUMMARY

An Insurance Investigator said that a residential fire was caused by a three year old male who had gotten a butane fuel grill lighter from a hassock, near a couch where his mother was napping, in the living room of the family home. The Fire chief said that the 3 year old apparently carried the lighter to a bedroom where he was able to use the lighter to ignite combustible materials, possibly bedding, at about floor level near or at the underside of a bed. Fire report indicates that the fire was discovered by 3 year olds' older sister, who alerted their mother. The mother may have telephoned the fire dept. The fire chief stated that the lighter used to start the fire was apparently destroyed in the fire. The insurance investigator said that the mother had two of the lighters, both of which had been purchased at a Speedway Gas station/ convenience store in Mooresville, IN. He said that the lighters were part of promotional packages sold with "Basic" brand cigarettes. He said that the mother had used the grill lighters to light cigarettes. The insurance investigator said that the 3 year old demonstrated to the investigator that he could operate the lighter "ON-OFF" switch, operate the flame size control lever, and operate the lighter ignition switch. The investigator said that the lighter was an "Aim n Flame" manufactured for Scripto-Tokai, Fontana, CA. The residence was not habitable after the fire. Messages, asking that the home owners contact me, were left with the mothers' parents and a letter of contact sent. There was no response to either.

Two Speedway gas stations and a Wake-Up gas station in the Mooresville area were visited but none of the grill lighters were found either sold alone or with "Basic" brand cigarettes. Speedway and Wake Up gas stations are apparently owned by Marathon Oil Co, and are supplied and operated by EMRO Marketing div. of Marathon Oil. Ms. Cathy Cross, Regional Secretary, EMRO Marketing-Indianapolis, 5000 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN. said that she could not provide specific information about cigarette marketing but that such information could be obtained from Mr. Steve Kidd, Category Merchandising Mgr-Cigarettes and that his telephone is 1-800-338-8615, ext 7603. Mr. Kidd stated in a telephone conversation 7-1-96 that a promotional package retailing Aim 'n Flame lighters with "Basis" brand cigarettes was offered to his firm by Philip Morris Co.

Ms. Cross said that Marathon Oil owns Speedway, Wake-Up, Bonded, Checker, and United gas stations, possibly all of which may have sold the Aim 'n Flame/Basic cigarette package.

There were no samples collected during this IDI

Exhibits-1 Fire report

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ADMINISTRATIVE: 831-5354
EMERGENCY: 831-2323

MOORESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

10 West Harrison Street - Mooresville, Indiana 46158

INCIDENT # 960317 LOCATION [redacted]

DATE OF LOSS June 8, 1996 DAY OF LOSS Sat. ALARM TIME 1726

ENROUTE 1726 ON-SCENE 1729 LOSS STOP 1745 IN-SERVICE 1846

OWNER [redacted] ADDRESS [redacted]

CITY Mooresville HOME TX 831-3081 WORK TX —

INSURANCE CO Indiana Farmers AGENT [redacted] TX [redacted]

POLICY # 29-38-949-357 COVERAGE: BLDG 65,000 CONTENTS 39,000

MORTGAGE CO Prudential Mortgage ADDRESS — TX —

OCCUPANT [redacted] ADDRESS Same as above

CITY — HOME TX — WORK TX —

INSURANCE CO — AGENT — TX —

POLICY# — COVERAGE: BLDG — CONTENTS —

MORTGAGE CO — ADDRESS — TX —

D.B.A. Residence ADDRESS N/A

CITY — TX — POLICY # —

COVERAGE: BLDG — CONTENTS — INTER —

MORTGAGE CO — ADDRESS — TX —

DAMAGE AMOUNT: BLDG 12,000 CONTENTS 18,000 OTHER

OFFICER IN CHARGE Darrell Brown, Chief Tim Bennett, Captain

INVESTIGATORS Darrell Brown Tim Bennett

FIRST UNIT ON SCENE Car 1 / Engine 11 FIRST FIREMEN ON SCENE [redacted]

FIRE DISCOVERED BY [redacted], daughter of ADDRESS Owner/Resident

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MOORESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUILDING FACED South FORCED ENTRY MADE No LOCATION N/A

WEATHER: 70 °F WIND DIRECTION South SPEED 5-10 COND Cloudy

INJURIES: NAME None NAME —

TYPE INJURY TYPE INJURY —

DEATHS: NAME N/A NAME —

DOB — SSAN — DOB — SSAN —

CAUSE OF DEATH — CAUSE OF DEATH —

SCENE EXAM: DATE June 8 TIME ARRIVED 1726 TIME RELEASED 1846

UTILITIES ON: (ELECRTICITY) (NATURAL GAS) L.P. GAS FUEL OIL OTHER

ELECRTIC SERVICE: FUSES BREAKERS BOTH LOCATION

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Single Family Wood Frame & Truss - Unprotected

TYPE OF HEAT LOCATION

WIRING CONDITIONS

PHOTOS TAKEN No BY N/A

EVIDENCE TAKEN None BY

BY

BY

CAUSE OF FIRE ACCIDENTAL INCENDIARY (UNDER INVESTIGATION)

FINDINGS: Fire appears to have started near floor level in small bedroom, near to or at underside on bed. The bedding shows signs of burning from bottom with heavy charring of wood slat supports for mattress and bedding. Residents ([redacted]) advised firefighters that the fire was caused by son [redacted] playing with a lighter. Supplements and interviews may be made as necessary.

STATUS OF CASE: Open INVESTIGATOR [signature] DATE 6-9-96

ADMINISTRATIVE: 831-5354
EMERGENCY: 831-2323

MOORESVILLE
FIRE DEPARTMENT

10 West Harrison Street - Mooresville, Indiana 46158

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SUPPLEMENT TO 960316

Residents of [redacted]

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] (82)
4. [redacted] (92)

[redacted] advised the arriving personnel that everyone was out of the house and that two cats were still inside. She later stated that her son [redacted] was playing with a lighter and caused the fire.

[redacted] which is the daughter was in charge of watching her brother while her mother was sleeping.

Several neighbors reported hearing son [redacted] admit to causing the fire.

While fire suppression activities were in progress, several personnel heard daughter [redacted]) cry that "It's my fault".

Mother [redacted] stated that her daughter was watching her son and awoke her stating "[redacted]s room is on fire".

6-9-96

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Midwestern Regional Office
230 South Dearborn Street
Suite 2944
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 353-8260

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Chief Darrell Brown
Mooresville Fire Dept.
S. Indiana St.
Mooresville, IN 46158

7-1-96

Dear Chief Brown,

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission would like to have a copy of your departments report of a residential fire at [redacted], Mooresville, IN 46158. The fire occured on/about 6-8-96 and may have involved butane fuel grill lighter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John H. Mooney, Investigator

960626CCC5287

US Consumer Product Safety Comm.
Indianapolis Office
PO Box 9
Mooresville, IN 46158

Mr [redacted]
[redacted] IN 46158

Dear Mr. [redacted]

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission routinely conducts investigations into accidents involving consumer products in an effort to more clearly identify hazard patterns. Information from these investigations aid in determining how products may be designed and used more safely.

As one of our investigation programs addresses hazards of flame producing cigarette lighters and similar devices, we would like to have more information concerning the fire at your home on or about 6-8-96 which may have involved a grill lighter. We would particularly like to know:1- the brand name of the lighter,2- where and when it was purchased,3- whether it was part of a promotional package with a brand of cigarettes,4- whether it was used as a cigarette lighter, and 5- where it was normally kept.

You may telephone me at (317)834-3564 or answer the above questions on the back of this letter and return it in the enclosed envelope. Any additional information you can provide will be appreciated. Thank you

Sincerely,

John H. Mooney, PSI

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number X960283SA

Date of Incident 6-8-96 Category I.D. SEPT EW 1996

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call On-Site

Headquarters Contact Kate Wallace

Assignment Message Please conduct a Section 15 IDI. Obtain fire report from Mooresville in order to determine what was ignited and amount of property damage. Interview Child's mother for accident scenario, issued location of lighter and whether switch was in "on" or "off" position. Compare Mother's Accident Account with Child's, per Mike Hill.

Person(s) to Contact Michael F. Hill, CFI
Box 281
Olney, IL 62450 618-395-2602.
Mooresville, Indiana Fire Dept.

Guideline

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number 960626CCC5287

Assigned to CH10 Date 6/26/96

CPSC Form 324 (2/90)

Attachment (More Info)

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

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1. NAME OF RESPONDENT: Michael F. Hill CFI	2. TELEPHONE NO. (Home) (Work): 618-395-2602
3. STREET ADDRESS: PO. Box 281	4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE: OLNEY, IL 62450

5. DESCRIBE ACCIDENT SITUATION OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES. (Use second page if necessary.)

3 year old son found lighter on barrack beside his Mother's purse, while she was napping on the couch. He ignited nearby flammables and later demonstrated to the Respondent how easily he could turn lighter on and off and control height of flame. Mother had 2 of these lighters which she got at the gas station where she works, and she used them to light her cigarettes. Accident happened in Mooresville, Indiana.

6. DATE OF INCIDENT(S): 6-8-96	7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS, OBTAIN: AGE 7mo SEX ____ AND DESCRIBE INJURY ____	8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE: NAME ____ RELATIONSHIP ____
9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT: Barbecue lighter		10. BRAND NAME: Basics - AIM 'N FLAME
11. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE: Scripto-Tokai		12. MODEL, SERIAL NO.'S: —
		13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE: Speedway Gas Station Mooresville, IN
14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED? YES ✓ NO ____ IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? ____ Describe damaged in fire		15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW ✓ USED ____ DATE PURCHASED 5-96 AGE ____
		16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE: ____

17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER? YES ____ NO ✓ IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM? YES ____ NO ____ OTHER ____	18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE? YES ✓ NO ____ IF NOT, IT'S DISPOSITION ____	19. MAY WE USE YOUR NAME WITH THIS REPORT? YES ✓ NO ____

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE

20. DATE RECEIVED: 6-21-96	21. RECEIVED BY (Name & Office): Kate Wallace CCA	22. DOCUMENT NO.
23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION		24. PRODUCT CODE(S)
25. DISTRIBUTION	26. ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE	

CPSC FORM 175 (9/89)

IC 23 X9662835 JUN 18 1996 (15) Kate

Author: Amy J. Palman at CPSC-HQ1
Date: 6/17/96 4:20 PM
Priority: Normal
Receipt Requested
TO: /DT=ID/DV=internet!aol.com!WhiteSqrl/O=ATTMAIL/ADMD=ATTMAIL/C=US at CPSC-x400
TO: Arthur K. McDonald at CPSC-HQ2
TO: Todd A. Stevenson
Subject: Re: recall or historical information on disposable lighter

---------- Message Contents ----------

THANK YOU FOR THIS INFORMATION. I AM FORWARDING IT TO OUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE FOR REPLY AND OUR DATA COLLECTION STAFF FOR THEIR EVALUATION.

---------- Reply Separator ----------

Subject: recall or historical information on disposable lighter
Author: /DT=ID/DV=internet!aol.com!WhiteSqrl/O=ATTMAIL/ADMD=ATTMAIL/C=US at CPSC-x400
Date: 6/11/96 9:37 PM

I am presently investigating a fire in which a three year old male, using a hand held disposable butane lighter, caused a residential fire. I am interested in finding out if this particular lighter has had any recalls or warnings issued by your group. The lighter is called a "Aim n Flame" and is reportedly manufactured in Mexico for Scripto-Tokai Corporation in Fontana, CA. This particular lighter has an off/on switch to lock the trigger, however it is not child-proof. The three year old repeatedly demonstrated to me his ability to unlock the trigger and use the lighter, as well as move the control for flame height.

Please advise me if any recalls or warnings are presently on record for this product. I am available to speak with anyone from C.P.S.C. concerning this particular incident at 618-395-2602.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Tri-State Loss Control, Inc.

Michael F. Hill, C.F.I.
President

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15 AUG 1996

1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID	3. OFFICE CODE	EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
960626CC5285	[9][0][0][3]	[8][3][0]	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][6][0][5][1][3]	5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY [9][6][0][7][1][7]		

6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT: On 5/13/96 a 3 year old boy playing with a grill/ fireplace lighter started the drapes in the family's living room on fire. The boy eventually alerted a 19 year old male in a bedroom of the fire, but by that time the fire was well-established in the living room and could not be extinguished. The two fled the home and called the fire department, which was able to extinguish the fire. Damage was estimated at approximately $50,000; no one was injured. It is believed that the boy thought the lighter was a toy gun; he was able to easily manipulate the on/off switch and pull the "trigger" to ignite the lighter.

7. LOCATION *(Home, school, etc.)*	8. CITY	9. STATE
[1][0] home	Wheeling	IL.

10A. FIRST PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
fuel lighter [1] [2] [8] [5]	"Aim n Flame" model butane gas lighter manufactured by the Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA. 92337.
10B. SECOND PRODUCT	**11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS**
Fabric drapery [0][6][1][7]	N/A

12. AGE OF VICTIM	13. SEX *(USE NUMERICAL CODE)*	14. DISPOSITION	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS
[9][9][9]	MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [9] UNKNOWN- 3	No injury [0]	No injury [7][1]

16. BODY PART	17. RESPONDENT(S) *(Mother, Friend)*	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION	19. TIME SPENT
No injury [9][9]	victim's father, fire department investigators [1]	ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [3] OTHER - 3	Tr:3.0 [0]6].[0]

20. ATTACHMENTS	21. CASE SOURCE	22. REVIEWED BY	YR MO DAY
multiple [9]	[0][5]	[8][1][8][0]	[9][6][0][8][1][2]

23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
(NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [ ] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [X]

24. NARRATIVE *(See Instructions on Page 2)*.

See attached narrative.

MFR/PRVLBR NOTIFIED
No Comments made
Comments attached
Excisions/Revisions
Firm has not requested further notice

25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE

CPSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared
No Mfrs/PrvtLblrs
Products Identified
Excepted by ANPR
Firms Notified,
Comments Processed
6/30/97

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

CPSC FOR NO. 182 (Revised 10/93) (Adapted for WP for Windows & Epson LQ-1070 Printer 10/93)

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SUMMARY:

On 5/13/96 a 3 year old boy playing with a grill/ fireplace lighter started the drapes in the family's living room on fire. The boy eventually alerted a 19 year old male in a bedroom of the fire, but by that time the fire was well-established in the living room and could not be extinguished. The two fled the home and called the fire department, which was able to extinguish the fire. Damage was estimated at approximately $50,000; no one was injured. It is believed that the boy thought the lighter was a toy gun; he was able to easily manipulate the on/off switch and pull the "trigger" to ignite the lighter. The lighter was collected by MKE-RP and will be submitted as a sample if so directed by CCA.

PRE-INCIDENT:

This incident occurred in a one story wood-framed, brick-sided single family home located in Wheeling, IL. The family consisted of the parents and their two children, a boy age 3 and a 2 year old girl.

According to the father, he and his wife do not smoke and do not keep cigarette lighters of any type in the house. However, a relative had been working in the home for several weeks prior to the fire, and he had a fireplace/grill butane lighter in his toolbox. This lighter is further described as a "Aim n Flame" model, with a red plastic handle and a black metal tip. The lighter is 7" long. It has "trigger" style lighting mechanism, a slide on/off switch, and a rotating wheel style switch to adjust the flame height. The lighter is not child resistant. It is manufactured by the Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA. 92337. Photographs of this lighter are attached as Exhibit "A."

INCIDENT:

On Monday, 5/13/96 at approximately 11:59AM a 19 year old male relative of the family was in the home babysitting the 3 year old boy. No one else was in the residence. The 19 year old was in a bedroom with the door shut studying for a college test; the boy was playing in the living room.

The 19 year old was alerted to the fire when the 3 year old started yelling fire and ran to the bedroom where the adult was. There were no smoke alarms located in the home. The adult ran out into the bedroom hallway, finding heavy fire in the living room. He grabbed the 3 year old and was able to exit the home via the back porch patio door. The neighbors were alerted to call the fire department, and they arrived at 12:02PM. The fire was extinguished a short time later. No injuries occurred, however damage was estimated at $50,000.

POST-INCIDENT:

Fire investigators questioned the 3 year old boy, who admitted starting the fire with the fireplace/grill lighter. This lighter was found by investigators in a kitchen drawer, where the boy had apparently placed it after starting the fire.

The investigators gave the boy the lighter and asked him to demonstrate how he lighted it. The boy confidentially switched the on/off switch to the on position and pulled the trigger one handed. Further questioning by the boy's father determined that the boy had apparently thought the lighter was a toy, possibly a toy gun, and had taken it out of the relative's tool box during the remodeling project. He is believed to have hidden it in his toy closet in his room for the two weeks prior to the fire, and then taken the lighter back out to play with when he was not being directly supervised on the date of the incident.

The boy admitted that he first ignited a frilly center section of the drapes covering the front living room window. The drapes started the ceiling and walls on fire.

The boy had no previous history of playing with fire or lighters. The boy's father did not know how his son learned to use the lighter, except to say that the simple on/off switch was similar to that on some toys he had played with (he could provide no examples of such toys) and the trigger pull action was similar to that of toy guns the boy had played with in the past. The boy's manual dexterity was described as being above average for his age; his father described his boy as being as tall and weighing as much as most 5 year old boys (he could not provide a specific height/weight).

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

Fireplace/grill lighter: "Aim n Flame" model, red plastic handle with black metal tip. Has "trigger" style lighting mechanism, slide on/off switch, and a rotating wheel style switch to adjust the flame height. Lighter is not child resistant. It is manufactured by the Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA. 92337. Made in Mexico.

Warning label on handle states "Warning: Failure to follow instructions can result in burn injury. Danger Lighter contains butane gas under pressure. Extremely flammable. Do not use near fire or flame. Caution: Do not puncture, incinerate or expose to temperature above 120 degrees. Keep and store away from children!"

APPLICABLE STANDARDS:

This product would be subject to the Consumer Product Safety Act and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit "A" - CPSC Photographs of the lighter involved in this incident.

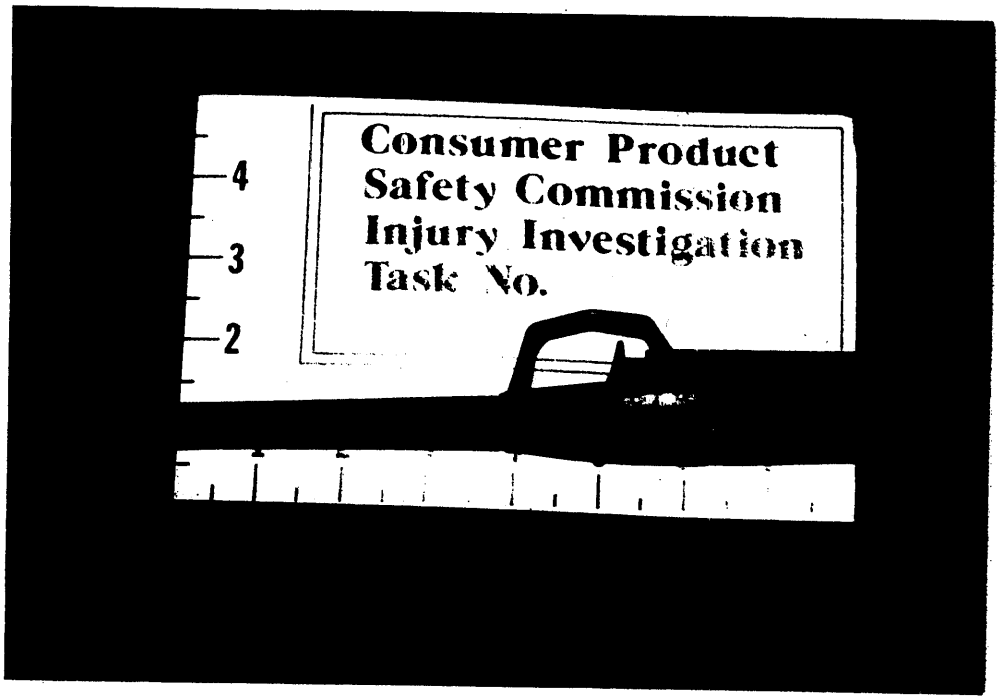
Exhibit "B" - Wheeling Fire Department report.

Exhibit "C" - Photos taken at the fire scene by the fire investigators.

Exhibit "D" - Sample Collection Receipt issued to the Wheeling Fire Department.

Exhibit "E" - Original investigation request.

Exhibit "A"
IDI #960626CCC5285



Photos of the fireplace/grill lighter involved in this fire.

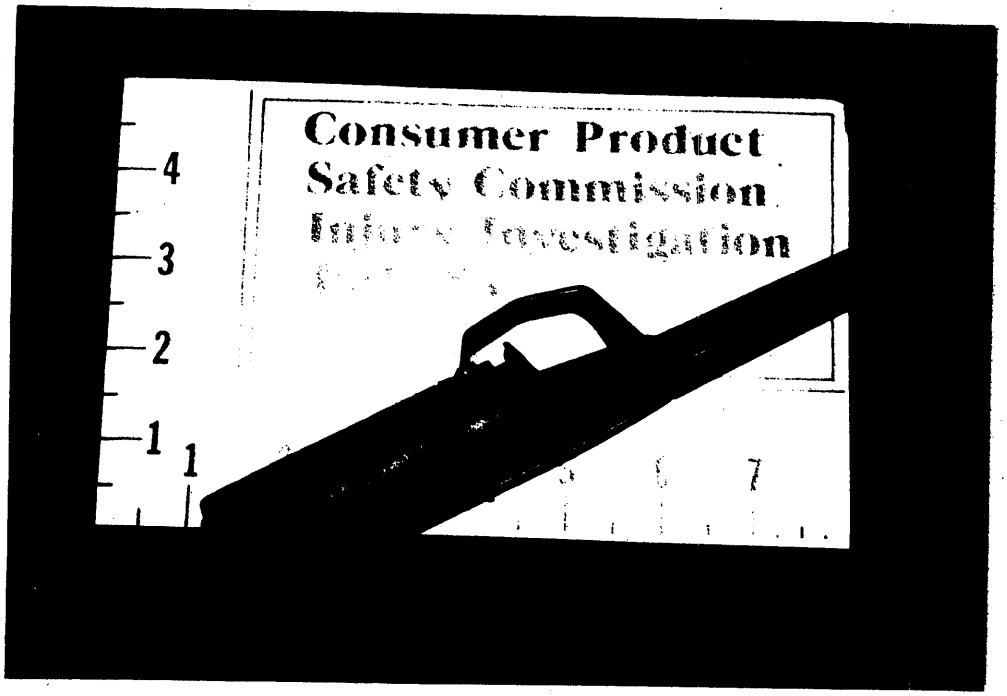


Exhibit "B"

7/25/96

IOI # 960626 CCC 5215

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WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT

255 W. DUNDEE ROAD
WHEELING, IL 60090
847/459-2662
Fax: 847/459-2976

fax transmittal

to:	Consumer Products Safety
fax #:	414/650-1217
from:	Mike Barden - Fire Inspector
date:	July 9, 1996
re:	Structure fire at 905 Pebble Drive, Wheeling, IL on May 13, 1996
# of pages:	5 (including cover sheet)

NOTES: If any of these fax copies are illegible, or you do not receive the same number of pages as stated above, please contact us immediately at 847/459-2662.

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Wheeling Fire Department
Complete Incident Report

05-16-1996 Page #: 1

ID #: CN512 Incident Year: 96 Incident #: 7791 Exp# : 0
Incident Date: 05-13-1996 Day of Week: Monday Alarm Time: 1159 Arrival Time: 1202 Back In Service: 1435
Situation Found: Structure fire Action Taken: Extinguishment
Fixed Property Use: One-family dwelling: yr round use Ignition Factor: Children with, child playing

Correct Address: [redacted] Zip Code: 60090 Census Tract: 8024.00
Occupant Name: [redacted] Phone: [redacted] Room/Apartment:
Owner Name: [redacted] Address: [redacted] Phone: [redacted]
Owner City: Wheeling State: IL Zip Code: 60090

Method of Alarm: Telephone direct to fire department Inspection District: 24W Shift: 2 Alarm Code: 4
No. Fire Serv Persnl: 13 No. Engines Responded: 2 No. Aerial Apparatus Responded: 1 No. Other Vehicles Responded: 2
No. Injuries - FS: 0 No. Injuries-Civilian: 0 No. Fatalities - FS: 0 No. Fatalities - Civilian: 0

Complex: Dwelling complex (one & two family)
Area of Fire Origin: Lounge area
Form/Heat Ignition: Lighter (flame type)
Form/Material Ignitd: Curtain, blind, drapery, tapestry
Level of Fire Origin: Grade level to 9 feet above grade
Number of Stories: 1 story
Extent/Damage Flame: Confined to floor of origin
Detector Performace: No detectors present
Type/Mat Gen Smoke: Man-made fabric, fiber, fin goods
Form/Mat Gen Smoke: Furniture; insufficient info

Mobile Property Type: Mobile Property Type not applicable
Equipment Involved in Ignition: Hand tools
Type of Material Ignited: Man-made fabric, fiber, fin goods
Method of Extinguishment: Prec hose-H2O hydrant/draft/standpi
Estimated Total Dollar Loss: $50,000
Construction Type: Wood frame - protected
Extent/Damage Smoke: Confined to structure of origin
Sprinkler Performance: No equip present in space of origin
Avenue of Smoke Travel: Corridor

Mobile Property: Year: Make: Model: Serial #: Lic #:
Equip Involved :LIGHTER Year: Make:UNK Model:UNK Serial #: N/A

Member Making Report: Lt. Michael Proebstle Date: 05-13-1996 Officer in Charge: Lt. Michael Proebstle

Mutual Aid Received from Northbrook Fire Department Stations Responding: 24 23 10
2nd Alarm Time: 3rd Alarm Time: 4th Alarm Time: 5th Alarm Time:

Emergency Contact 1: Time/Contact: Emergency Contact 2: Time/Contact:
Contact Times: Elec: Gas: Water: Fuel:
Party Calling: Phone:
Portion/Struc Inv:
Flame Spread: Flame Color:
Smoke Condition: Smoke Color:

Value Structure: Loss Structure: Ins Structure: Company/Agent:
Value Contents : Loss Contents : Ins Contents : Company/Agent:
Value Mobile : Loss Mobile : Ins Mobile: Company/Agent: Susp:

Temperature: 52 Wind Direction : NW Wind Velocity: 5 Sky Conditions: Cloudy
Precipitation: None Humidity: Dew Point: HAZMAT Reports: N

Comments/Remarks: RESPONDED TO POSSIBLE STRUCTURE FIRE AND UPGRADED CALL TO CODE FOUR WHEN I SAW THE SMOKE HEADER IN THE SKY. UPON ARRIVAL FOUND HEAVY SMOKE COMING FROM THE HOUSE. POLICE OFFICER INFORMED US THAT ALL OCCUPANTS HAD EVACUATED HOUSE. FIRST LINE(1.75") ADVANCED INTO FRONT DOOR. SECOND LINE PULLED AS BACK UP. TRUCK COMPANY SENT TO ROOF TO VENTILATE. BUT FIRE KNOCKED AND NO ROOF OPENING NEEDED. INVESTIGATION SHOWS FIRE STARTED IN LIVING ROOM AND THREE YEAR OLD (JESSE MAYA) BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED FIRE WITH FIREPLACE LIGHTER. BOARD UP SERVICE CALLED. GAS COMPANY AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TURNED OFF UTILITIES. RETURNED ALL UNITS.

Impede Response:
Impede Firegrd Oper:
Impede Extinguishment:
Other Arrival Cond's:

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INCIDENT REPORT 960626CCC5285

Incident #.	P390	RED #:	960007791
Agency Name:	RED CENTER	Received:	05/13/96 11:59:33
Municipality:	WH WHEELING	Routed:	05/13/96 11:59:45
Jurisdiction:	WH WHEELING	RED Grid:	24 Zone: X
Location Address:	[redacted]		Apt:
Call For Service:	424 CODE 4 GRID 24		
Orig Operator:	JIMC	Disp Code:	CLR
Census Tract:		Recvd Source:	P
Nature:	REPORTED HOUSE FIRE		

CALLER/SUBJECT

Name: WHPD C/S: C Act: CAL Phone #: ( ) -
Address: WORK #: ( ) -

SUMMARY

Resource	Dispatch	Enr Scene	Arr Scene	Enr Hosp	Arr Hosp	Clear
E24	11:59:55	12:01:21	12:02:58			14:35:05
E23	11:59:55	12:01:08	12:05:31			13:41:45
T24	11:59:56	12:01:20	12:04:30			13:21:37
A23	11:59:56	12:01:53	12:04:25			12:50:50
2400	11:59:58	12:04:46	12:17:49			13:48:13
2401	11:59:59					12:52:53
CBWH	12:03:01					12:03:51
E10	12:34:36	12:36:17	12:48:30			13:29:03

DETAIL

Date	Time	Operator	Comment
05/13/96	11:59:55	JIMC	DP:Resource E24 Dispatched
05/13/96	11:59:55	JIMC	DP:Resource E23 Dispatched
05/13/96	11:59:56	JIMC	DP:Resource T24 Dispatched
05/13/96	11:59:56	JIMC	DP:Resource A23 Dispatched
05/13/96	11:59:58	JIMC	DP:Resource 2400 Dispatched
05/13/96	11:59:59	JIMC	DP:Resource 2401 Dispatched
05/13/96	12:00:35	JIMC	DR:Changed Loc From: 908 PEBBLE DR ,WH WH
05/13/96	12:00:35	JIMC	DR:Changed Loc To: 905 PEBBLE DR ,WH WH
05/13/96	12:01:08	JIMC	EN:Res#: E23
05/13/96	12:01:20	JIMC	EN:Res#: T24
05/13/96	12:01:20	JIMC	EN:Res#: E24
05/13/96	12:01:53	JIMC	EN:Res#: A23
05/13/96	12:02:34	JIMC	DR:Changed Nature From: Blank
05/13/96	12:02:34	JIMC	DR:Changed Nature To: REPORTED HOUSE FIRE
05/13/96	12:02:52	JIMC	DR:Changed CFS From: 324 At Pri: 3 To: 424 At Pri: 3

Incident #: F390

DETAIL (continued)

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Date	Time	Operator	Comment
5/13/96	12:02:58	JIMC	AR:Res#: E24
5/13/96	12:03:01	JIMC	DP:Resource CBWH Dispatched
5/13/96	12:03:51	JIMC	CL:CALLBACKS DONE
5/13/96	12:03:51	JIMC	CL:Finish/Clear Resource Number: CBWH
5/13/96	12:04:16	JIMC	CO:COMMAND SMOKE SHOWING
5/13/96	12:04:25	JIMC	AR:Res#: A23
5/13/96	12:04:29	JIMC	AR:Res#: T24
5/13/96	12:04:46	JIMC	EN:Res#: 2400
5/13/96	12:04:46	JIMC	EN:FROM STA 6
5/13/96	12:05:31	JIMC	AR:Res#: E23
5/13/96	12:16:41	TONYG	CO:CMMND:FIRE EXTINGUISHED, OVERHAULING, 45 MINUTNUTES.
5/13/96	12:17:49	TONYG	AR:Res#: 2400
5/13/96	12:22:26	JIMC	CO:E24 REQS COM-ED
5/13/96	12:24:23	JIMC	CO:COM-ED NOTIFIED
5/13/96	12:28:06	JIMC	CO:COMMAND REQS CHANGE OF QUARTERS ENG.
5/13/96	12:34:36	JIMC	DP:Resource E10 Dispatched
5/13/96	12:34:36	JIMC	DP:CHANGE OF QUARTERS STA 24
5/13/96	12:36:17	JIMC	EP:Res#: E10 Place: 255 W.DUNNDE
5/13/96	12:36:33	JIMC	EP:Res#: E10 Place: 255 W DUNDEE
5/13/96	12:41:39	JIMC	CO:CALLBACK FOR NB STA STANDBY 10 AND 11
5/13/96	12:46:37	JIMC	CA:STC: A23
5/13/96	12:48:30	JIMC	AP:Res#: E10 Place: 255 W DUNDEE
5/13/96	12:50:49	TONYG	DP:A23 cleared from F390 to F394, disposition = CL CLR
5/13/96	12:50:50	TONYG	DP:Finish/Clear Resource Number: A23
5/13/96	12:52:53	TONYG	CL:Finish/Clear Resource Number: 2401
5/13/96	13:03:11	JIMC	CO:COMMAND REQS POLICE FOR PHOTOS
5/13/96	13:03:35	JIMC	CO:COMMAND REQS BOARDUP
5/13/96	13:06:55	JIMC	CO:BOARDUP NOTIFIED ETA 1 HR COM-ED ON SCENE 10 MI MINS
5/13/96	13:21:37	TONYG	CL:Finish/Clear Resource Number: T24
5/13/96	13:29:03	JIMC	CL:Finish/Clear Resource Number: E10
5/13/96	13:41:45	TONYG	CL:Finish/Clear Resource Number: E23
5/13/96	13:48:13	TONYG	CL:Finish/Clear Resource Number: 2400
5/13/96	14:35:05	JIMC	CL:Finish/Clear Resource Number: E24

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State Farm Insurance Companies

Claim Office
1040 West Northwest Highway
Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056-2317
Phone: (708) 670-2300
Writer's Direct Line: 670-

May 15, 1996

Wheeling Fire Department
Attention: Records Dept.
255 W Dundee
Wheeling, IL 60090

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RE: Claim Number: 13-V512-275
Insured: [redacted]

I am requesting a copy of the fire report filed for:

* INSURED [redacted]
* LOSS LOCATION [redacted]
* DATE OF LOSS May 13, 1996
* OTHER _____

If there is a charge for this report, send us your bill.

Sincerely,

Katherine L. Kastner
Senior Claim Representative
(708) 670-2176

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company

Enclosure: Return Envelope

Now handling claim:
GEORGE BEHR
847-816-2948

Exhibit "D" 7/25/96

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

1. AREA OF: CPSC IDI# 960626CCCS285
[illegible] Woodridge Ln.
Waukesha, WI 53188

2. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL: Mike Barden

3. TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL: Fire Inspector

4. DATE: 7/

5. FIRM NAME: Wheeling Fire Department

6. SAMPLE NUMBER:

7. NUMBER AND STREET: 255 [illegible] Dundee

8. CITY AND STATE (Include Zip Code): Wheeling, IL 60090

9. SAMPLES COLLECTED (Describe fully: List lot, serial, model numbers and other positive identification)

The following samples were collected by the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2076(f) and/or Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1270(b) and/or Sections 5(c) and (d) of the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1194(c) and (d) and/or Section 704(c) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(c)) [Authority for sample collections made in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.)], and receipt for said samples is hereby acknowledged. Sections cited are quoted on the reverse side of this form.

1 - Scripto-Tokai Corporation, Fontana, CA 92337
Lighter involved in house fire 5/13/96 in
Wheeling, IL

10. SAMPLES

a. AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SAMPLE

b. SIGNATURE (Person from whom sample received) x [signature] WFD

11. SAMPLES WERE

☐ PURCHASED

☒ BORROWED (To be returned)

12. COLLECTOR

a. NAME (Print or type) Dennis R. Blasius

b. SIGNATURE [signature]

CPSC FORM NO. [illegible]

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROPERTY CONTROL REPORT

DO NOT WRITE IN SHADED AREAS

INCIDENT

1 OFFENSE / INCIDENT: STRUCTURE FIRE

2 DATE & TIME RECOVERED: 13 MAY 96 1200

3 LOCATION / ADDRESS OF OCCURENCE: [redacted]

4 ADDRESS NAME (IF APPROPRIATE): [redacted]

5 COURT DATE:

6 LOCATION PROPERTY OBTAINED: [redacted]

OBTAINING OFFICER: BENBOW STAR #: #132

7 FOUND BY: NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE:

8 CASE OFFICER: RAY STAR #: #112

9 RELATED CASE NUMBERS:

10 PROPERTY STATUS: ☑ EVIDENCE ☐ SEIZED ☑ RECOVERED ☐ FOUND ☐ SAFEKEEPING

PROPERTY

11 ITEM#	QTY.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: MAKE, MODEL, SERIAL NO. / MARKS / ETC.	ROUTE
K-1	2	ROLLS OF FILM: KODAK 400 GOLD 35MM 24EXP	P.L.
K-2	1	OUTDOOR LIGHTER "AIM n FLAME" BRAND, BLACK / RED IN COVER	E.C
		IN A PLASTIC BAGGIE	

RTE

ROUTING CODES: PL=PHOTO LAB, EC=EVIDENCE CUSTODIAN, ID=HOLD FOR OWNER ID, RO=RETURN TO OWNER, D=DESTROY, SK=SAFEKEEPING, CL=CRIME LAB

INST.

12 OWNER NAME / OFFENDER: ADDRESS: PHONE: NOTIFIED: ☐ MAIL ☐ PHONE ☐ PERSON

13 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

ITEM #	DATE / TIME	RELINQUISHED BY	RECEIVED BY	REASON / NOTES
K-1 K-2	13 MAY 96 / 1420	BENBOW #132	BIN # 4 #132	
K1 K2	05-13-96 / 1519	Bin 4	[illegible]	
K1	05-14-96 / 1002	[illegible]	Roy Riley	Developing
K1	05-14-96 / 1102	X Roy Riley	[illegible]	Pickup
K2	07-24-96 / 0925	[illegible]	X [illegible]	T.O.T Fire Insp. Barden To T.O.T Consumer Products U.S. government (Dennis R. Blasius)
K2	07-25-96 / 0914	X [illegible]	X [illegible]	

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Exhibit "E"
JOI #960626CCC5285

7/25/96

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: G960141A

DATE OF INCIDENT: 5/13/94 **CATID:** CARM07 1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED **HAZARD ANALYSIS** ( ) CRM (X)

TYPE FOLLOW-UP **TELEPHONE** ( ) **ON-SITE** (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368
Backup: Bob Poth 504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

Person(s) to Contact: Chief Keith MacIssac, FD
Parent/Guardian

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number: 960626CCC5285 **Date:**
Assigned to: **Requested by:**

CPSC Form 324A (10/95)

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Illinois

Chief Keith S. MacIsaac and Jeff Suzuki of the Wheeling Fire Department on Monday investigate damage to a house on Pebble Drive. Daily Herald Photo/Gilbert Boucher

Boy plays with lighter, starts house fire

By Bob McKee
Daily Herald Staff Writer

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5/13/96

A Wheeling family was put out of their home Monday after a 3-year-old boy, playing with a lighter, set the house ablaze, fire officials said.

The single-level, four-bedroom, ranch-style home at [redacted] Drive sustained more than $50,000 in damage, making it uninhabitable for the family of [redacted], the owner, said Wheeling fire Chief Keith S. MacIsaac.

But the owner's nephew, who allegedly ignited the living room drapes with a fireplace lighter, and the boy's uncle, a brother of the owner who was in a bedroom while baby-sitting, were able to escape without injury, MacIsaac said.

It was fortunate the two went unharmed because the fire burned as long as 10 minutes before the child told his uncle at about noon, and there was no warning from a smoke detector, MacIsaac said.

"They were very lucky," MacIsaac said. "Another minute or so it might have been different."

After the fire started, the boy apparently put the propane fireplace lighter back in a kitchen drawer where he got it, then told the teen, a college student studying in a bedroom with the door closed, MacIsaac said.

The two escaped from the back door of the house, which had received heavy fire damage to the living room, kitchen and dining room, with the remainder damaged by smoke, MacIsaac said.

It took Wheeling firefighters about 20 minutes to extinguish the blaze.

A village social worker was looking for temporary housing for the family later Monday, MacIsaac said.

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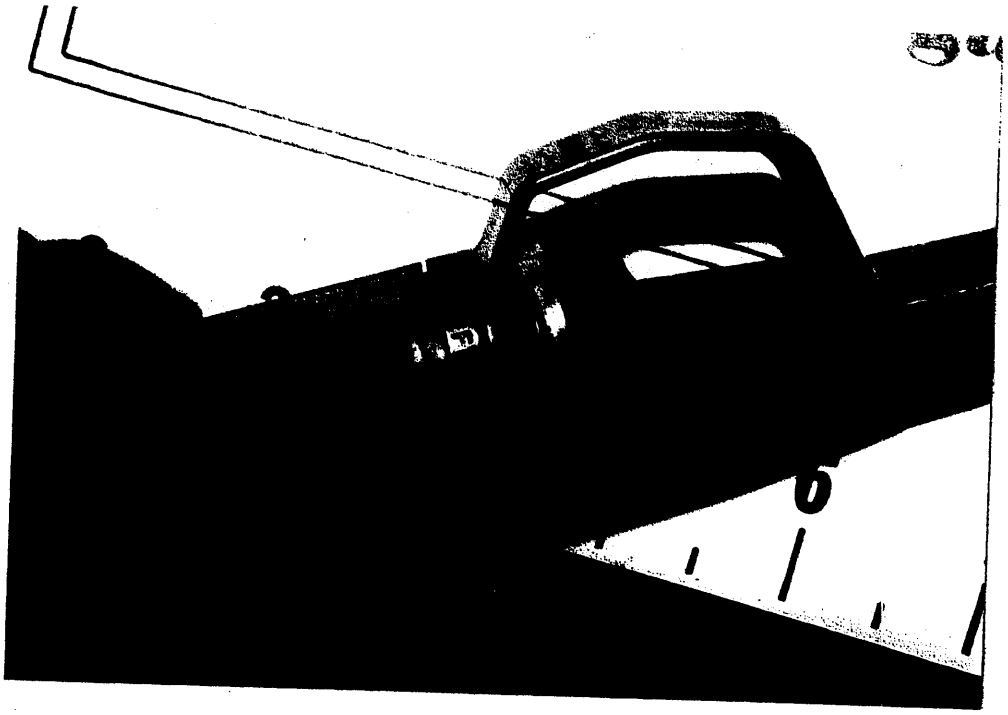

Above: This slide type on/off switch on the lighter.
Below: The wheel type switch that adjusts the flame h eight.

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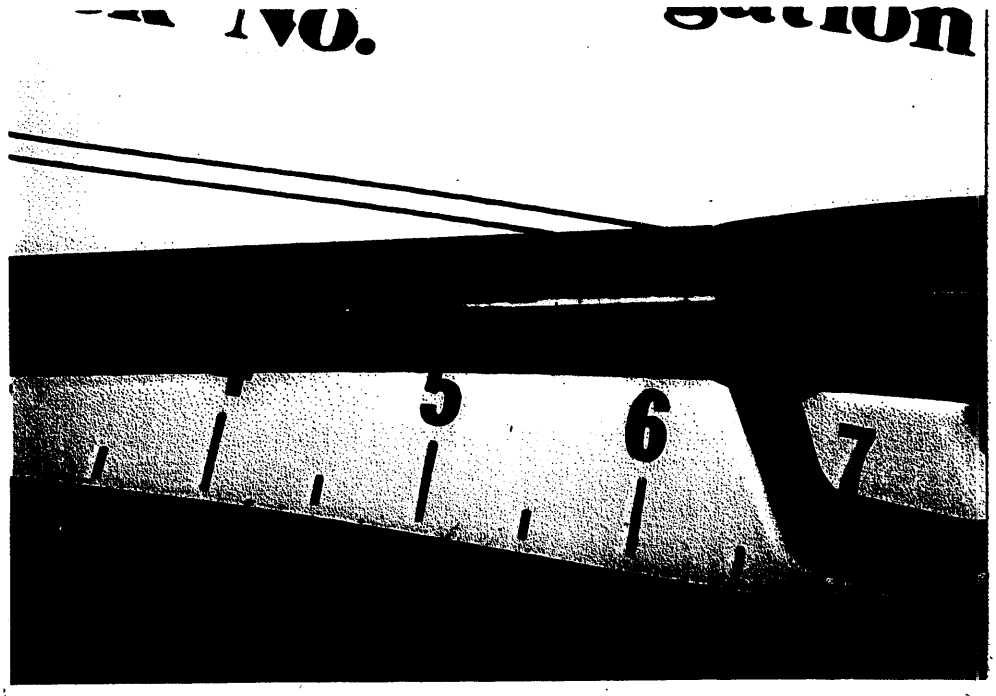
Above: The trigger switch that is used to ignite the lighter.
Below: The "Aim n Flame" model name is imprinted in the black metal tip.



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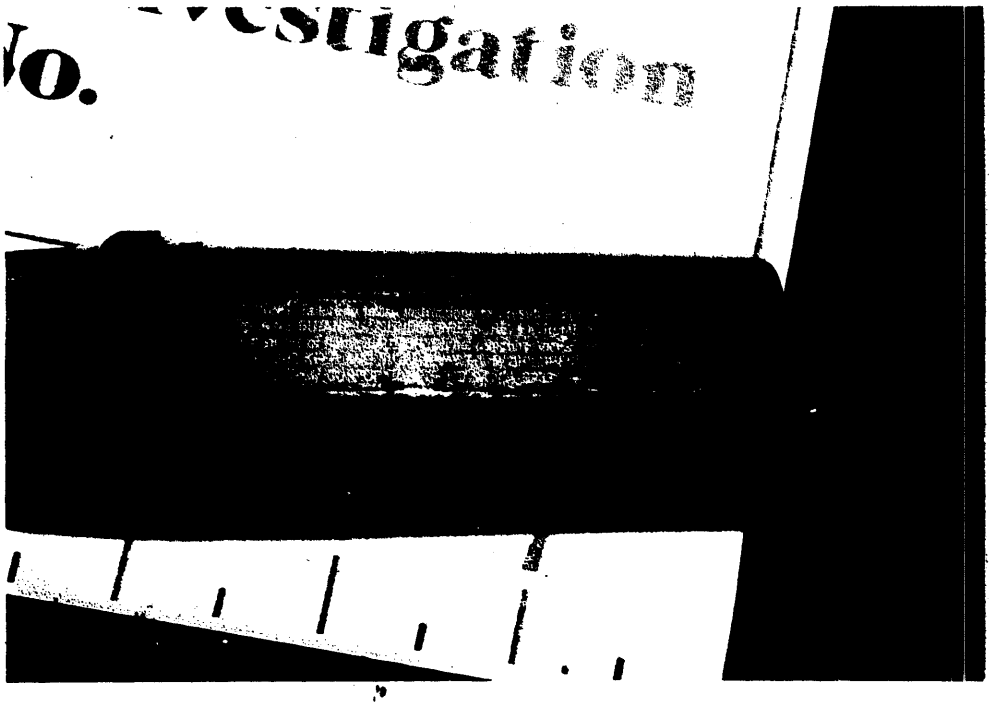

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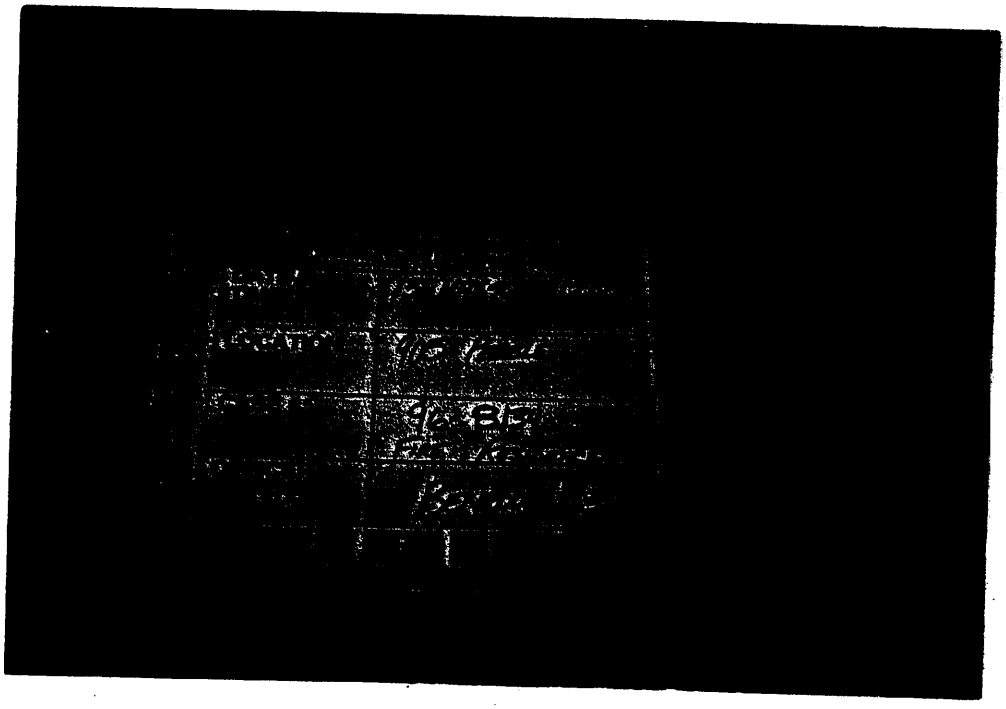

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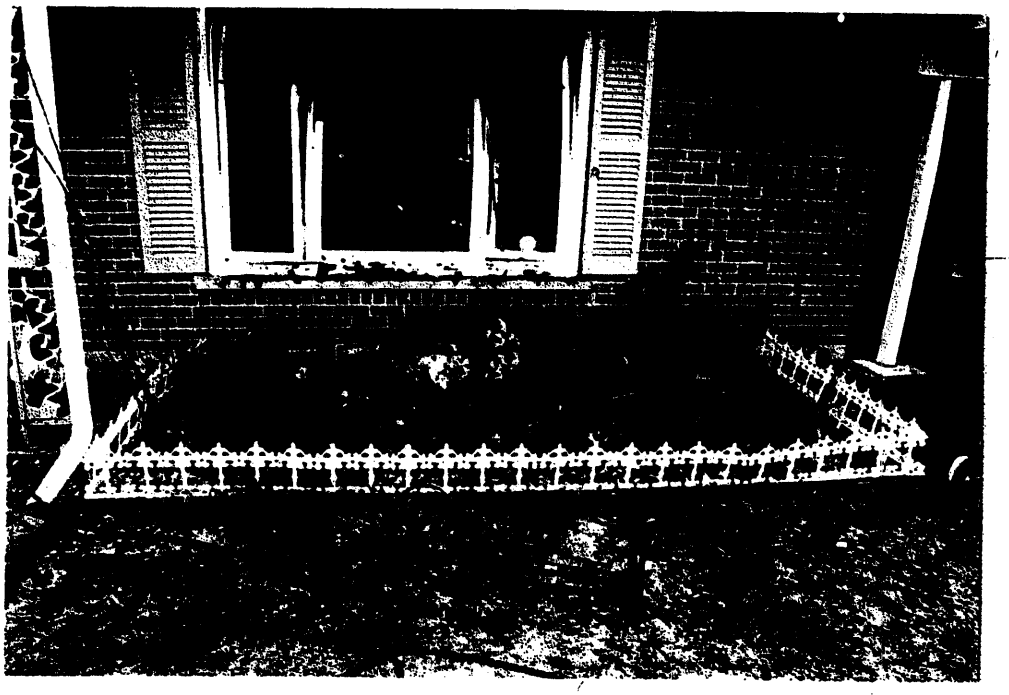

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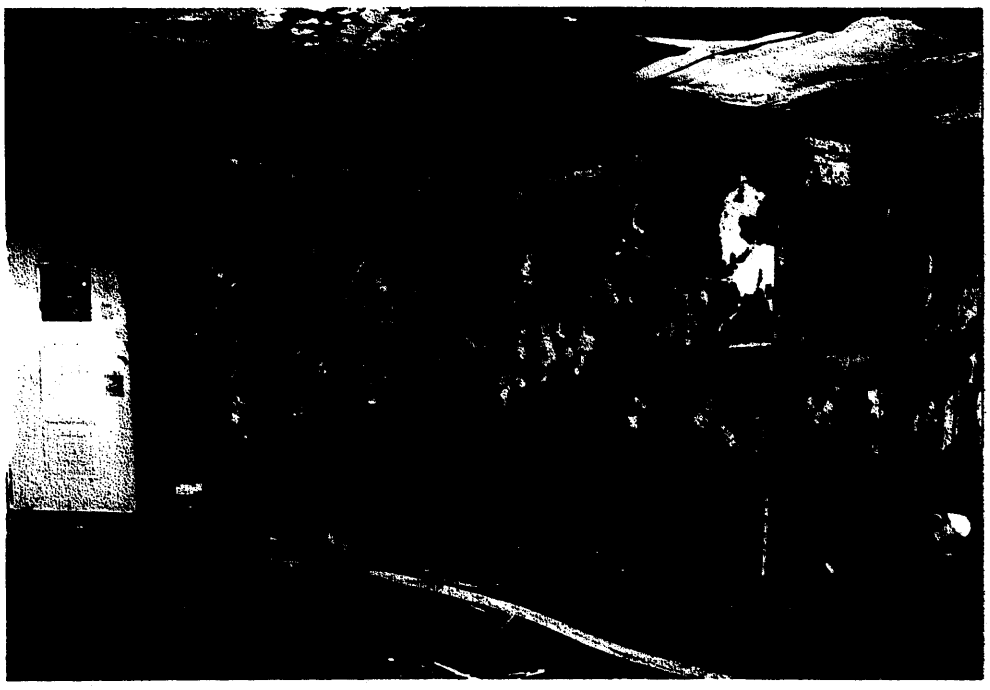

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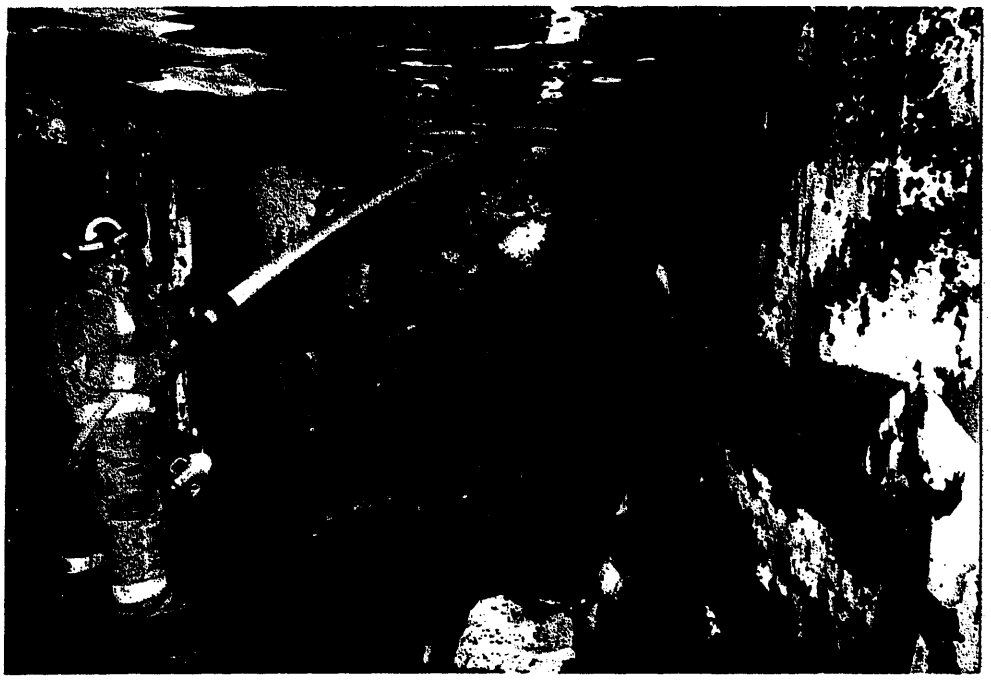

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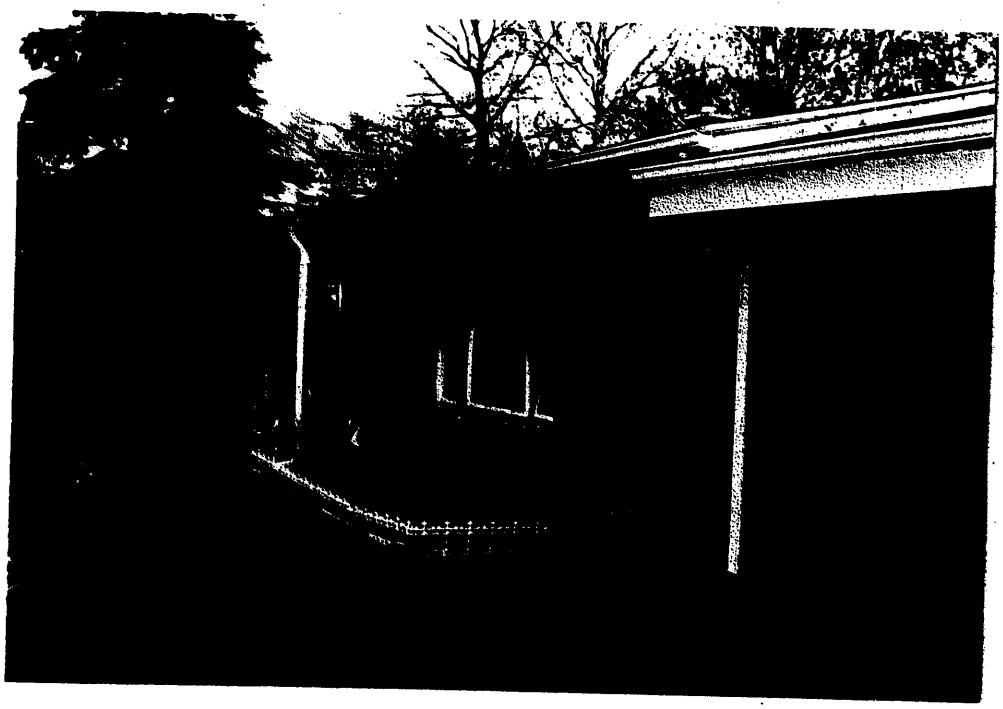

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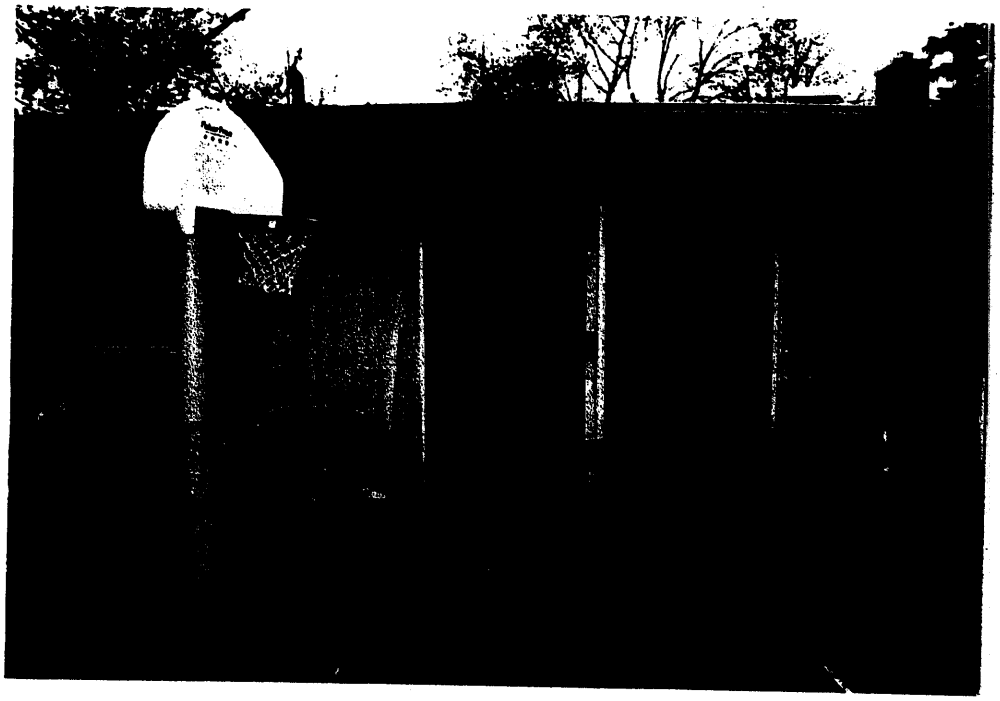

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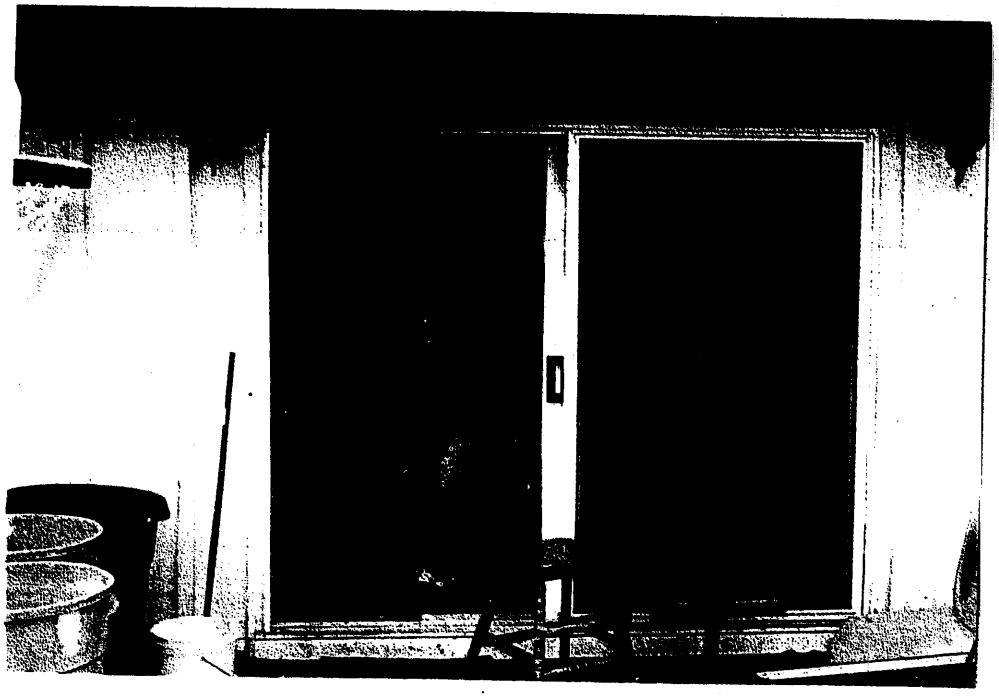

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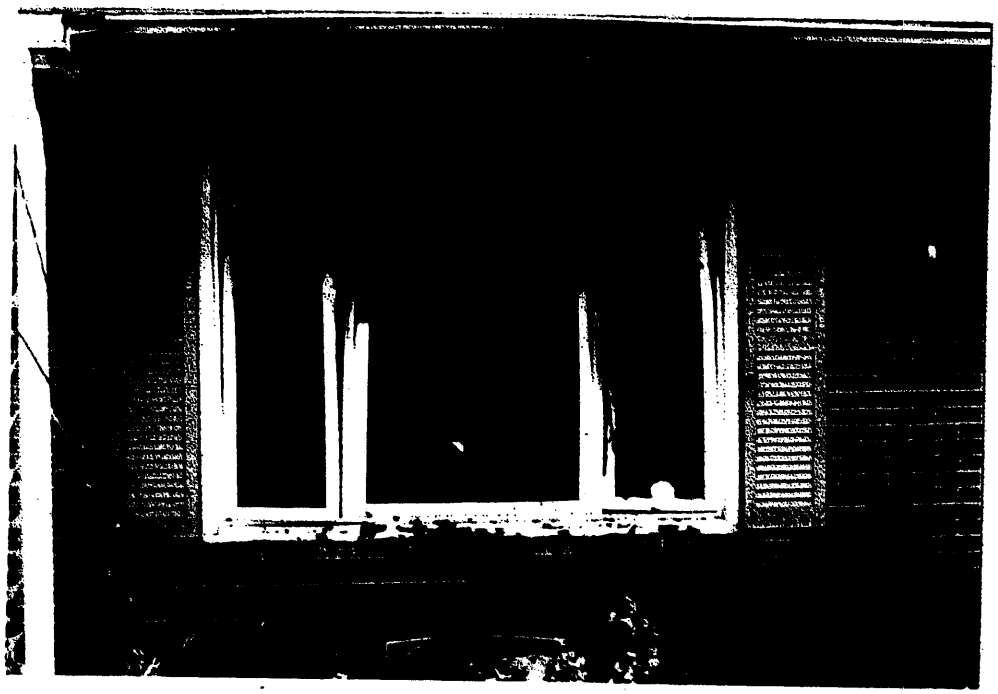

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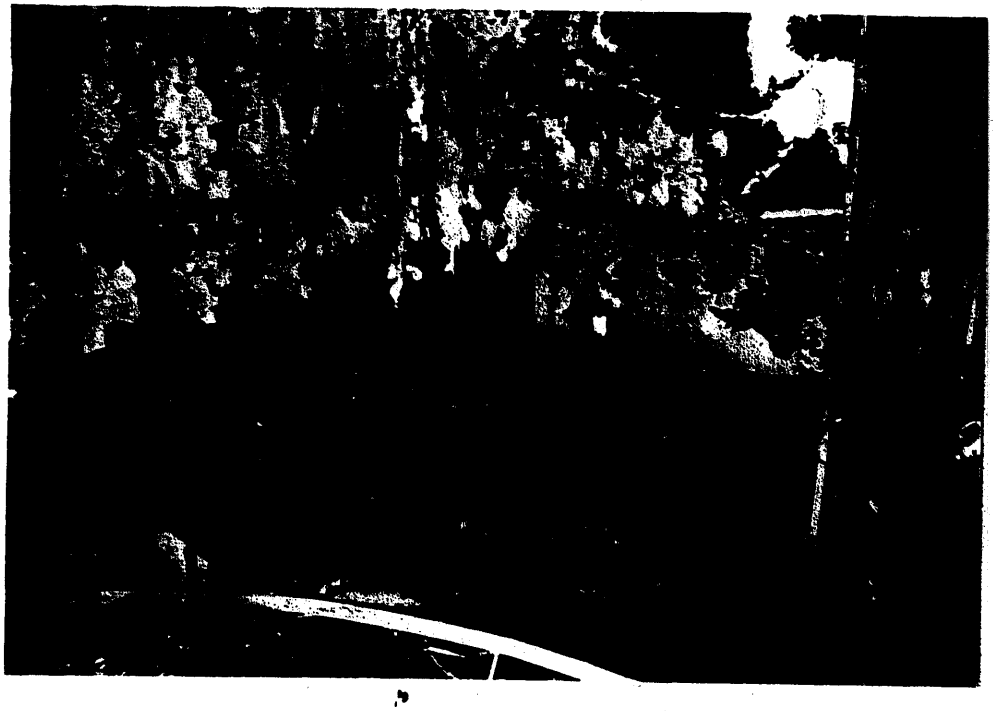

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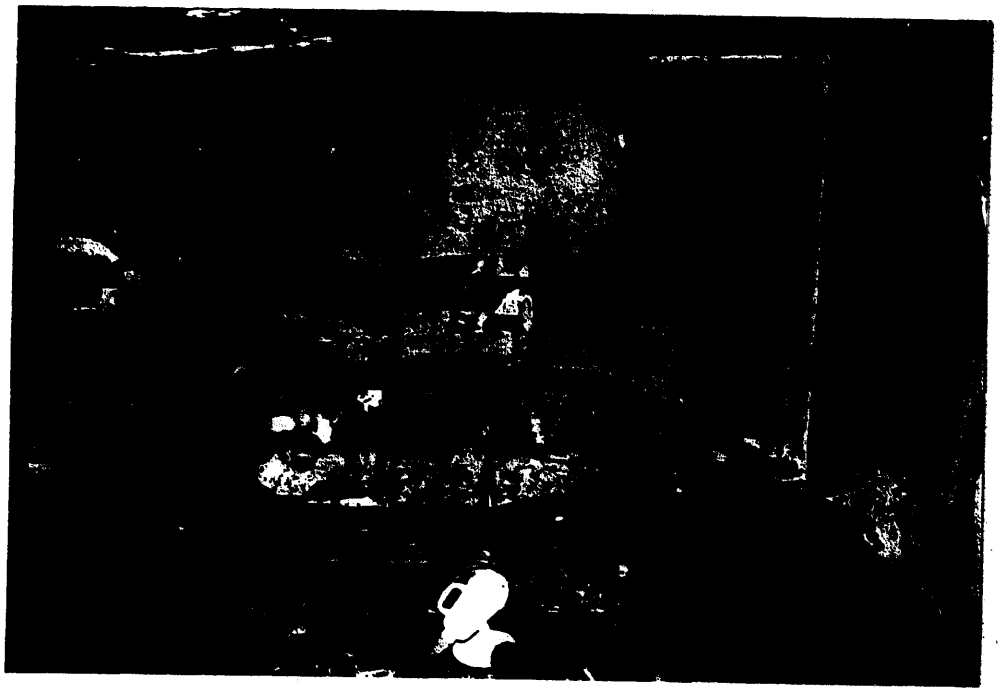

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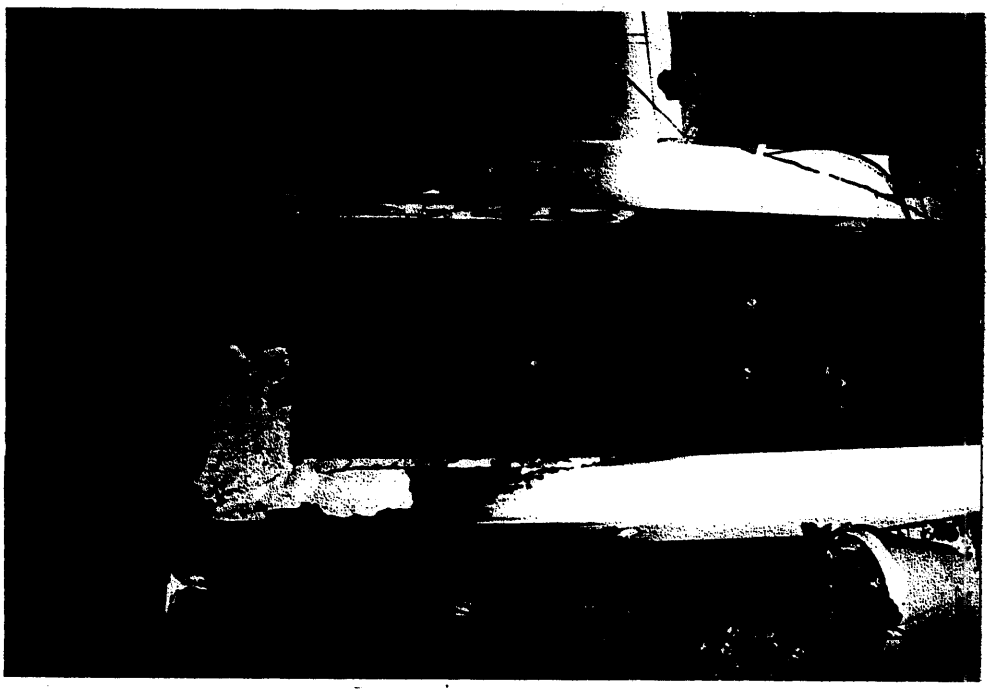

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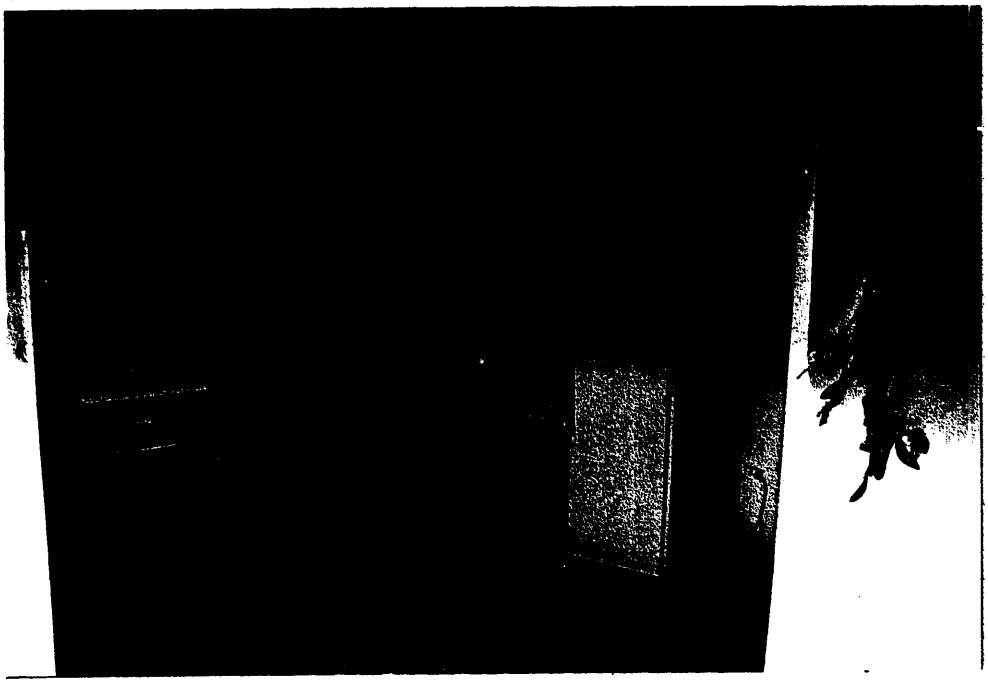

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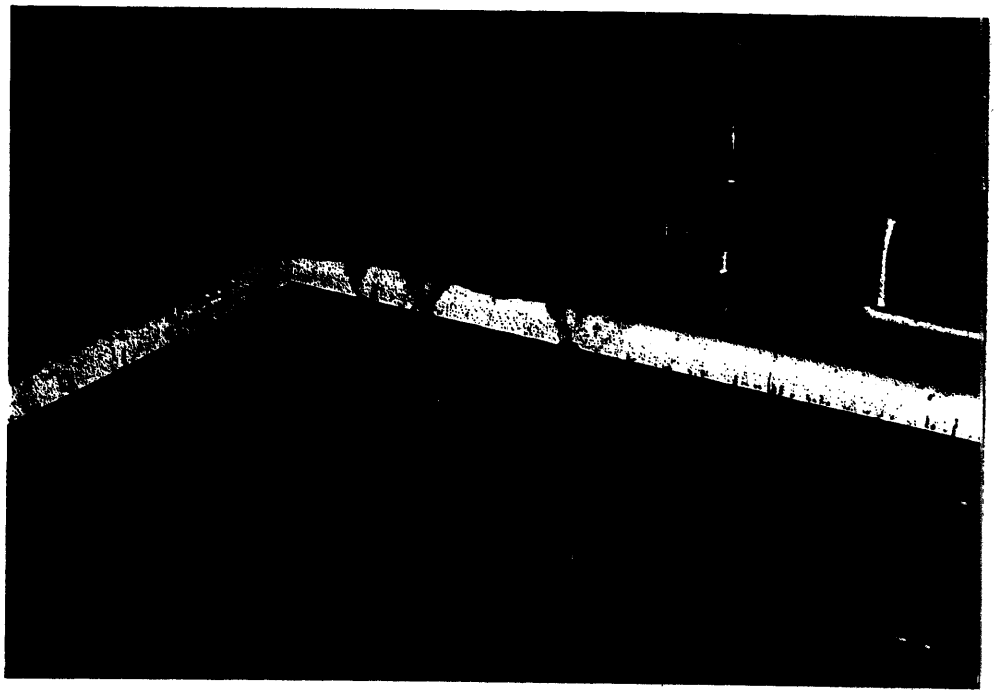

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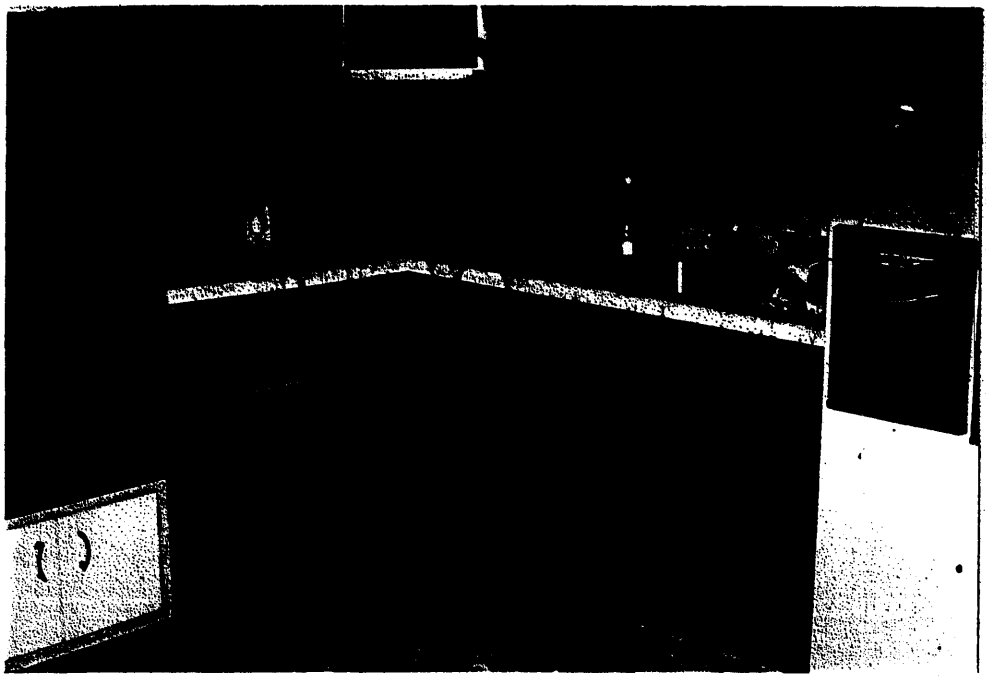

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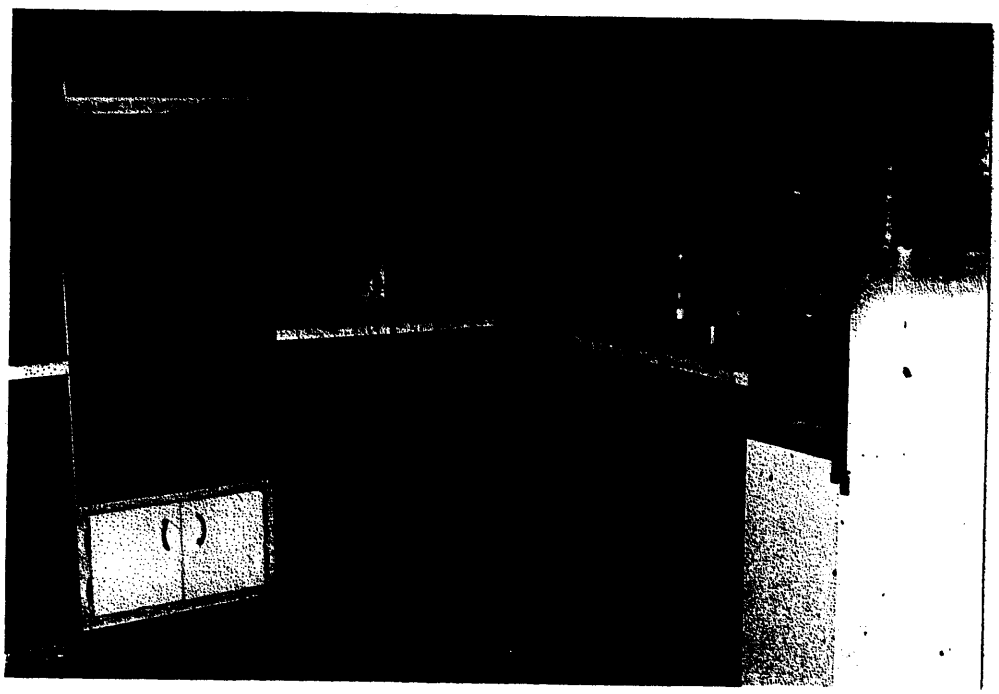

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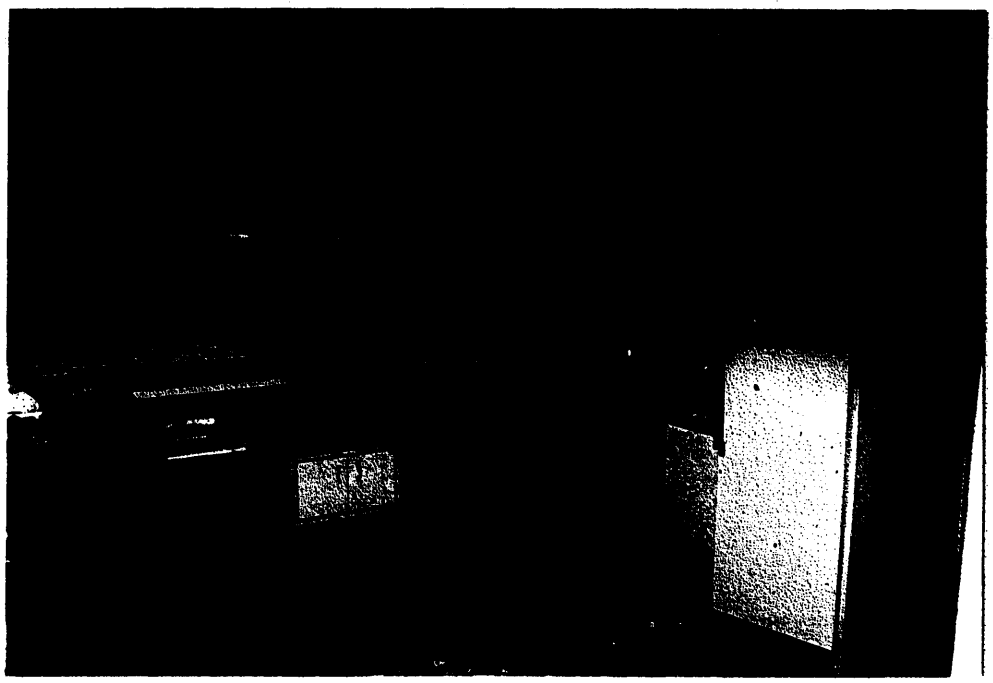

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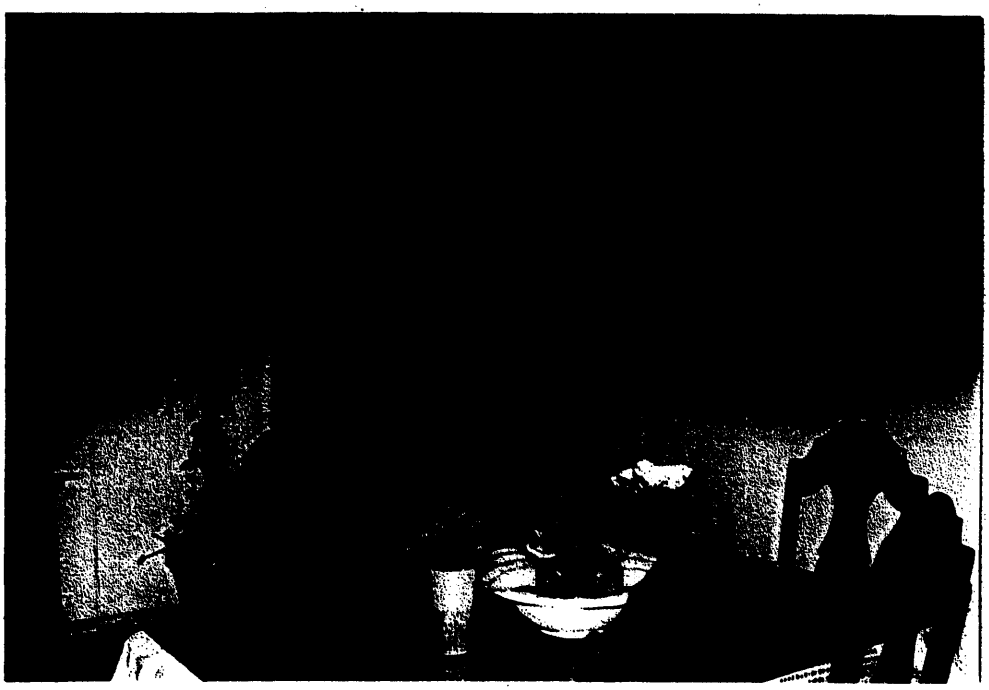

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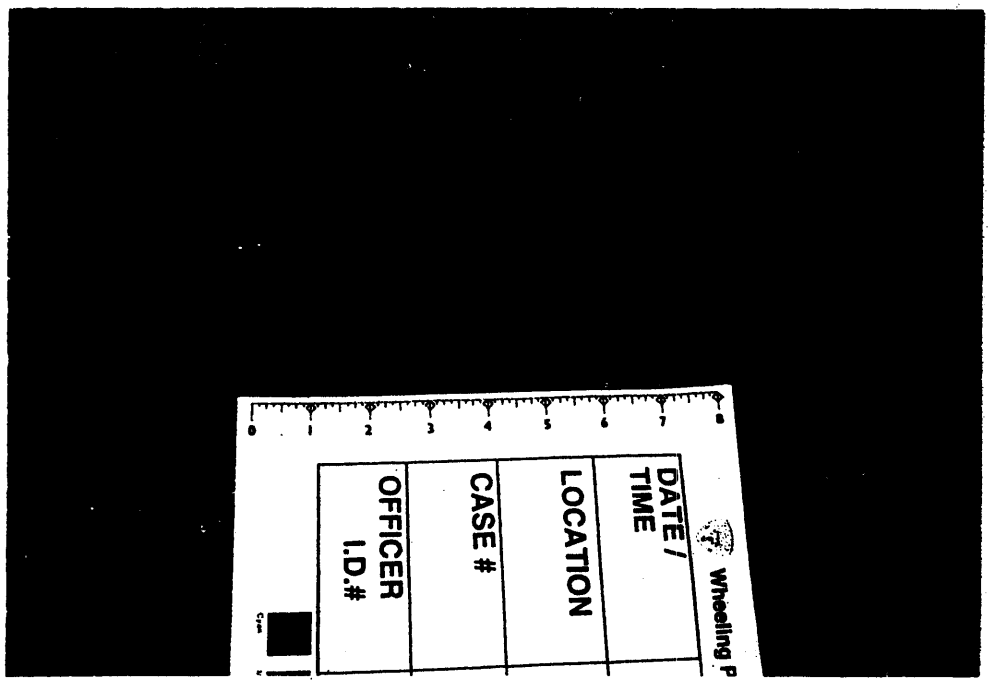

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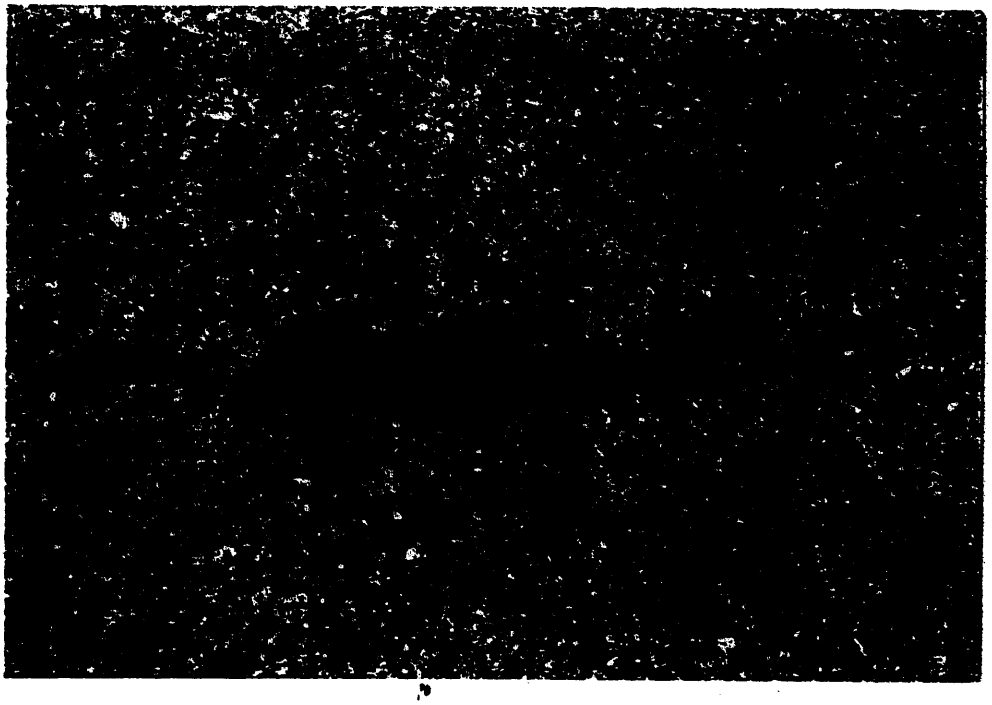

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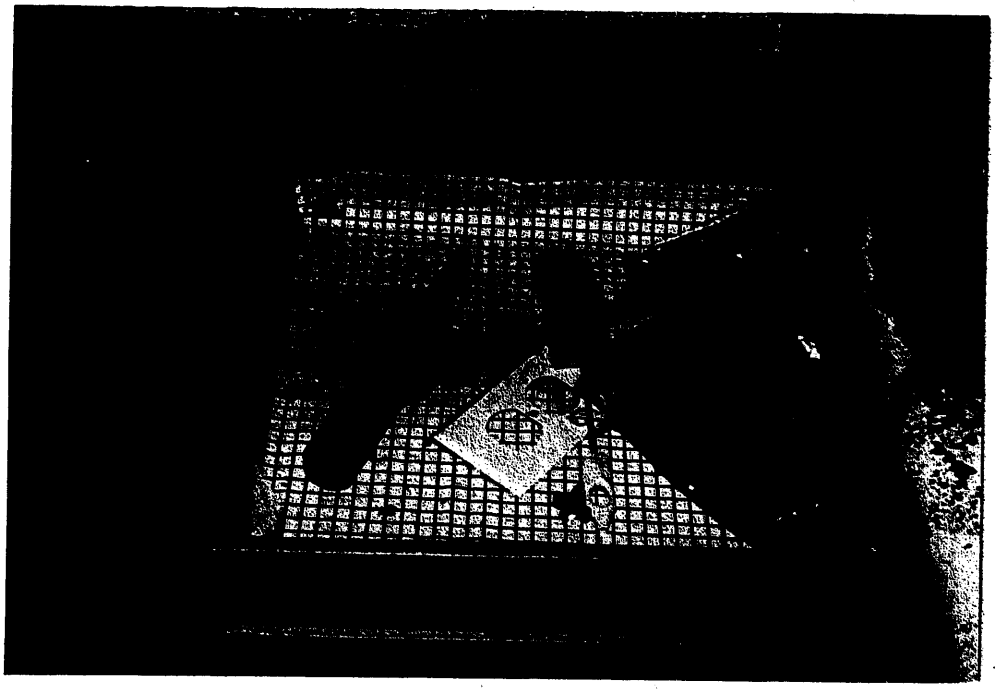

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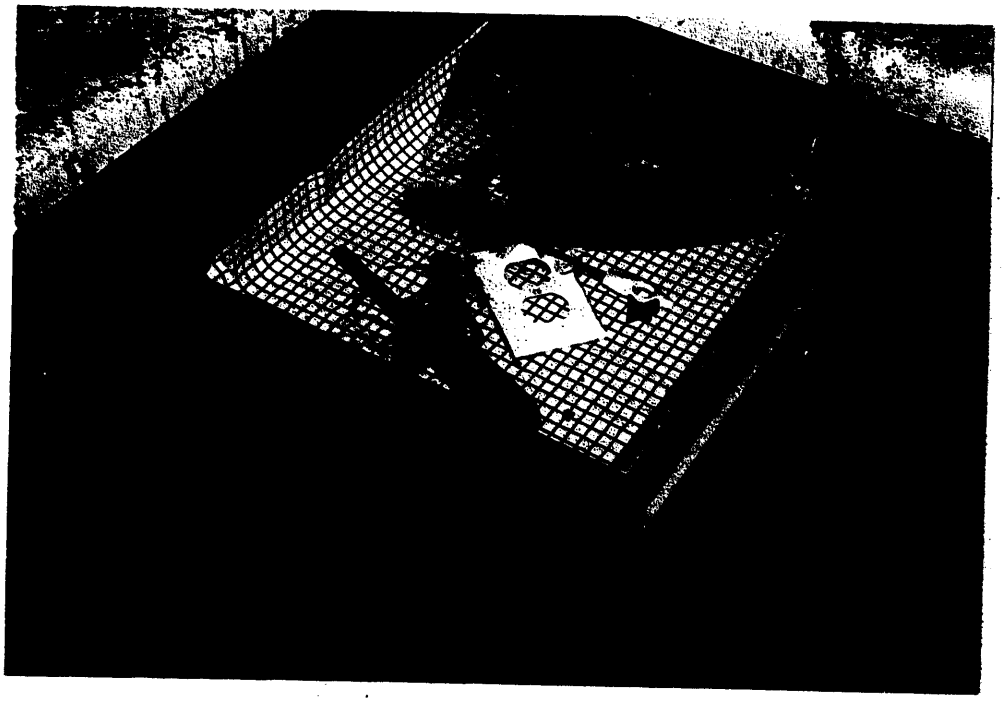

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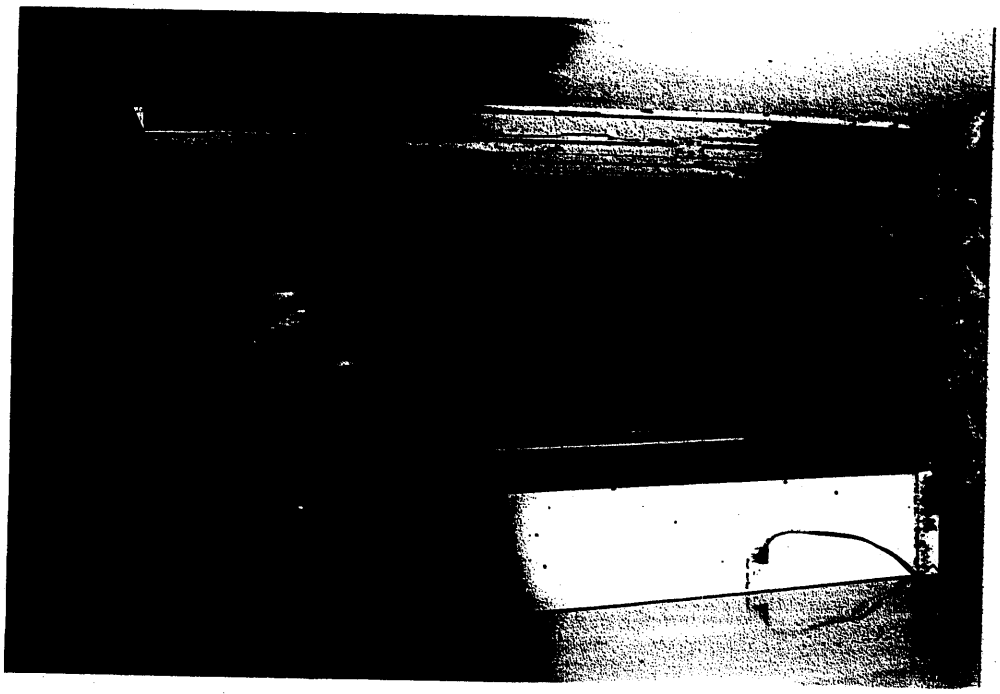

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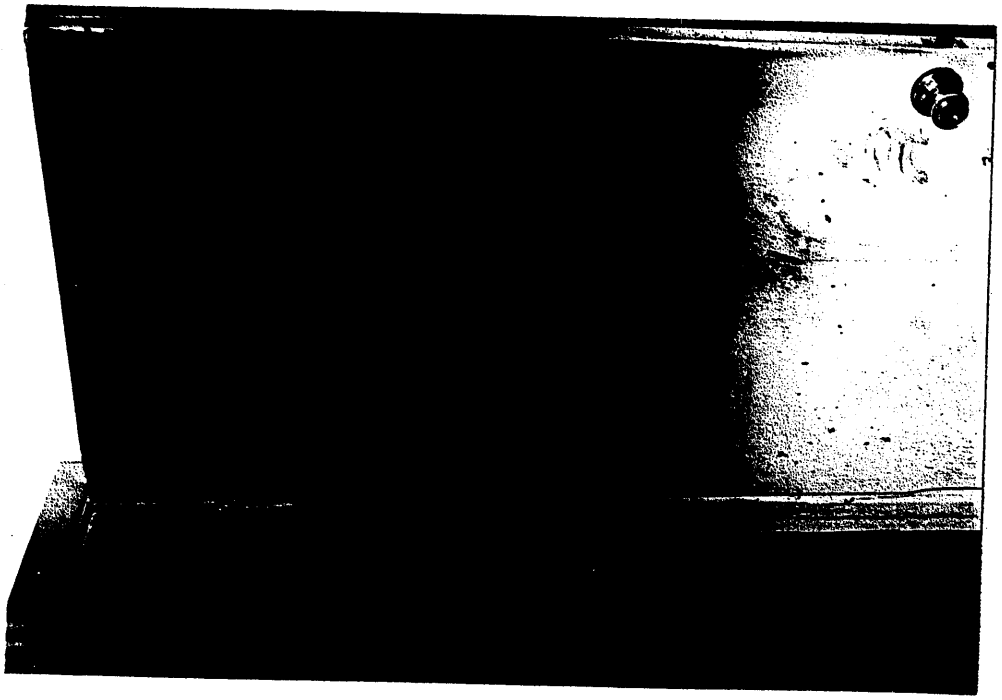

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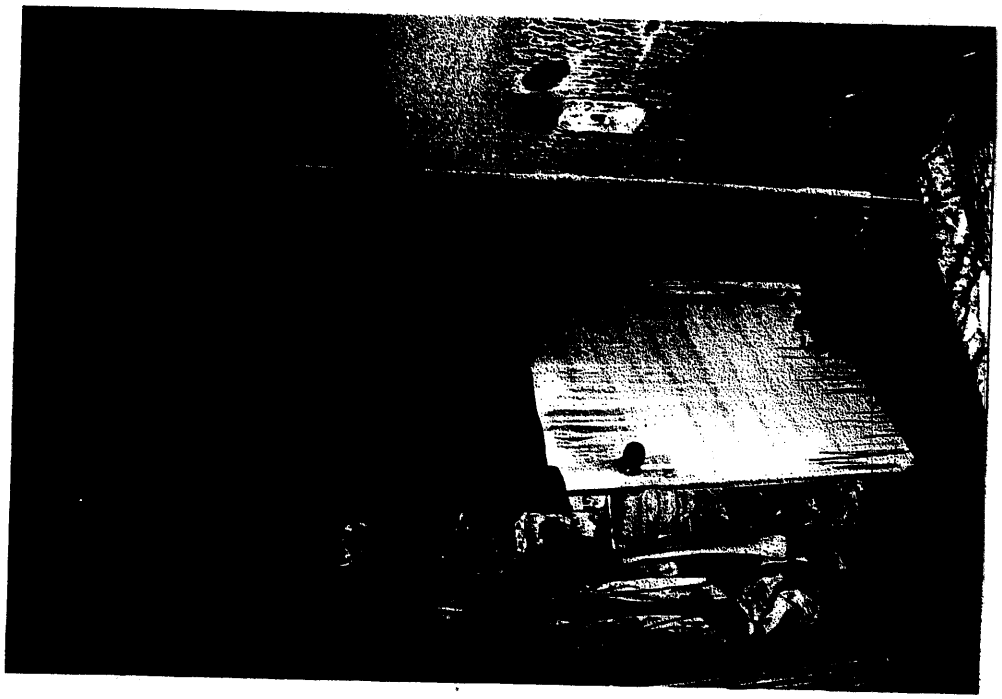

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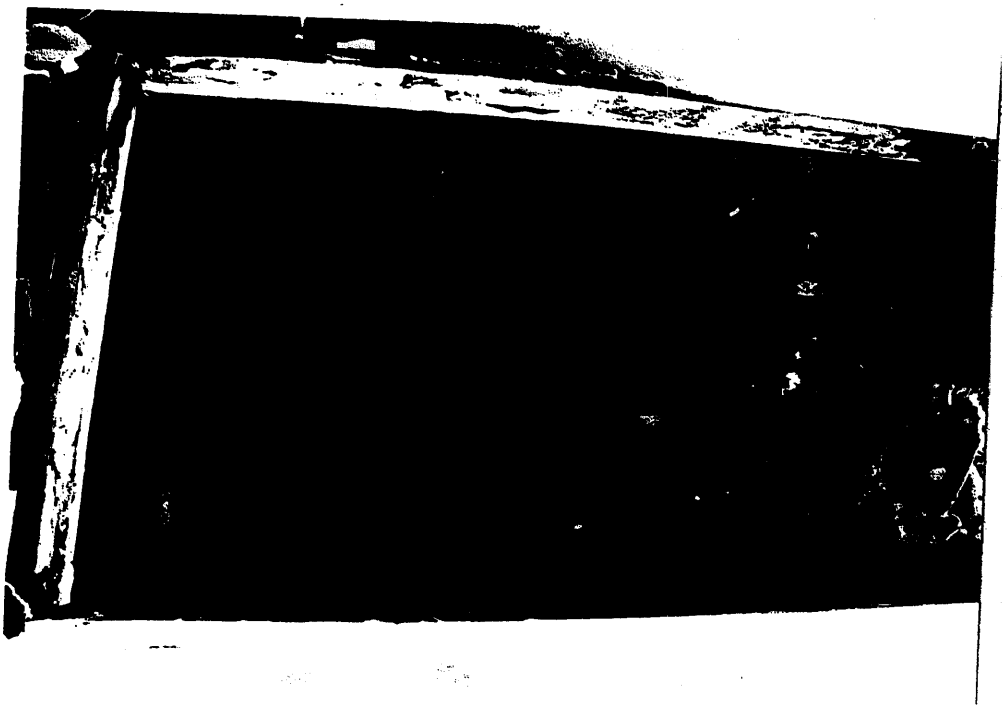

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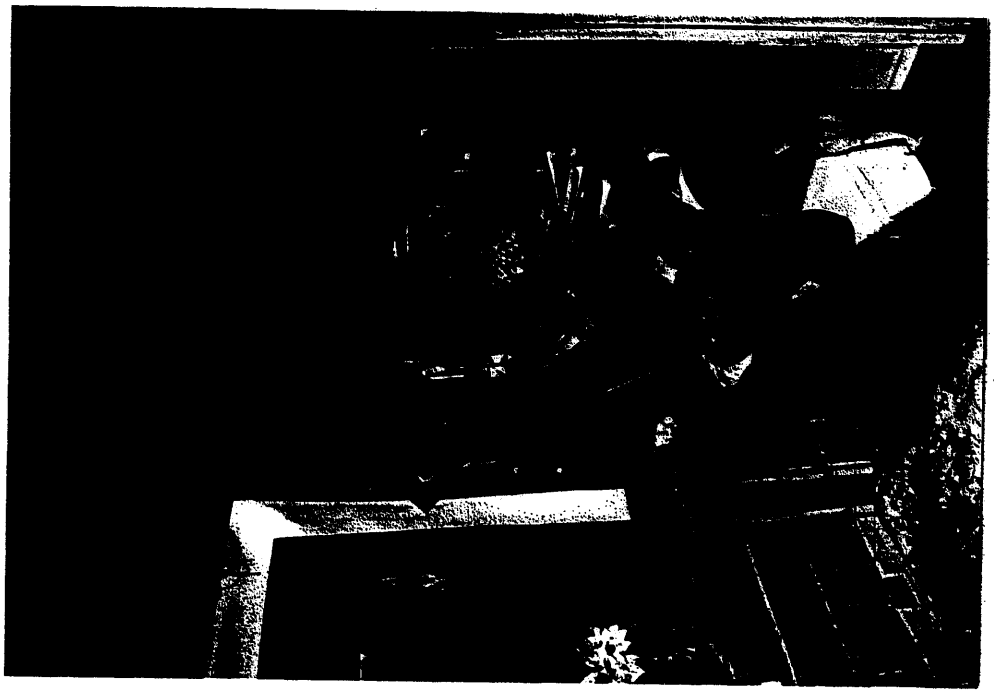

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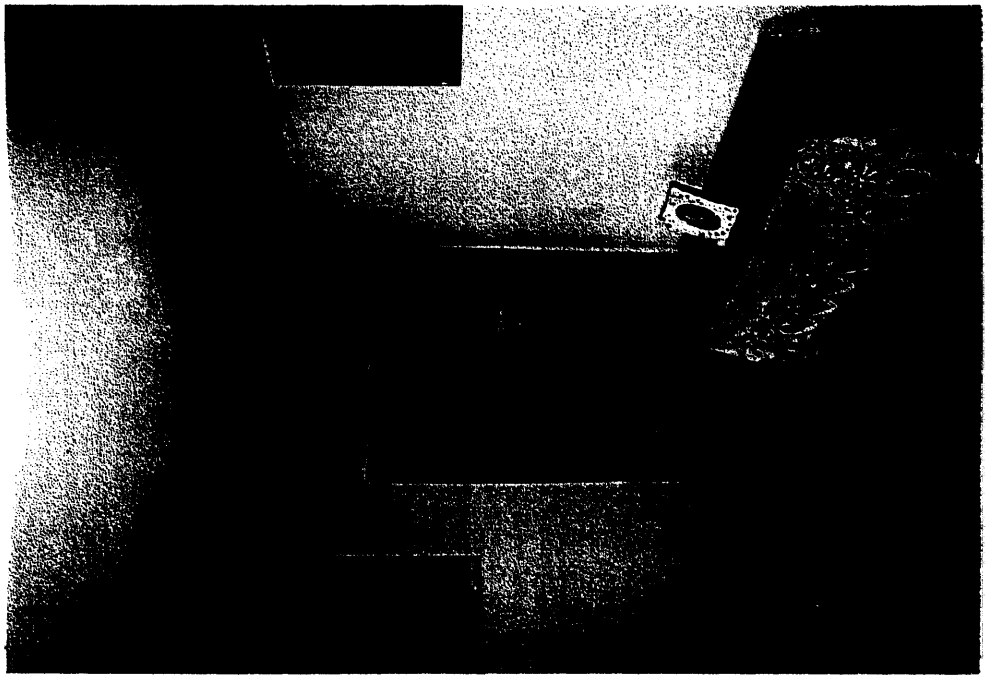

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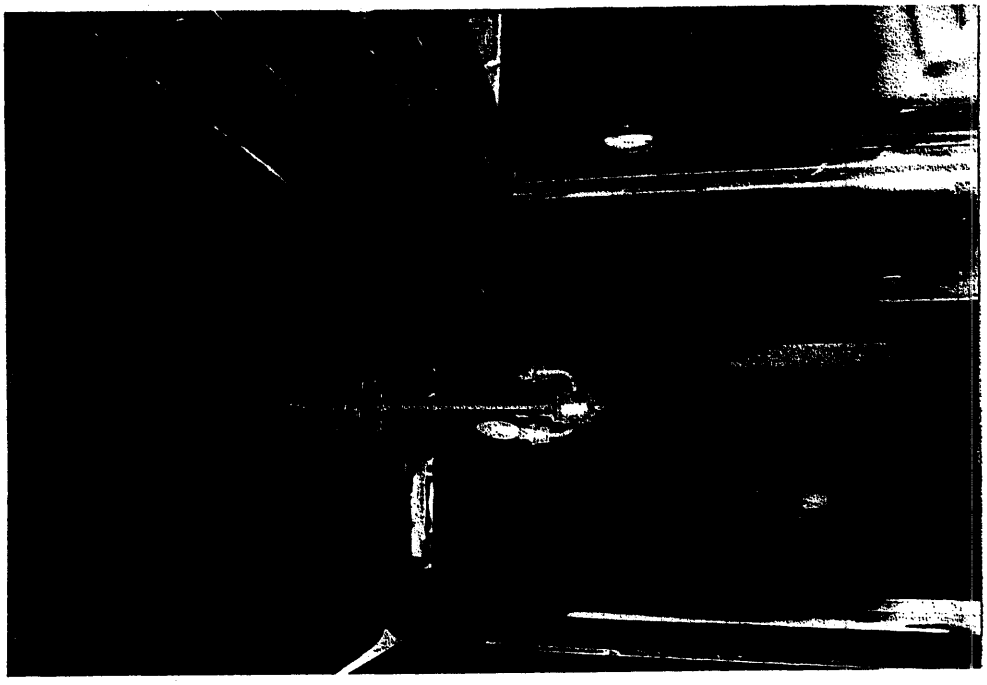

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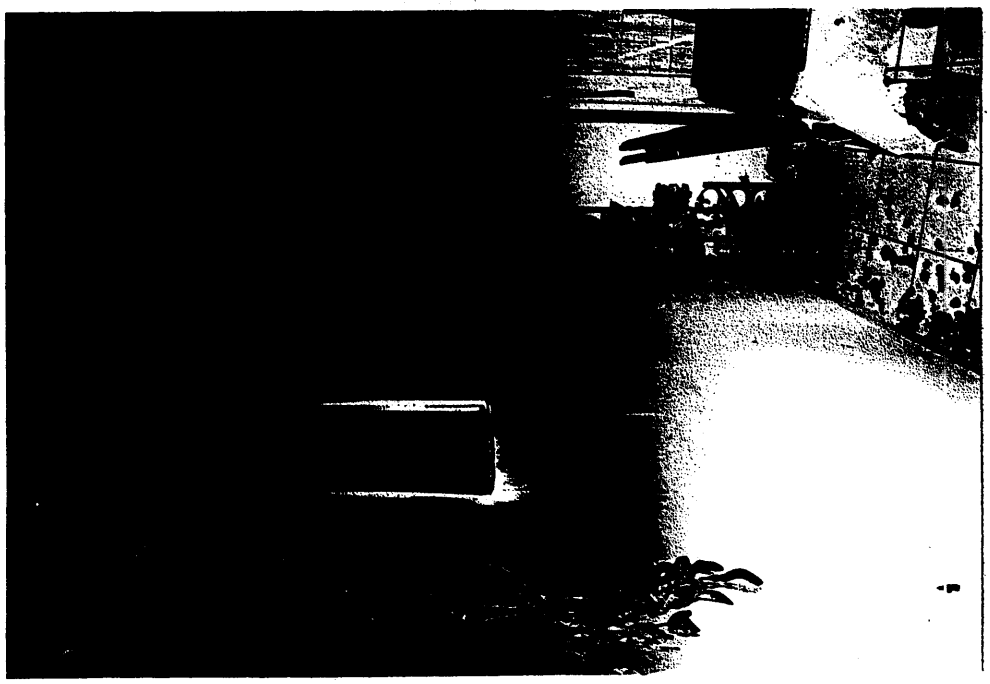
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