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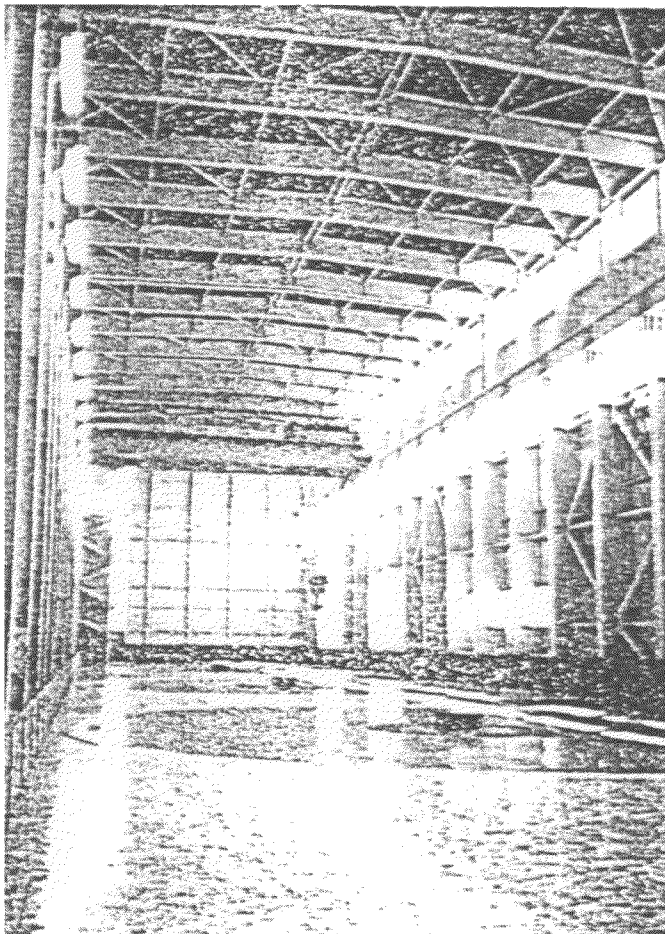


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Jose Maria Morelos Dam. The dam and La Villita power station are located near the mouth of the Rio Balsas. The earth-filled dam is approximately 15 feet high by 1,000 feet long. The large array of high voltage equipment in the station switchyard (adjacent to the dam crest) was unaffected by the earthquake, even though this type of equipment is often susceptible to seismic damage. The power station is housed in a large steel frame building and consists of four 76 megawatt units, completed in 1973. Mechanical and electrical equipment in the station were undamaged by the earthquake. Protective relays disconnected the station from the power grid during the earthquake.