Council Meeting of
March 25, 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO ITEM 13A

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 13A
PRE07-00018 & WAV07-00018: Tomaro Architecture (Bob & Pat Hoffman):

The following correspondence was submitted after the preparation of the item,` including a continuance request by the appellant. In addition, the following photographs were submitted by the neighbor at 304 Via Colusa. The Planning Commission continues to recommend that the City Council deny the appeal and approve the project as conditioned and adoption of **RESOLUTIONS** of approval. The Community Development Director continues to recommend that the City Council grant the appeal and deny the project.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By _____
Gregg D. Lodan, AICP
Planning Manager

CONCUR:

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Jeffery W. Gibson
Community Development Director

NOTED:

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LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments:
A. Correspondence
B. Photographs

13A

Santana, Danny

From: S. Hara [shara@teacher.tusd.org]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:14 AM
To: Santana, Danny
Cc: Steve Hara
Subject: Request For Continuance of the 3/25 Council Meeting

Per your equest, I am submitting this request for continuance based on the fact that I was recently informed that Councilman Brewer would not be present at the Council meeting.

The urgency of this request stems from the fact that Councilman Brewer was one of the Council members who physically came to my home and saw the view obstruction which is NOT obvious from anyplace but the inside of my home. It is my opinion that the reason I lost at the "Planning Commission" level was that only one member visited my home. It was at that member's suggestion that I filed this appeal.

Would you please respond that you received this request. Thank you

Steve Hara

*** This Email was sent by a staff member at Torrance Unified School District in Torrance Unified School District.

Mayor Frank Scotto and City Council Members
City of Torrance City Council
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90509-2970

Subject: Denial of Appeal of Precise Plan for 109 Via Sevilla

Dear Mayor Scotto and Council Members

This letter is to express our support of Bob and Pat Hoffman's plans to construct a new home at 109 via Sevilla and request that the Torrance City Council deny the appeal submitted by Steve Hara of 309 via Colusa. We are sorry we could not attend the City Council Hearing on March 25, 2008, to express our support to the Hoffman's in person.

We have shared a common fence with the Hoffman's since they moved to their home in March 1999 and our sons are in the same grade at Richardson Middle School. Aside from being good neighbors, the Hoffman's have gone out of their way to share their new home plans with us and our neighbors, inviting us to meet with their Architect several weeks before the first hearing at the Torrance Planning Commission. We know Bob has been active on the Riviera Homeowners Association and has been involved over the years on issues related to the requirements of the Hillside Overlay Ordinance. As such, the Hoffman's have proposed a new home that is sensitive to the Hillside Overlay Ordinance requirements, modest in size and causes the least intrusion on neighbors' homes, including ours.

We know from our experiences with another proposed remodel next to our home that it is possible under the Hillside Overlay Ordinance for neighbors to work together to arrive at reasonable compromises. We feel the Hoffman's have gone out of their way to appease their other neighbors and urge the City Council to Deny Mr. Hara's appeal and allow the Hoffman's to follow through with their proposed new home.

Sincerely,

Todd and Kim Bright
906 Calle Miramar
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

cc: Greg Lodan, Torrance Community Development Department

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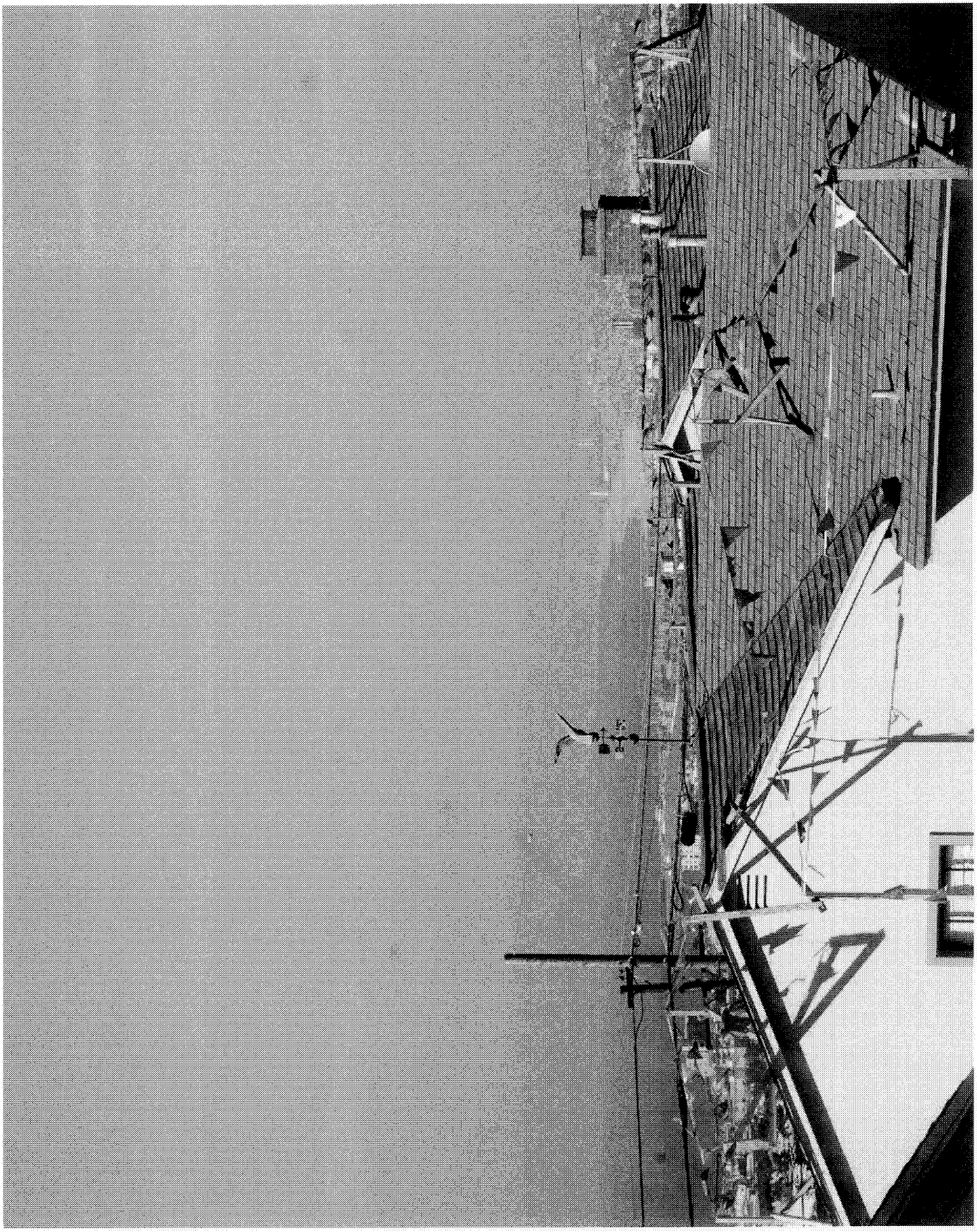

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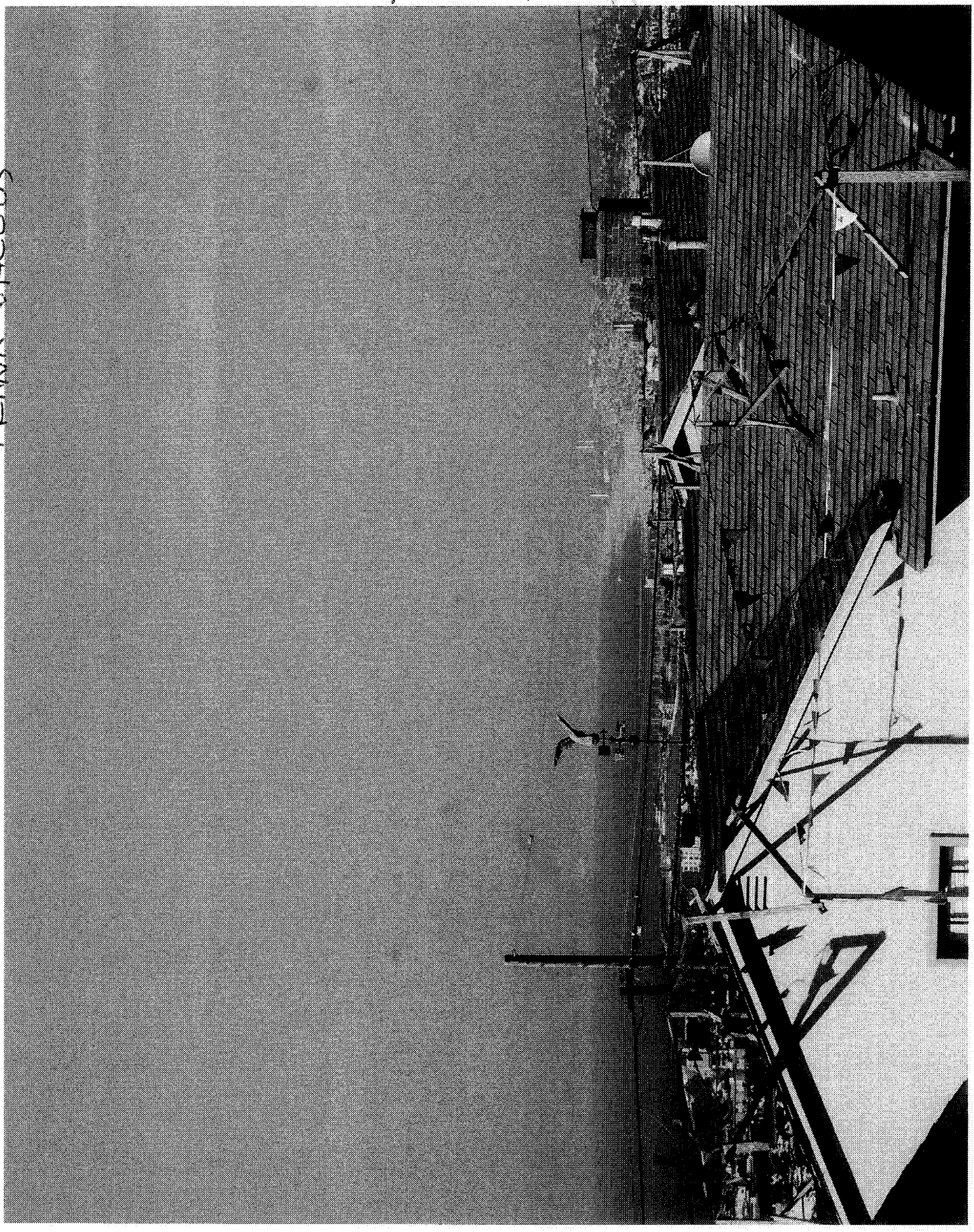

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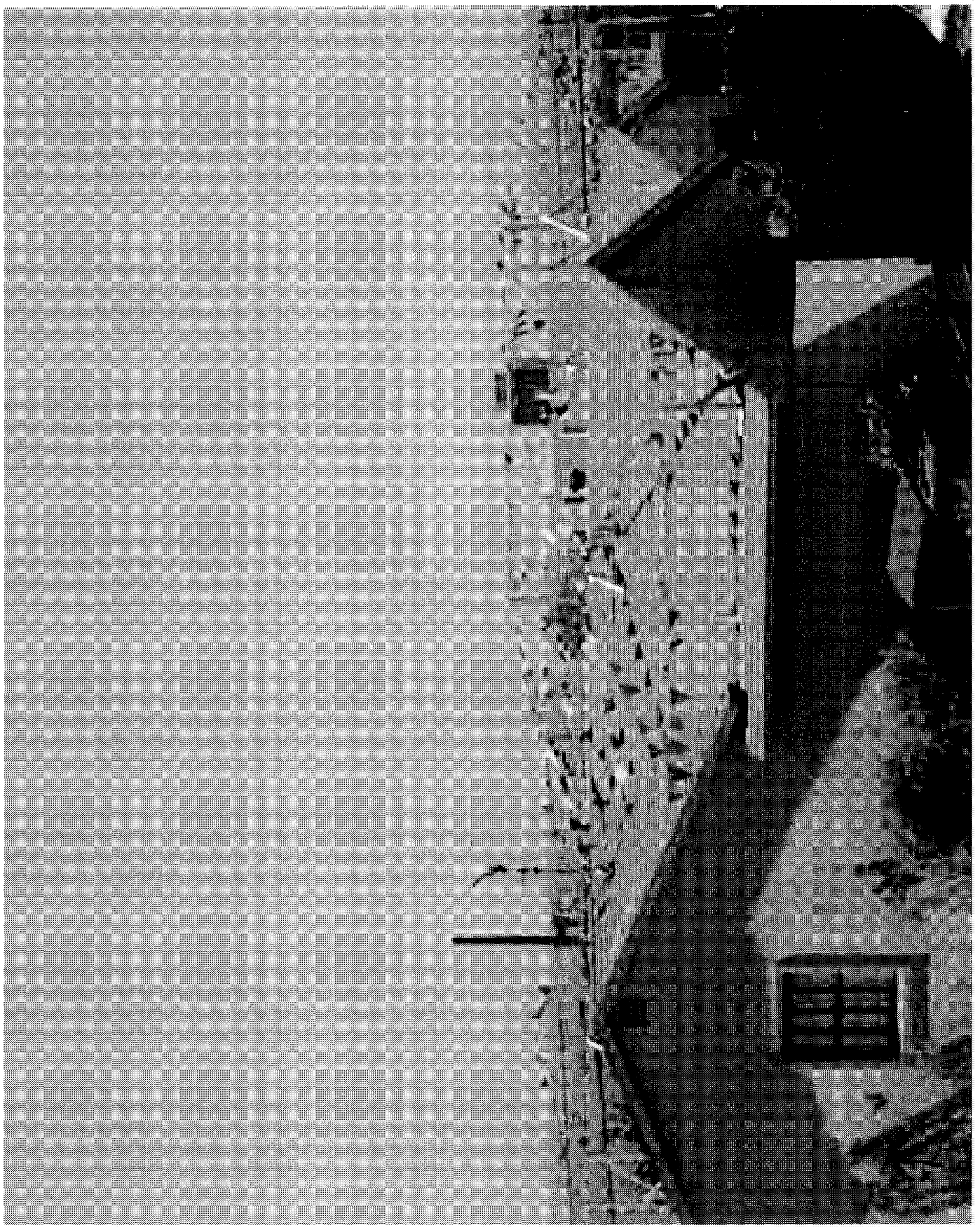
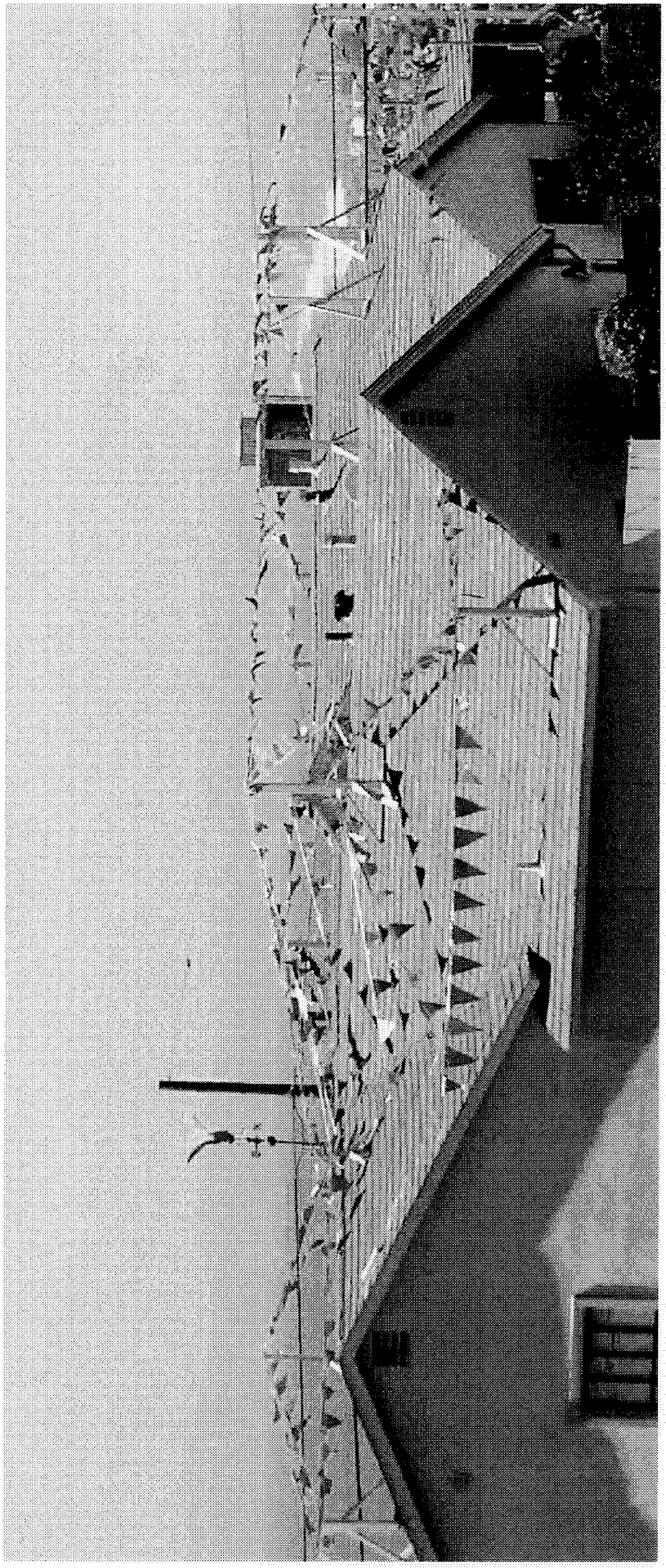
FRANK JACOBS

304 VIA COLUSA





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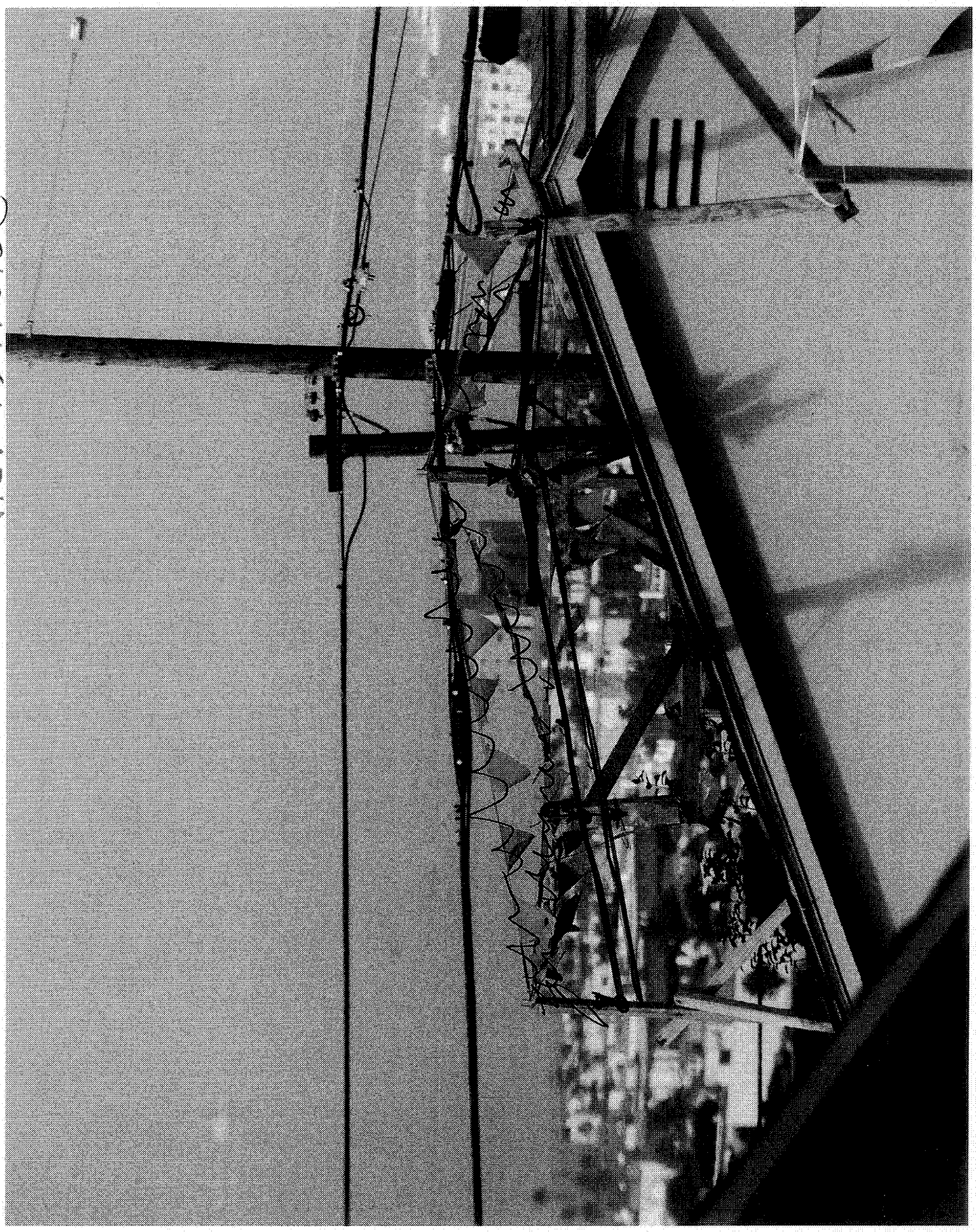
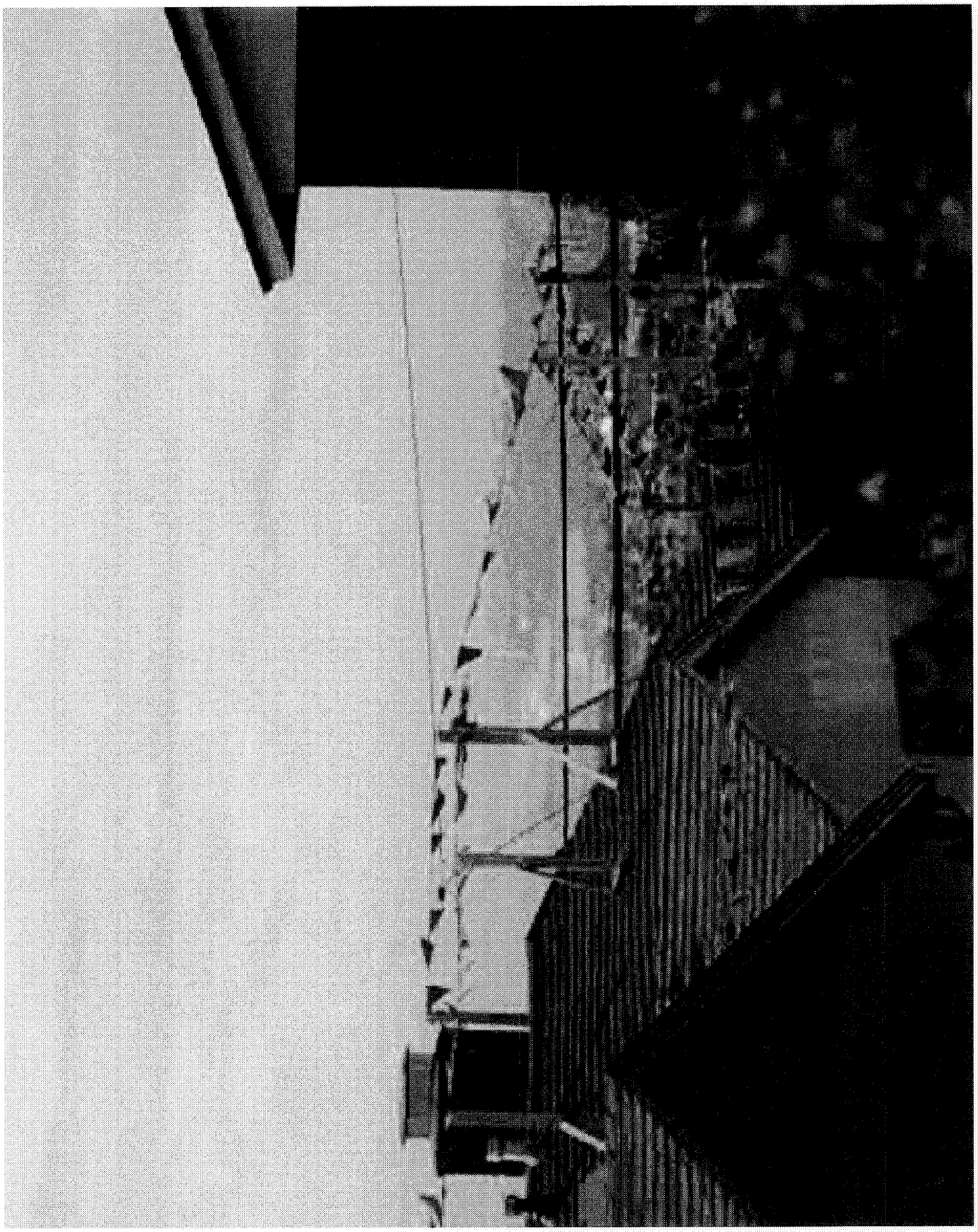
TELEPHOTO FROM SAME VIEW AS PHOTO (A)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