

Commanding one of the most magnificent views in Tidewater Maryland, this brick edifice was built against the west end of the original 17th century church structure standing on this site, with the sanctuary of the present church partially enclosed within the earlier structure. The earlier building now serves as a combination hyphen and sacristy connecting the manor house to the church.

The interior of St. Ignatius Church was destroyed in 1866 and all existing interior detail dates from the second half of the 19th century. Early 20th century photographs show the galleried interior to have had elaborate wall and ceiling frescoes of which only those within the sanctuary remain.

St. Thomas Manor dates from 1662 when the deed to the 4,000 acre property was formally turned over to the Jesuit Order after having been held in trust for the Society of Jesus by Thomas Matthews since the original grant to Father Copley in 1649. Shortly thereafter, a house and church, which the existing two buildings replaced, were erected here.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Charles County</b> TOWN <b>Chapel Point</b> <small>VICINITY</small> STREET NO. <b>Chapel Point</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Society of Jesus</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>Church</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>Society of Jesus</b> PRESENT USE <b>Church</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Brick</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>One</b>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>CH - 7</b>  2. NAME <b>St. Ignatius Church</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>1798</b> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC <b><u>YES</u></b>
<p>St. Ignatius Church, at Chapel Point, was built in 1798. It is three bays wide and four bays deep. The entrance is on the west gable. It is built of brick laid in Flemish bond. The windows are semi-circular arches of gauged brick and molded stone. Those on the north side are set within a recessed panel. The windows on the west facade have lintels with stone keystones. There is a modern vestibule surrounding the main center door. The window above the vestibule has a semi-circular arch of gauged brick with stone keystone and imposts. There is a molded stone water table continuing on the north and west sides, and a molded brick water-table on the south side. The imposts of the windows on the north side connect, forming a belt course between the windows. All of the windows are stained glass. The cornice is of wood and has dentils, brackets and scollops. There is a tin roof. At the roof peak, over the entrance, is a bell cupola with a spire. In the gable is a semi-circular window and a stone date plaque.</p> <p>The sanctuary has a vaulted ceiling, the nave has a flat ceiling. The present white pews originally had doors and may be original.</p> <p>(continued on page 2)</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior	

Good condition

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <b><u>Wilson, Everett B.</u></b> <b><u>Maryland's Colonial Mansions</u></b> <b><u>and other Early Homes, 1965 -</u></b> <b><u>page 223</u></b>	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <b>Michael O. Bourne</b> <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>  DATE OF RECORD <b>March 13, 1968</b>

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There is a balcony around three sides supported by Doric style columns. There are two staircases in the west corner.

The Knights of Columbus marker reads:

St. Ignatius Catholic Church  
St. Thomas Manor  
Chapel Point, Maryland

Dating from 1662. The oldest continuously active parish in the United States founded 1641 by Father Andrew White S. J. who named Chapel Point. Present Church built in 1798. St. Thomas Manor has been a Jesuit Residence since its erection in 1741.

Archbishop Neale Council,  
Knights of Columbus No. 2279  
St. Thomas Manor General Assembly  
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

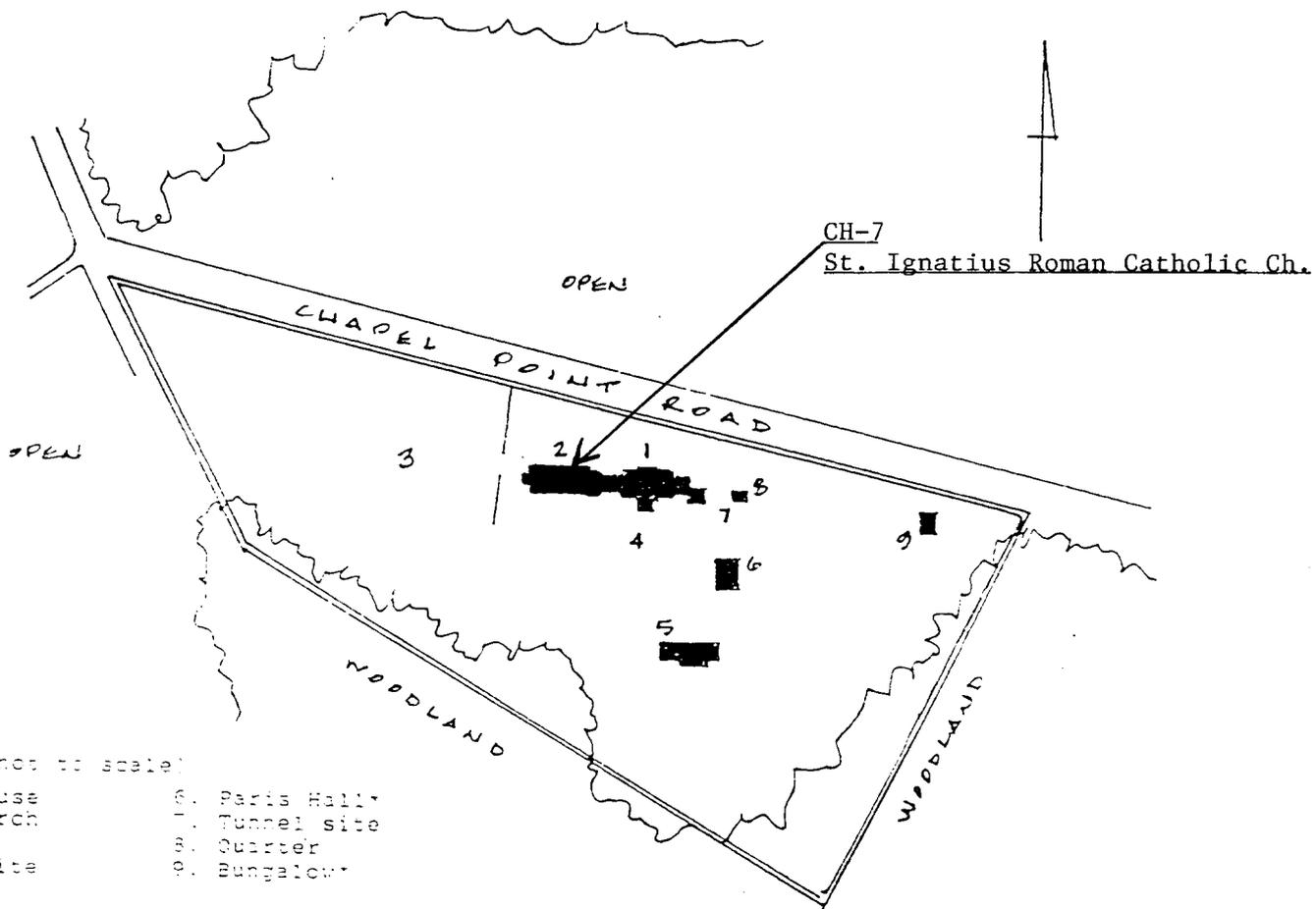
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National Park Service

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP, 1988



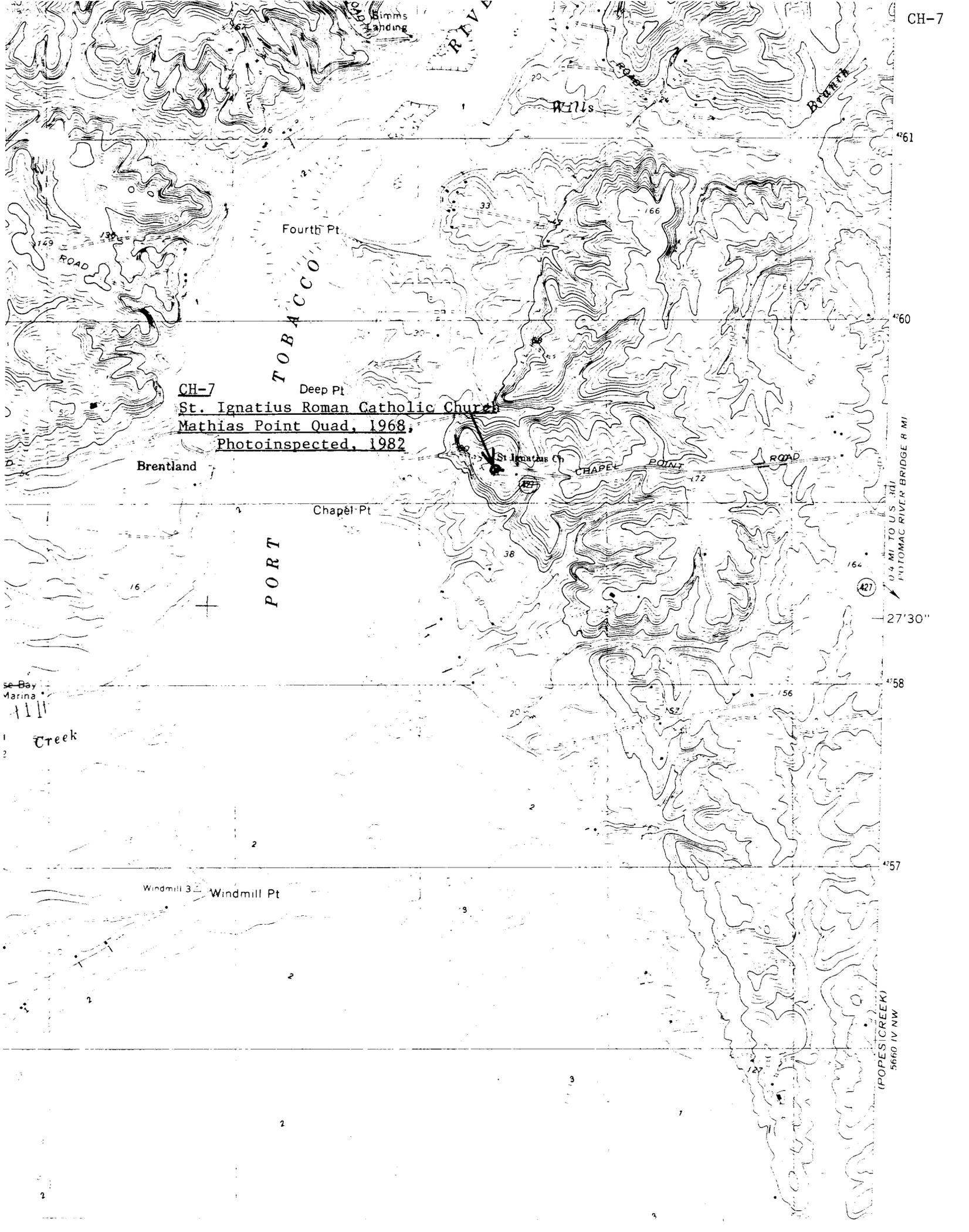
SITE PLAN

(Buildings not to scale)

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| 1. Manor House | 10. Paris Hall* |
| 2. 1798 Church | 11. Tunnel site |
| 3. Cemetery    | 12. Quarters    |
| 4. Garden Site | 13. Bungalow*   |
| 5. Barn        |                 |

\* Non-contributing

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St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church  
Mathias Point Quad, 1968,  
Photoinspected, 1982

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 POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGE 8 MI

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(POPE'S CREEK)  
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~~St. Thomas Manor~~

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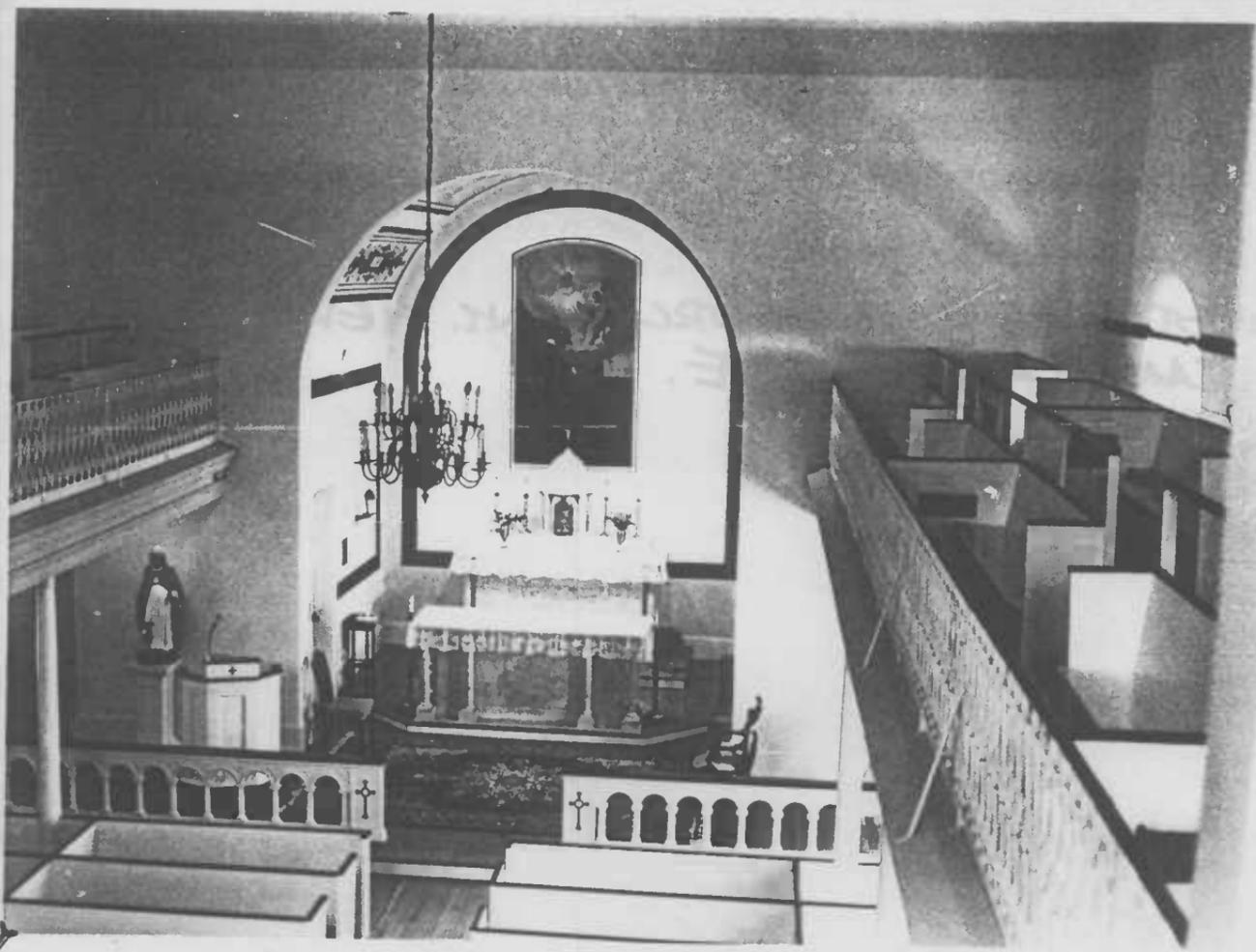
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St Ignatius  
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2. CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
3. J. R. RIVOIRE
4. 5/1088
5. MARYLAND SHPD
6. ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH, INT. VIEW,  
CAMERA FACED E.
7. 7/10



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