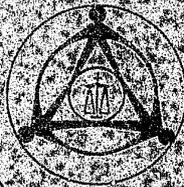




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INTRODUCTION

At the request of the Criminal Courts Technical Assistance Project, The American University, Washington, D.C., Space Management Consultants, Inc., agreed to conduct a brief study of the Acadia Parish Courthouse in Crowley, Louisiana, under the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Contact Number J-LEAA-043-72. The major tasks assigned to the consultants were to determine the feasibility of providing additional courtroom and ancillary facilities in the existing courthouse, to develop preliminary plans and to recommend possible future use of space in the existing building.

A two-day visit to Crowley, Louisiana, was arranged for the last week of April, 1973, to inspect the courthouse, to obtain plans of the courthouse and to interview key personnel in court and other agencies occupying space in the courthouse. Throughout the consultants' visit to Crowley, the guidance and assistance provided by Judge Edmund M. Reggie and his office were indispensable.

Recommendations in this report are based on the data and information provided by the following personnel who were extremely cooperative and helpful.

Hon. Judge Charles T. Everett	District Judge, Fifteenth Judicial District
Mr. J. Andrus Barousse	Clerk of Court, Acadia Parish
Mr. Elton A. Arceneaux	Sheriff, Acadia Parish
Mr. Aaron Cart	President, Acadia Parish Police Jury
Mr. Marcus Kirk	Secretary/Treasurer, Acadia Parish Police Jury
Mr. Arthur LeBlanc, Jr.	Assessor, Acadia Parish
Mr. Myrth J. Judice	Registrar of Voters, Acadia Parish

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EXISTING SPACE USE

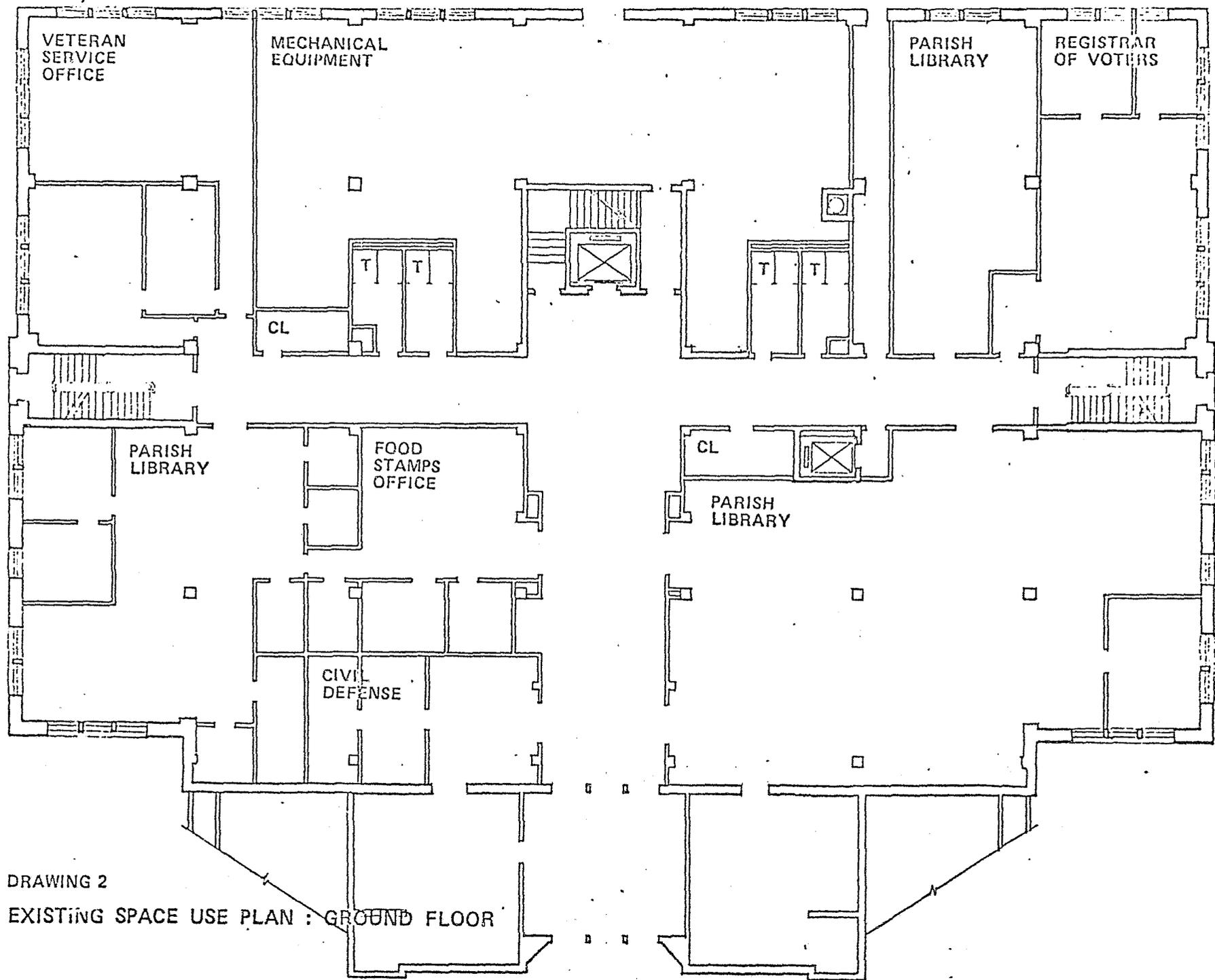
The Acadia Parish Courthouse, completed in 1951, is a steel-framed structure with limestone backed by hollow tile infill external walls and hollow tile internal partitions with plaster finish. The building is structurally sound, reasonably well-maintained and can be used productively for many years. Although there are limited leakage problems due to water seepage, they are not serious enough to affect working conditions in the building, and can be easily remedied.

The four-story courthouse has a conventional layout, with a central corridor along the length of the building, terminating at fire escape staircases at both ends. Such a layout presents circulation problems, is structurally inflexible, and offers limited possibilities for improvement.

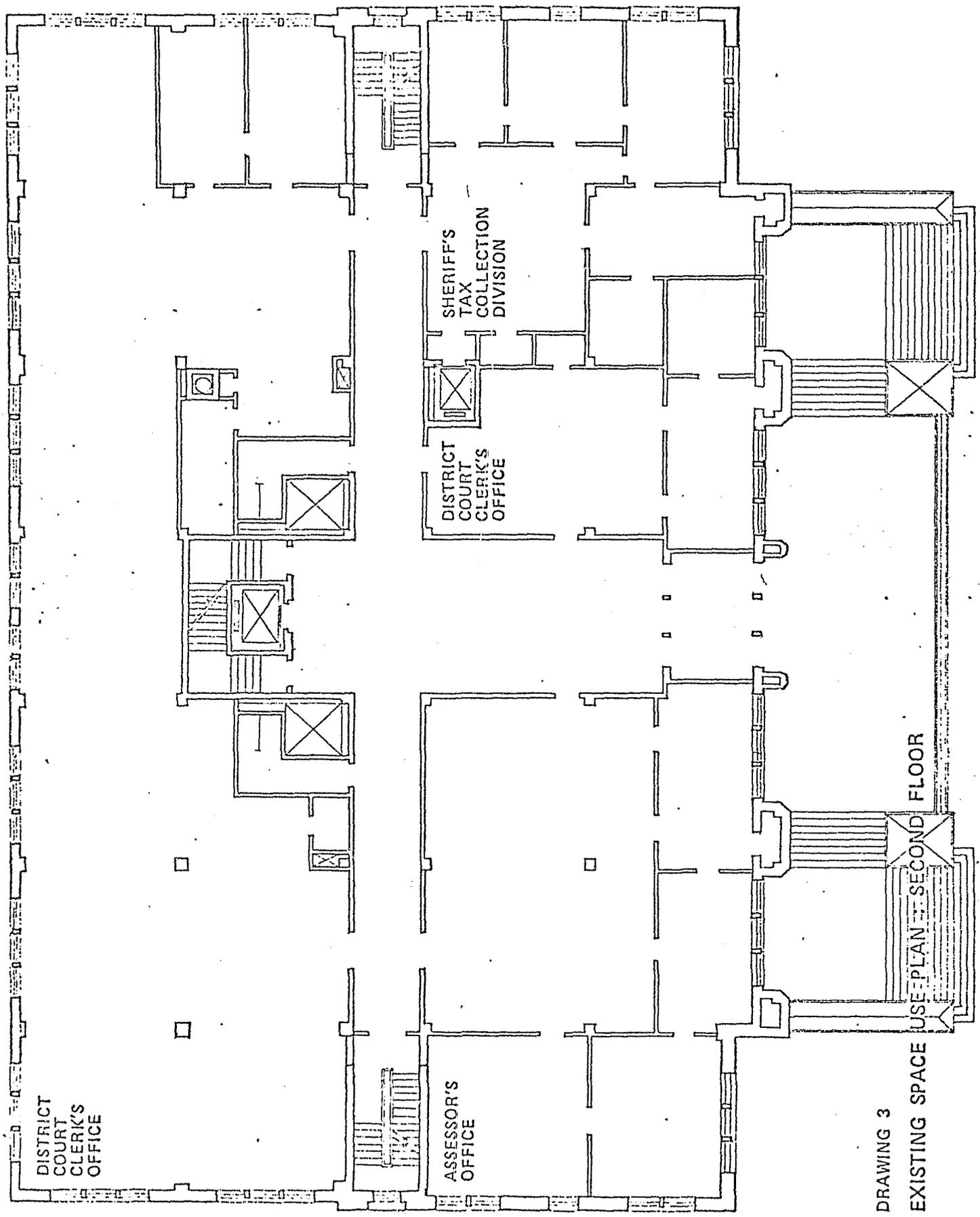
Existing space use can be summarized as follows:

GROUND FLOOR :	Veteran Service Office Registrar of Voters' Office Food Stamps Office Parish Library Civil Defense Spaces
SECOND FLOOR :	Clerk of Court's Office Assessor's Office Tax Collector's Office
THIRD FLOOR :	Police Jury Meeting Room and Office Court Reporter's Office* Courtroom* Judge's Chamber* District Attorney's Office*
FOURTH FLOOR :	Grand Jury Room* Witness Waiting Room* Petit Jury Dormitory*

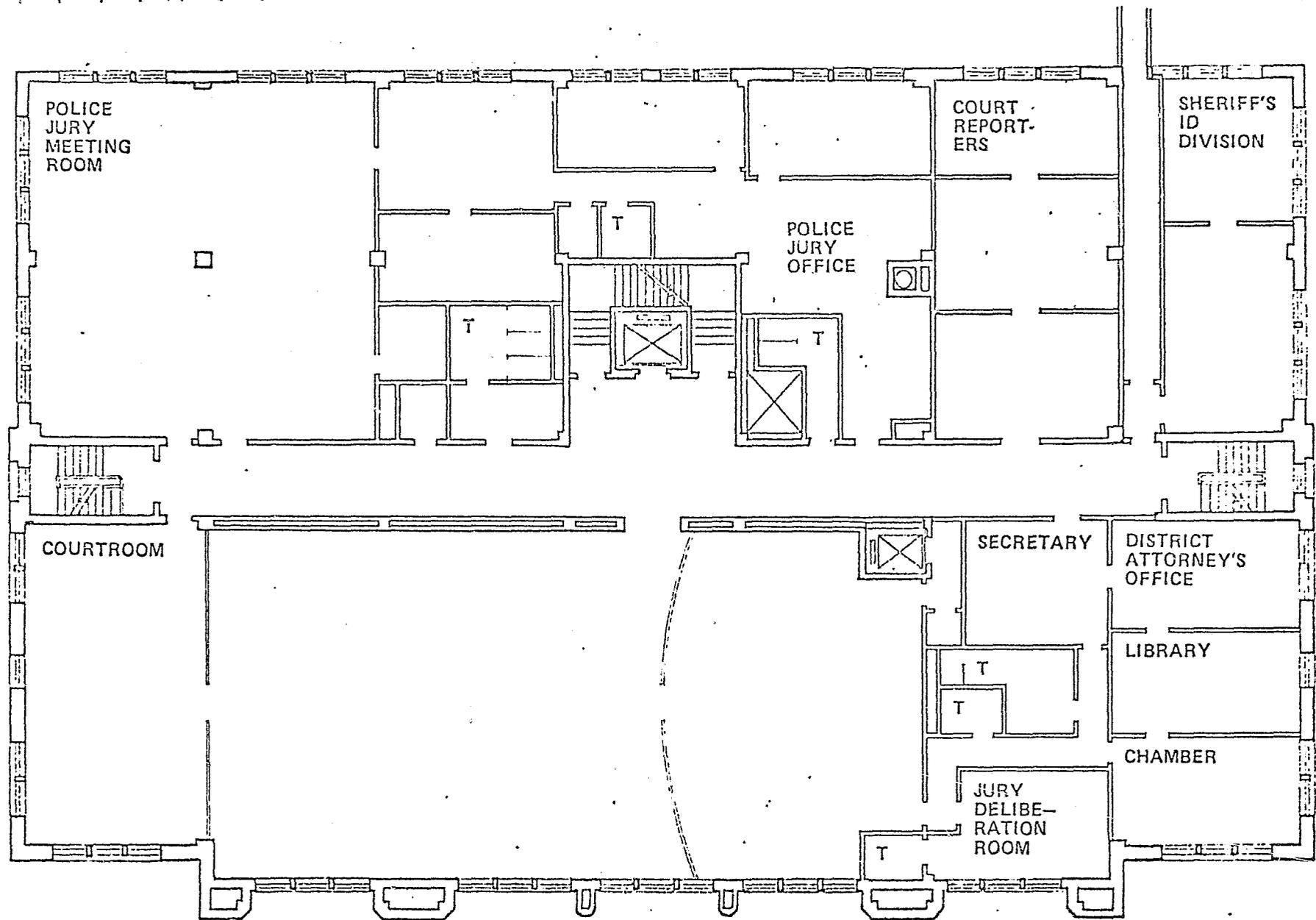
The asterisked uses are related to court operation. Others are related to Police Jury operation and federal and state functions and programs administered by the Police Jury. Existing space use plans are presented in Drawings 1-6.



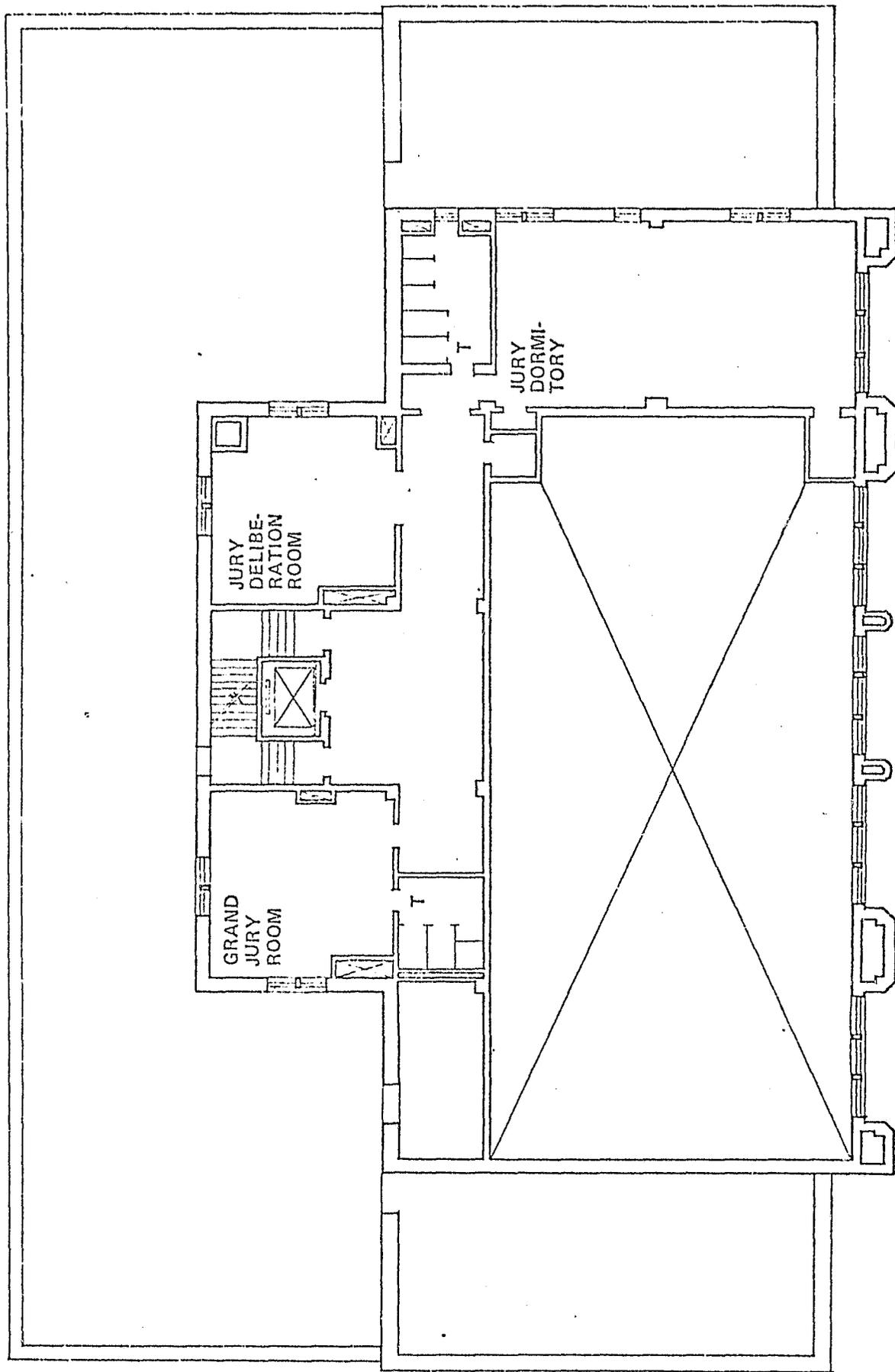
DRAWING 2
 EXISTING SPACE USE PLAN : GROUND FLOOR



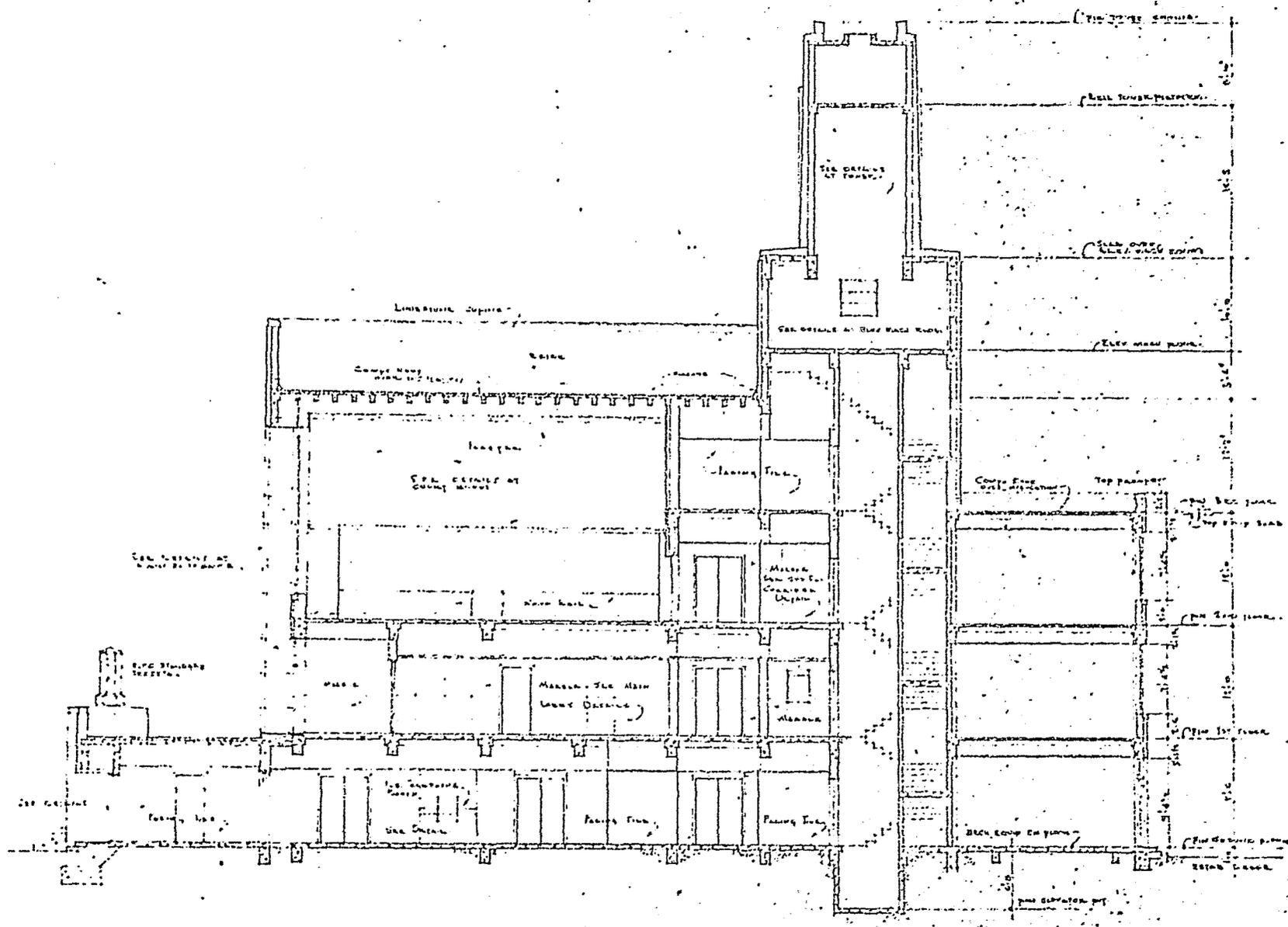
DRAWING 3
EXISTING SPACE



DRAWING 4
 EXISTING SPACE USE PLAN : THIRD FLOOR



DRAWING 5
EXISTING SPACE USE PLAN : FOURTH FLOOR



SECTION ON C. OF BUILDING
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

DRAWING 6
 SECTION THROUGH THE CENTER LINE OF THE BUILDING

PROBLEM STATEMENT

The Sheriff's function and Parish Jail are housed in a separate two-story building directly behind the courthouse (Drawing 1). The courthouse and the jail are connected at the third floor level by a narrow bridge used to transport prisoners between the jail and the courtroom. This has eliminated the use of the prisoner elevator provided in the original courthouse design. The prisoner elevator was designed to bring prisoners from the jail, through a public corridor on the ground floor, to a narrow corridor and a two-man holding cell behind the courtroom. This holding facility is completely inadequate and the jury deliberation room, which could hold up to ten prisoners at a time, has been used as a prisoner holding facility. Inadequate security in prisoner circulation and temporary detention near the courtroom is a major problem in the existing courthouse. At present, prisoners brought over from the jail are escorted across the public corridor, through the District Attorney's Office and pass the judge's chamber to the jury deliberation room which was not designed for the temporary holding of prisoners.

Other problems are related mainly to space use and growing facility needs due to increased workload and records. These problems are summarized below:

- At least two and occasionally three courtrooms are required when two or three judges sit at the same time. At present, the need for a second courtroom is met by using the Police Jury meeting room and, if necessary, in the Grand Jury room on the fourth floor. Both the Police Jury meeting room and the Grand Jury room, in their present conditions, are unsuitable for use as courtrooms.
- Existing judge's chamber facility is inadequate for use by two or more judges and their support staff. The only available chamber is in poor condition, sparsely furnished and devoid of proper decorum.
- The District Attorney and his secretary now occupy a room adjoining the judge's chamber. The existing spatial relationship between the District Attorney's office and the judge's chamber is undesirable, and the District Attorney's office should be relocated elsewhere.
- The jury deliberation room is not soundproof and, therefore, has not been used to serve the function for which it was designed. Instead, a room on the fourth floor is used for jury deliberation. The present jury deliberation room is used, instead, to detain prisoners. This room was not designed for this purpose and its spatial relationship to courtroom layout is undesirable.

- The courtroom is too large and badly lit. As a result of its size, acoustical quality of the courtroom is poor.
- The Court Reporter's room across from the courtroom is underutilized.
- There is no law library for legal research, no conference room for attorneys to confer with their clients in private, no witness waiting room, no office for public defense counsel, no office for probation officers and no secured interview spaces where lawyers can talk to their detained clients.
- Spaces on the fourth floor are underutilized. Petit Jury dormitory is rarely used. The Grand Jury room is also poorly utilized. When used, the room is not soundproof and witnesses waiting outside in the lobby can hear the proceedings.
- The location of Police Jury facilities on the third floor prohibits expansion of the court facilities on that floor.
- The entire ground floor and a part of the second floor are now occupied by non-court-related agencies. Although the Police Jury is responsible for providing space for these agencies, the mounting pressure of priority court needs will soon require relocation of these agencies outside the courthouse building.

STATEMENT ON FACILITY NEEDS

In developing a comprehensive plan, space allocation in the Acadia Parish Courthouse has two distinct phases:

1. Space allocation and planning to meet immediate needs which would entail minimum disruption to the different agencies housed in the building and
2. Planned implementation of a phased relocation and reallocation process to meet long-term needs of priority users of the building, i.e. the court and its ancillary facilities, the Police Jury's primary spaces, including the Police Jury meeting room and administrative offices, the Assessor's Office, and the Sheriff's Tax Collection Office.

The immediate facility and space needs which should be integrated with the existing layout of similar facilities are:

- One additional courtroom for hearing criminal and civil cases.
- Adequate temporary prisoner detention facilities for the existing courtroom and the proposed courtroom.
- One additional judge's chamber.
- Judges' Law Library which could be used by judges' law clerks and, if necessary, by District Attorney's staff and private attorneys.

- Facilities for judges' secretaries, minute clerks, court reporters and bailiffs adjacent to judges' chambers, assuming each District Court judge in the future will have one of each of the above personnel on his support staff.
- Conveniently located offices for the District Attorney's staff, consisting of 1 Assistant District Attorney, 1 coordinator, 1 visiting attorney and 3 secretaries. Three private rooms and one front office for the secretary and visiting attorney with waiting space would be required.
- Offices for the staff of proposed public defense counsel's office.
- If possible, offices for probation officers to interview their clients.
- 2 conference rooms for attorneys to interview clients and witnesses.

While providing for these needs, it is assumed that Grand Jury sessions could be scheduled to use one of the courtrooms or the Police Jury meeting room. Consequently, permanent space for the Grand Jury operation is not necessary.

Long-term facility needs would emanate from the fact that following functions are growing in workload and personnel, and additional space would be required to:

- accommodate the growing records and number of personnel in the District Court Clerk's Office;
- house the expansion needs of the Sheriff's Law Enforcement function which would require additional space in the courthouse. The identification unit of the Sheriff's Department is presently located on the third floor of the courthouse.

PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS AND CRITERIA

Alternative solutions presented in Drawings 7 to 14 are based on the following primary planning assumptions:

- A. Immediate facility needs could be planned and designed on the third and fourth floors of the courthouse to preclude the need for relocating agencies now occupying space on other floors.
- B. Police Jury meeting room and office facility could be relocated to the fourth floor.

- C. The underutilized Petit Jury dormitory and Grand Jury facilities on the fourth floor could be eliminated entirely and existing spaces reallocated and replanned.
- D. Construction for the recommended alterations could be affected during the summer recess to minimize disruption to court operation.

Long-term planning solutions are based on the assumptions that:

- E. The District Court Clerk's Office would eventually need the entire second floor;
- F. The Assessor's Office and the Tax-Collection Division of the Sheriff's Department now occupying spaces on the second floor could eventually be located on the ground floor;
- G. Future growth needs of the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Division can be met by allocating part of the east end of the ground floor to that function;
- H. Non-court-related and non-Police Jury-related functions, such as Veteran Service Office, Food Stamps Office, Parish Library and Civil Defense could be relocated outside the courthouse.
- I. Sufficient time is available to plan for relocation of other agencies to locations outside the courthouse.

These assumptions satisfy the following planning criteria:

- The building should be used for the primary functions for which it was originally designed.
- The immediate and future facility needs of these functions should be satisfied within the existing courthouse in the near future.
- Improved layout should result in improved operations, circulation and security.
- Improved prisoner holding facilities and circulation would provide a degree of security essential to handling prisoners in and around courtrooms. Heavy public traffic would be restricted to lower floors. With entire floors used for major functions such as Court Clerk's Office, Court and Police Jury operations, each floor could be closed to the public when each of these functions is not in operation.

FUNCTIONAL AND SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Based on weighted volume and significance of physical movement and communication, and significance of relationships regardless of movement, Figure 1 has been constructed to show the functional relationships between different departments and agencies to be housed in the proposed new building. The shorter and thicker the line between functions, the stronger and more important the relationship. Functions with stronger relationships should be planned in closer proximity to each other.

Figure 2 is constructed to show public, restrictive or private, and secured spaces based on characteristics of operations performed in different departments. A facility with both public and restrictive spaces indicates that either public access and waiting area are essential, access beyond which would need authorization and supervision, or that a function could be performed both in public and restrictive spaces. For example, attorney's conference rooms which are accessible to the public, and judges' conference rooms which are essentially private. Secured spaces should not have public access. Squares of equal size representing different departments or agencies indicate that size of space is excluded from consideration in this diagram.

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Phase I : Short-Term Space Use Solutions

From an analysis of available information, two alternative solutions have been developed for Phase I. Both solutions propose relocating Police Jury facilities to the fourth floor; moving the Sheriff's Identification Division to the ground floor and providing expansion space for the Sheriff's Office; relocating the Registrar of Voters' Office and part of the Parish Library to the west wing of the ground floor.

Alternatives A and B in Phase I provide for the immediate needs of the court and its ancillary facilities. Phase II proposes possible future use of space in the courthouse.

Alternatives A and B in Phase I are presented in Drawings 7 to 10 and

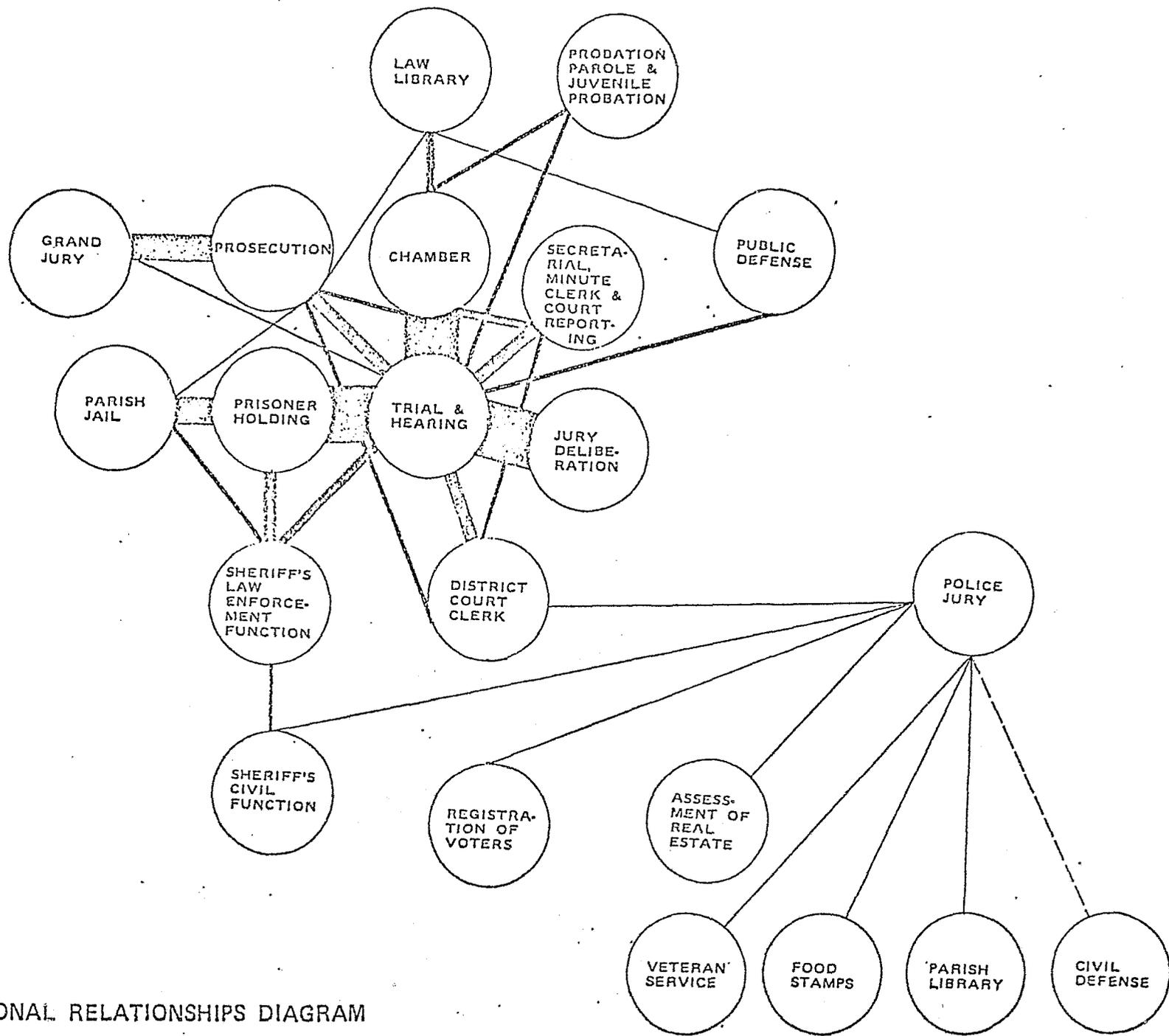


FIGURE 1
FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS DIAGRAM

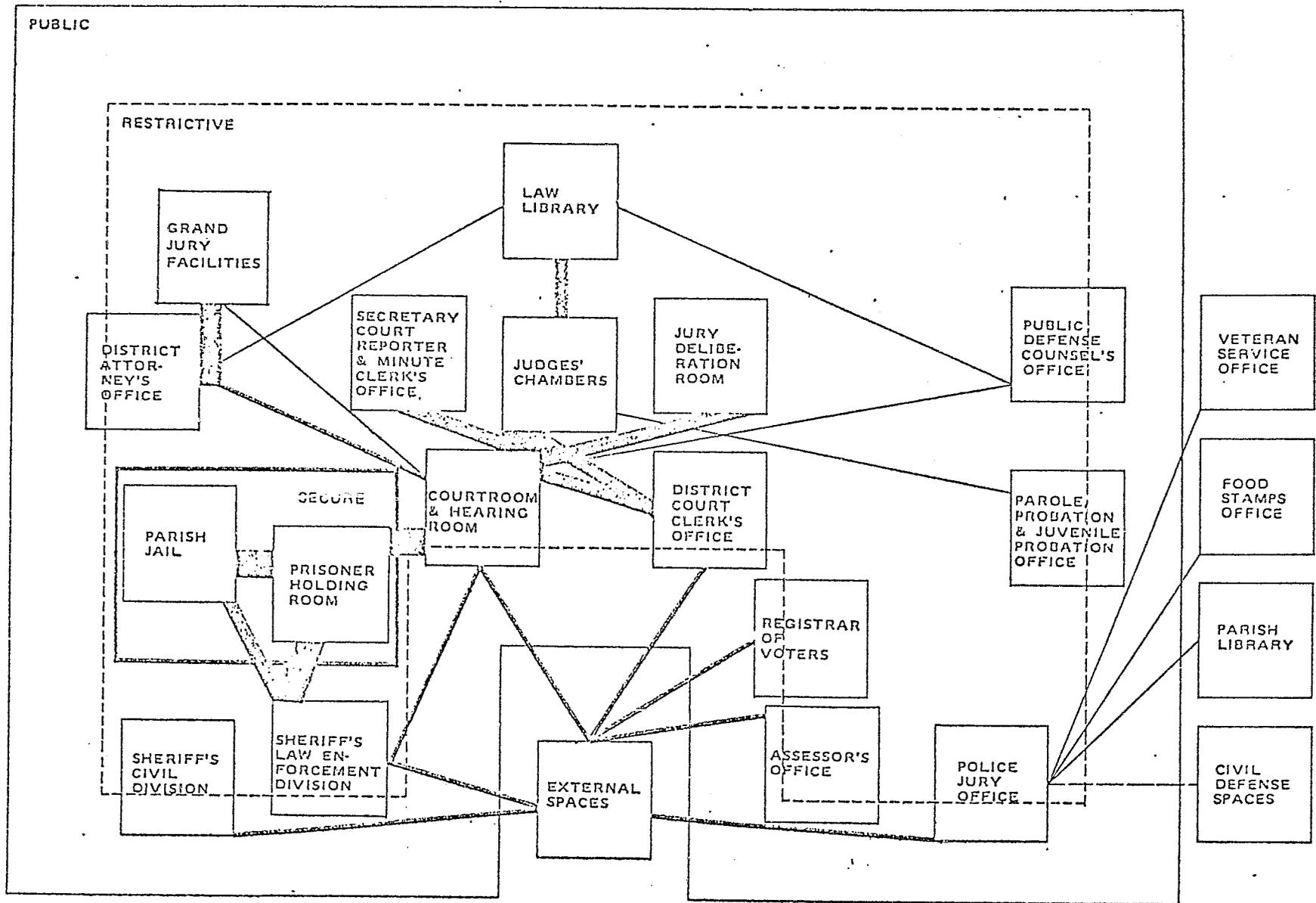


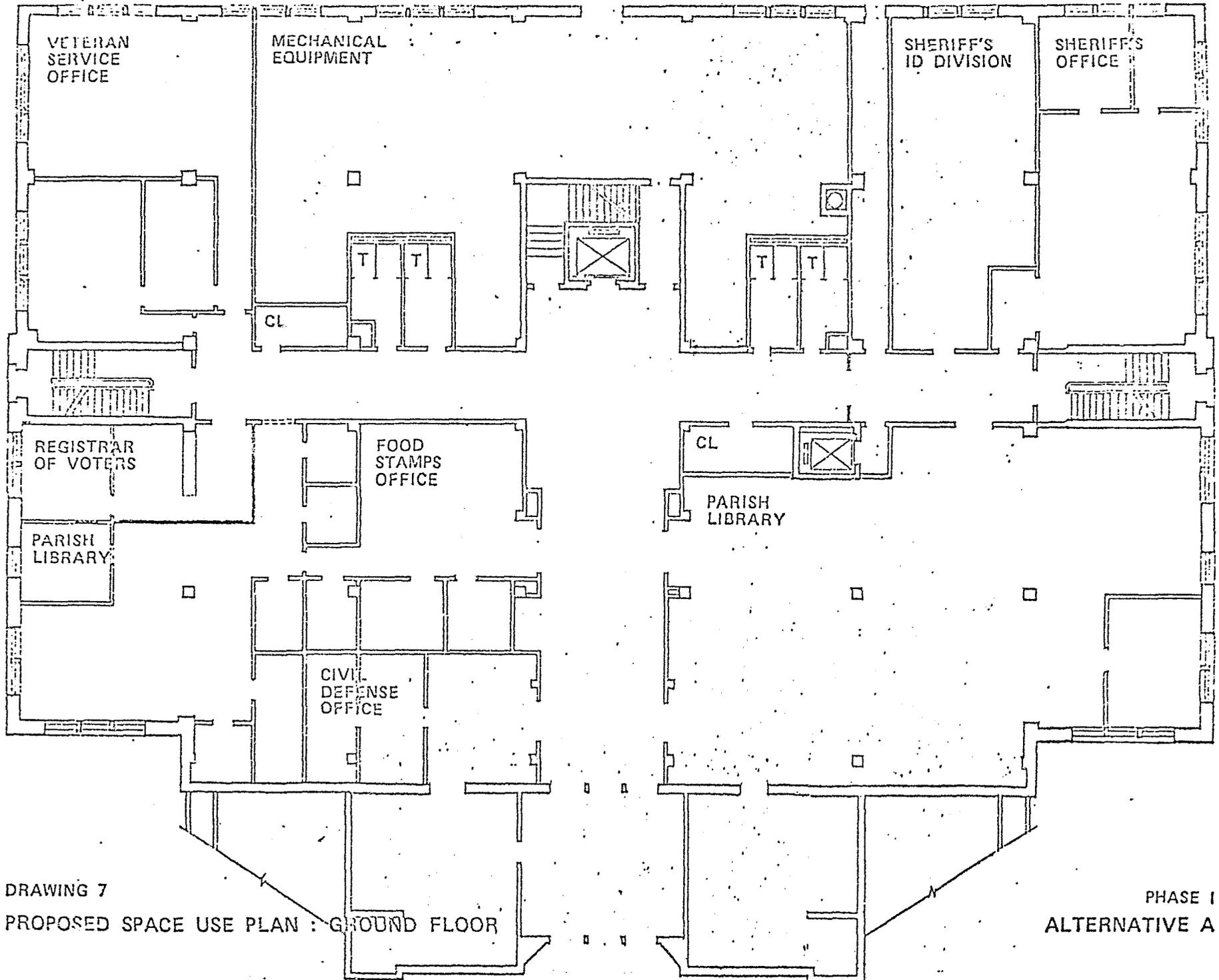
FIGURE 2
SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS DIAGRAM

11 to 14 respectively. Dotted lines show existing walls to be removed or broken into, solid black lines show new walls and hollow double lines show existing walls to be retained. Phase II is shown in Drawings 15 and 16.

Alternative A: (Drawings 7 to 10)

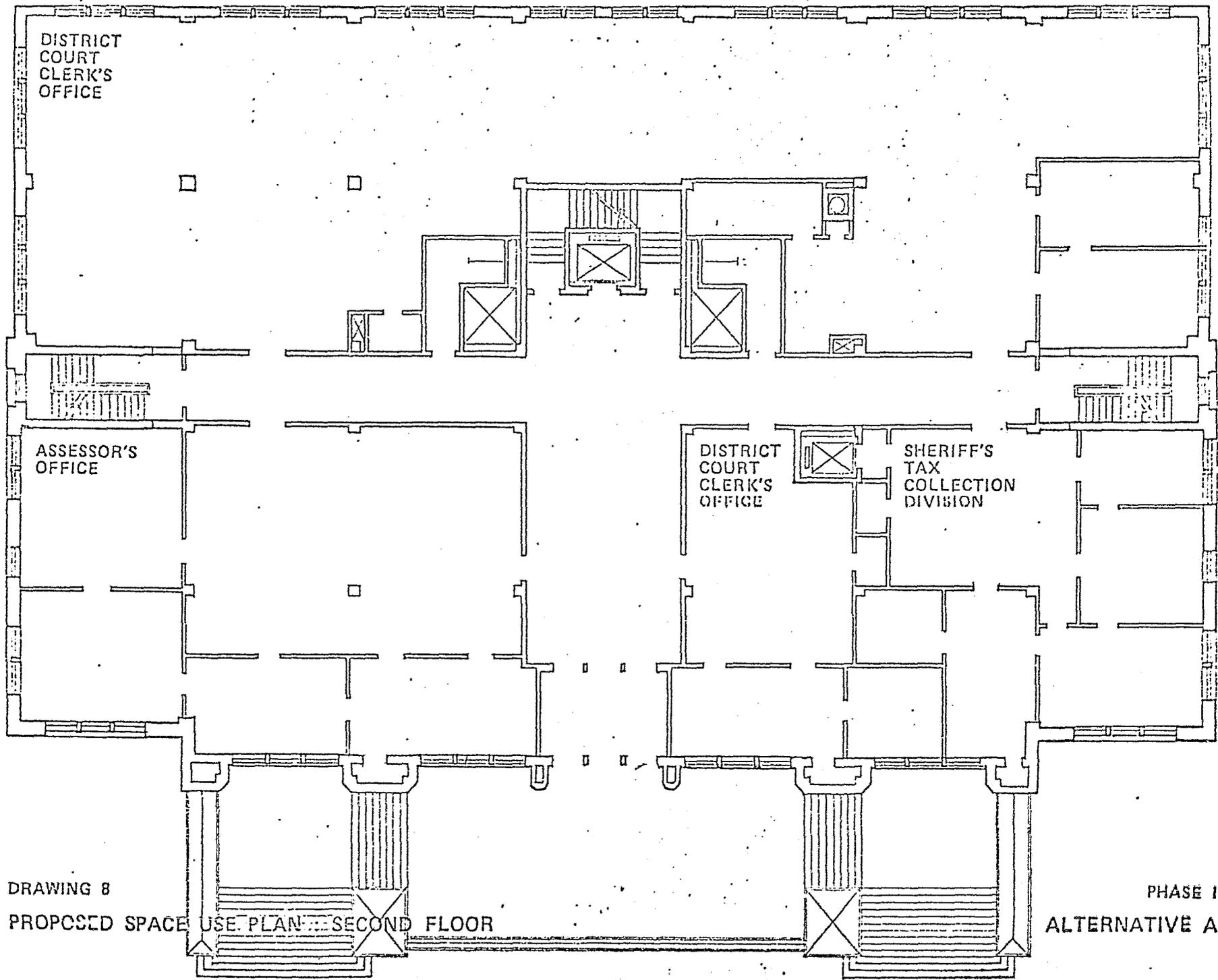
Alternative A involves the following relocation and renovation:

- GROUND FLOOR :
- Relocate the Registrar of Voters' Office and part of the Library from the north-east corner to the underutilized Library space at the south-west corner. This would require only minor renovation work. The Registrar of Voters' Office and the Library space would each have a separate entrance.
 - Install security door in public corridor next to the proposed Sheriff's space to keep the east end of the corridor relatively secured for moving prisoners between the jail and the prisoner elevator on this floor.
 - The Parish Library should be accessible to the public primarily from the public entrance lobby. The door north of the Library space adjoining the secured corridor and proposed Sheriff's space should be closed and used only in case of emergency.
 - During Phase I, the remaining functions on this floor remain unchanged.
- SECOND FLOOR :
- During Phase I, the existing space uses on this floor remain unchanged.
- THIRD FLOOR :
- Remove the Sheriff's Identification Unit to the north-east corner of the first floor. The vacated space then would be renovated for probation offices and an attorneys' lounge/conference room.
 - Minor renovation is necessary in the judge's chamber suite adjoining courtroom 1 to increase the size of the existing prisoner holding facility adjacent to the prisoner elevator and courtroom. A new partition between the courtroom and the jury deliberation room is also necessary to create a soundblock between the two spaces for sound-proofing the jury deliberation room when in use.
 - Relocate the entire Police Jury function to the fourth floor after renovation work on that floor is completed. The vacated rooms on the third floor



DRAWING 7
 PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN : GROUND FLOOR

PHASE I
 ALTERNATIVE A



DISTRICT
COURT
CLERK'S
OFFICE

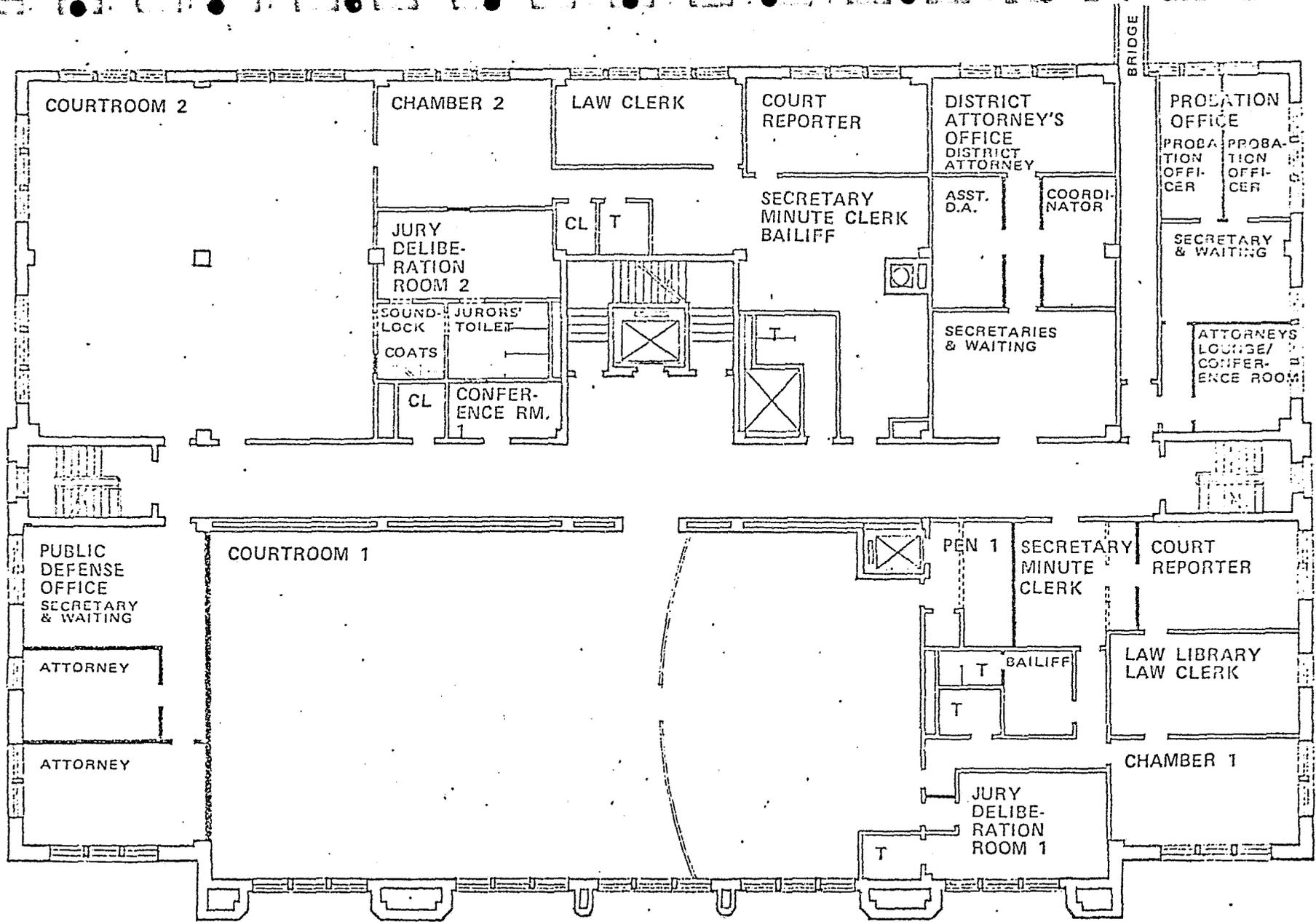
ASSESSOR'S
OFFICE

DISTRICT
COURT
CLERK'S
OFFICE

SHERIFF'S
TAX
COLLECTION
DIVISION

DRAWING 8
PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN - SECOND FLOOR

PHASE I
ALTERNATIVE A

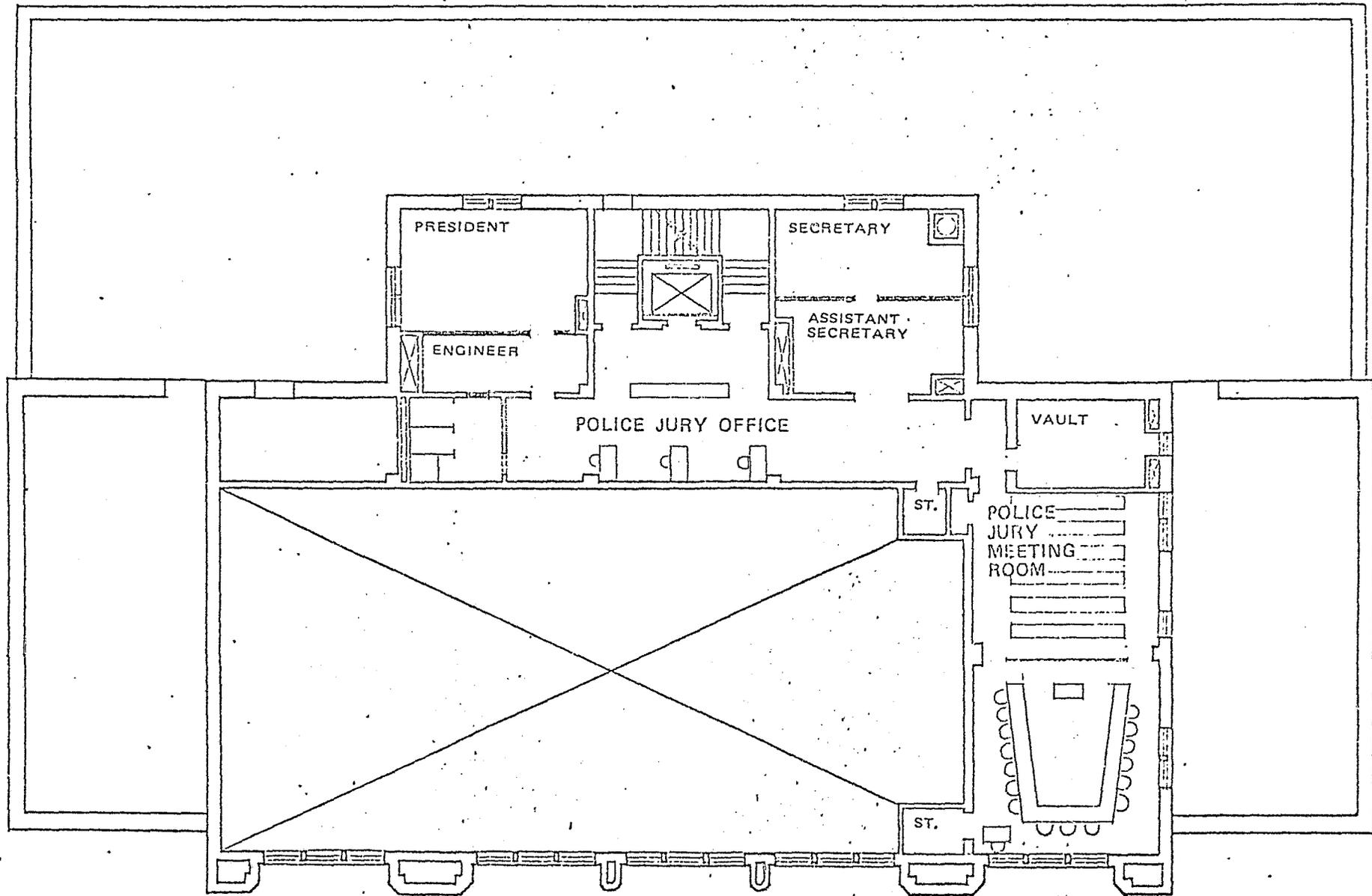


DRAWING 9

PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN : THIRD FLOOR

NOTE: Air conditioning system, especially air distribution ducts and ceiling registers, requires redesigning and balancing.
New lighting fixtures are also necessary.

PHASE I
ALTERNATIVE A



DRAWING 10

PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN : FOURTH FLOOR

NOTE: Air conditioning system, especially air-distribution ducts and ceiling registers, requires redesigning and balancing.
New lighting fixtures are also necessary.

PHASE I
ALTERNATIVE A

would be reassigned as the second courtroom and ancillary facilities, including judge's chamber, law clerk's office, court reporter's office, minute clerk and bailiff's office, a conference room and a jury deliberation room adjoining the courtroom.

- Renovate the existing vault and store room into jury deliberation facilities, including the jury deliberation room, jurors' toilet, and an entrance/soundlock space to the jury deliberation room, with coat closet and access to the toilet. Minor renovation work involving filling-in door openings and installing new doors is required.
- Relocate the existing court reporter from his present space to an office in the judge's chamber suite east of Courtroom 1. A second court reporter's office for Courtroom 2 is provided as part of the second judge's chamber suite adjoining Courtroom 2. The space vacated by the court reporter then would be converted into offices for the District Attorney's Office.
- Enclose the rear of the existing large Courtroom 1 and convert the space into offices for the proposed Public Defender's Office.

FOURTH FLOOR:

Convert the existing space on this floor into offices, vault and meeting room for the Police Jury of Acadia Parish. As this space is very infrequently used at present, it should be renovated as early as possible so that the Police Jury could be relocated from the third floor. The vacated space on the third floor then could be renovated for court needs.

In terms of implementation sequence, the ground and fourth floors should be renovated first so that functions from the third floor, including the Sheriff's Identification Unit and Police Jury facilities, could be relocated. The entire third floor then could be renovated for court use.

Alternative A will provide the following facilities on each floor:

GROUND FLOOR: Sheriff's Identification Division
 Expansion space for the Sheriff's Office
 Parish Library
 Food Stamps Office
 Civil Defense Office
 Registrar of Voters' Office
 Veteran Service Office

SECOND FLOOR: District Court Clerk's Office
 Sheriff's Tax Collection Division
 Assessor's Office

- THIRD FLOOR : Courtroom 1
- Increase detention facility.
 - Expand Judge's chamber with adequate facilities for support staff.
 - This courtroom could handle all original cases involving detained defendants.
 - The jury deliberation room would be made sound-proof by separating jurors' access from judge's and staff access to their offices.

Courtroom 2

- Adequate judge's chamber and support staff facilities.
- A second jury deliberation room.
- This courtroom would be satisfactory for handling civil cases and criminal cases where defendants are on bail.
- This courtroom could be used as a Grand Jury hearing room by careful scheduling, when needed.

Attorneys' Conference Rooms
 Attorneys' Lounge/Conference Room
 Witness Room
 District Attorney's Office
 Public Defense Office
 Probation Office

- FOURTH FLOOR : Police Jury Meeting Room and Office. The meeting room could also be used for Grand Jury session by careful scheduling when needed.

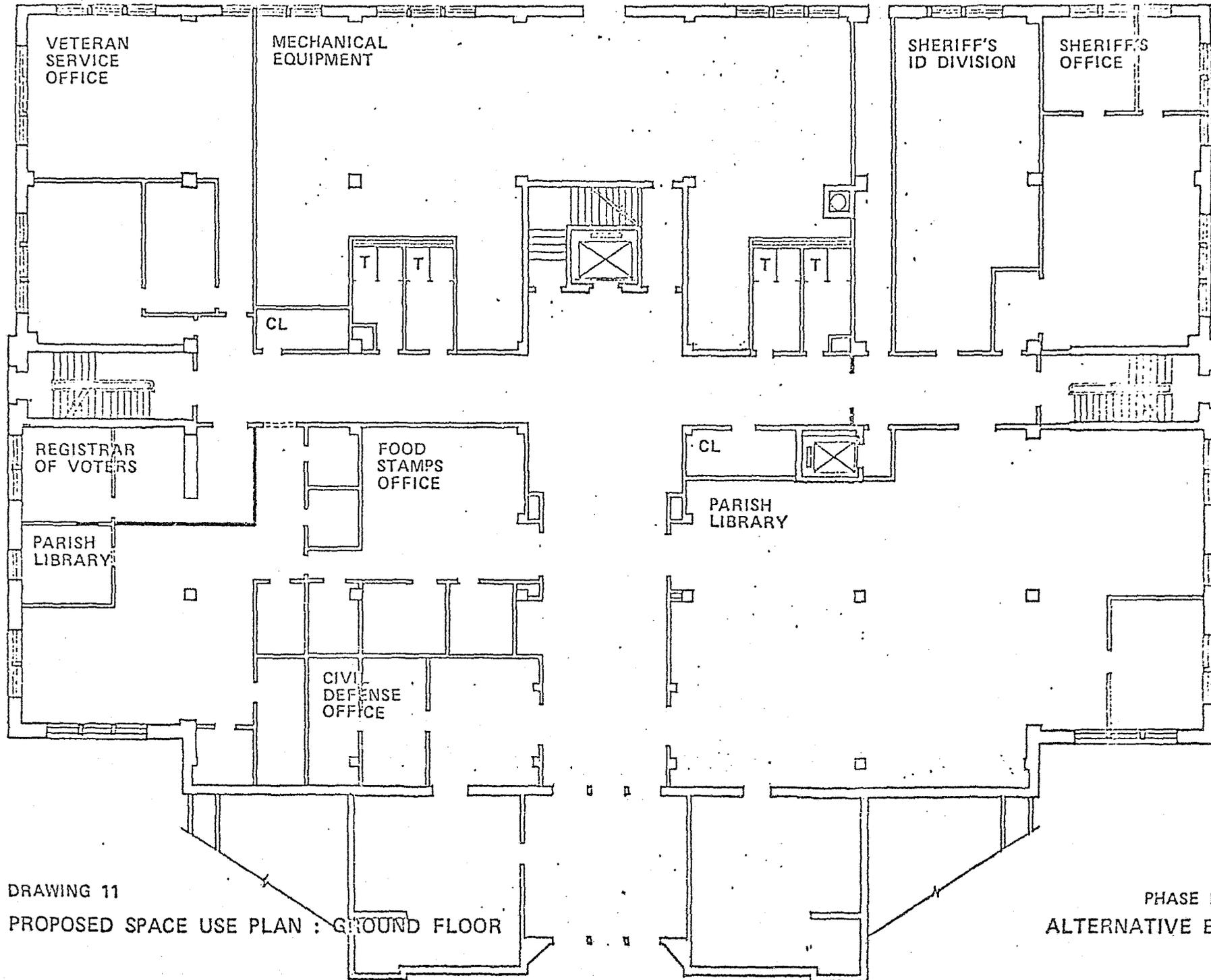
The major advantage of Alternative A is the minimum renovation work involved which conceivably could be completed during the court's summer recess at minimum cost. However, this alternative is feasible only if the second courtroom, which is the present Police Jury meeting room, is used only to hear civil cases and criminal cases where defendants are on bail. In other words, no prisoner holding facility adjoining the courtroom has been planned for criminal trials involving detained defendants due to the problem of providing secured prisoner access between the jail and the courtroom. With existing structural and planning constraints and the need for minimum disruption to court operations, even if a detention area is provided next to the courtroom, prisoners would have to be escorted through public corridor on the third floor from the jail.

This alternative also makes the bridge from the jail redundant except for the occasional case in which a prisoner is needed in the second courtroom and if the prisoner elevator is inoperative. The prisoner elevator offers better security in transferring prisoners.

Alternative B : (Drawings 11 to 14)

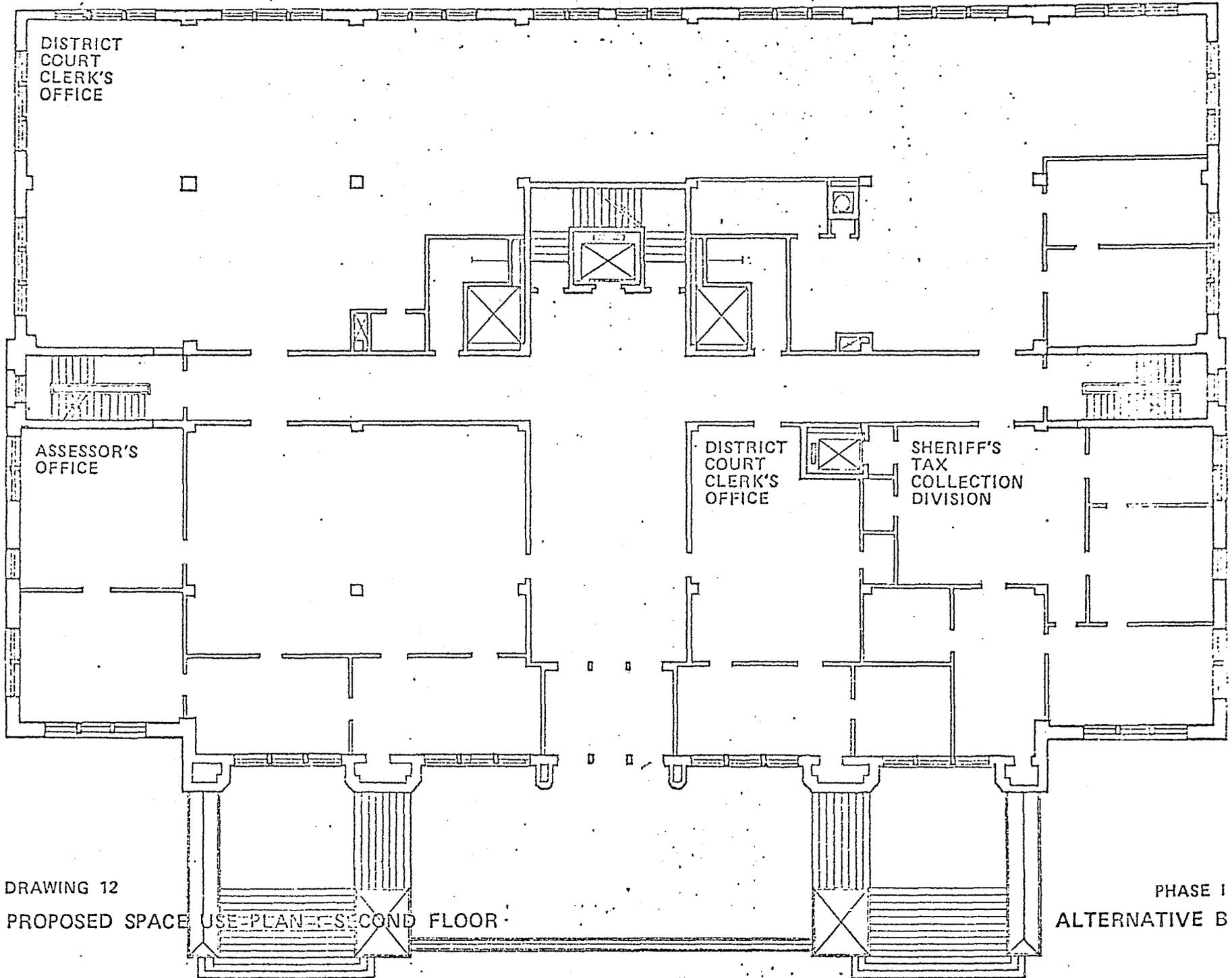
Alternative B involves the following relocation and renovation:

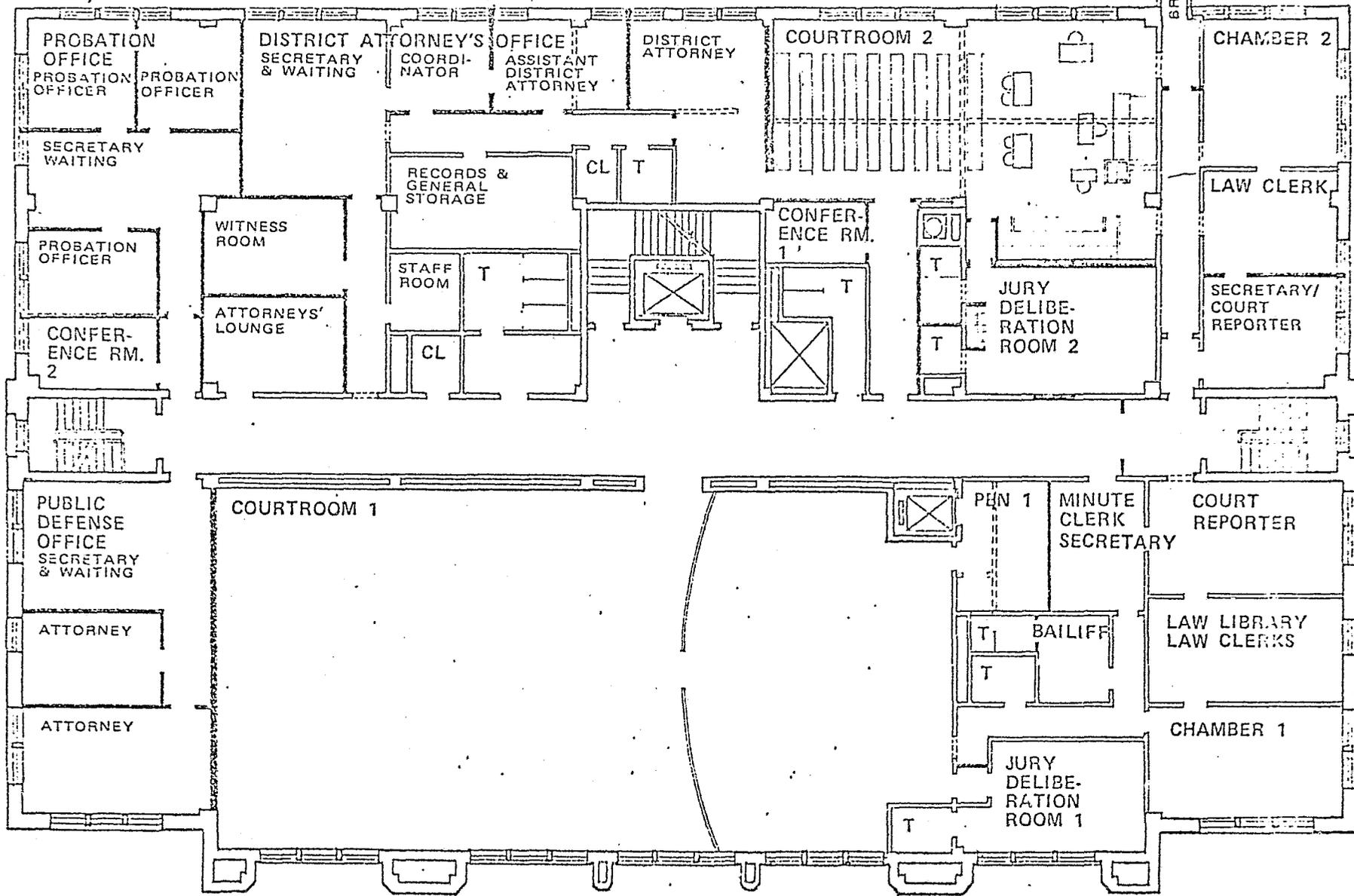
- GROUND FLOOR : • Same as in Alternative A.
- SECOND FLOOR : • During Phase I, the existing space uses on this floor remain unchanged.
- THIRD FLOOR : • Remove the Sheriff's Identification Unit to the north-east corner of the first floor. The vacated space then would be renovated for ancillary facilities to the proposed adjoining Courtroom 2, including judge's chamber, law clerk's office, and secretary's and court reporter's office.
- Minor renovation is necessary in the judge's chamber suite adjoining Courtroom 1 to increase the size of the existing prisoner holding facility adjacent to the prisoner elevator and courtroom. A new partition between the courtroom and the jury deliberation room is also necessary to create a sound lock between the two spaces for soundproofing the jury deliberation room when in use.
- Relocate the entire Police Jury function to the fourth floor after renovation on that floor is completed.
- Relocate the existing court reporter from its present space to an office in the judge's chamber suite east of Courtroom 1.
- The space vacated by the court reporter and Police Jury then would be renovated to provide the second courtroom with direct secured prisoner access from the jail, District Attorney's Office, Probation Office, records and general storage room, witness room, attorneys' conference rooms, attorneys' lounge and a small staff room. The arrangement of these facilities, as shown on Drawing 13, requires major renovation involving extensive partitioning, soundproofing and changes in mechanical and electrical systems.
- Enclose the rear of the existing large Courtroom 1 and convert the space into offices for the proposed Public Defender's Office.



DRAWING 11
 PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN : GROUND FLOOR

PHASE I
 ALTERNATIVE B



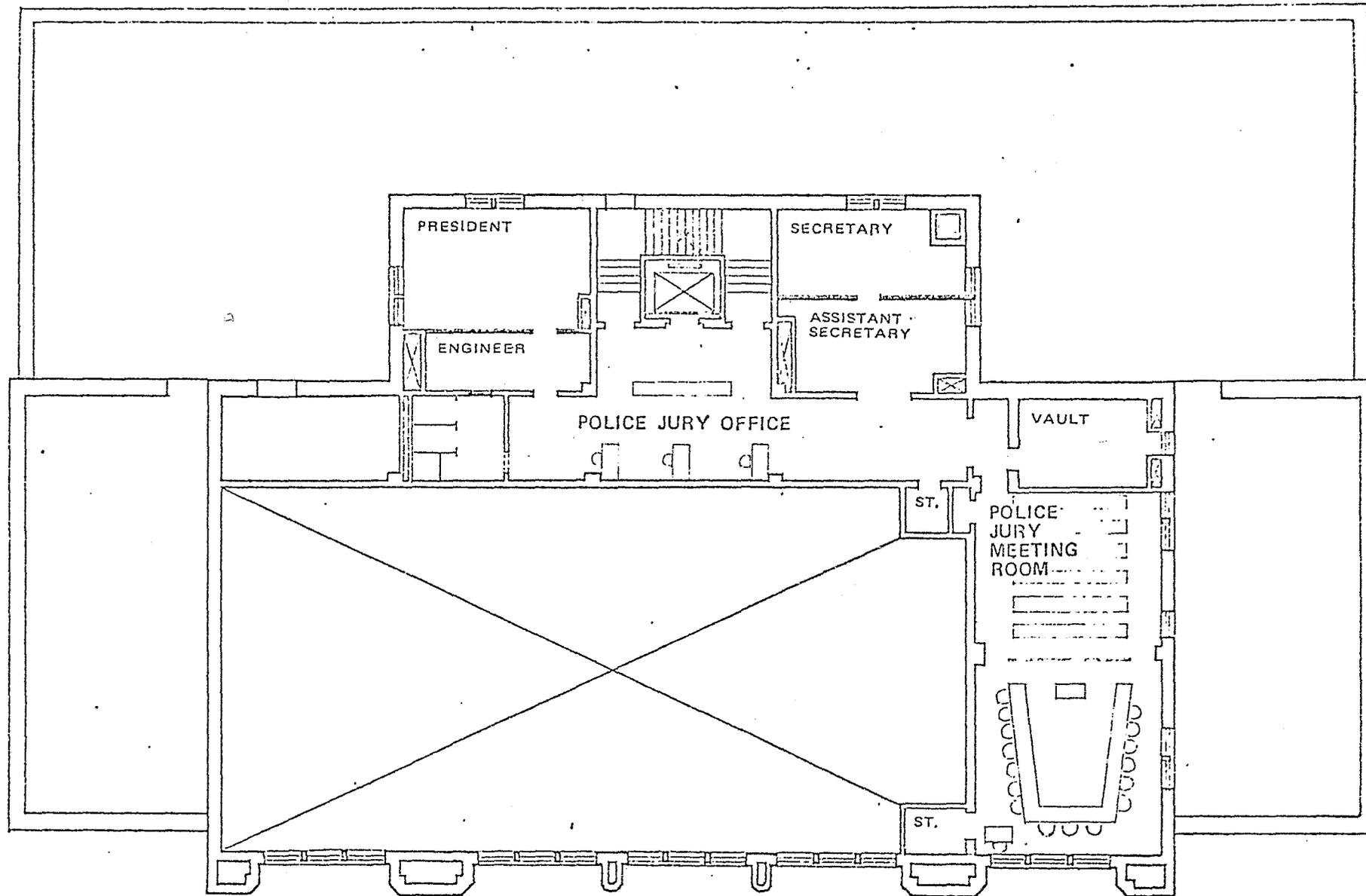


DRAWING 13

PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN : THIRD FLOOR

NOTE: Air conditioning system, especially air distribution ducts and ceiling registers, requires redesigning and balancing. New lighting fixtures are also necessary.

PHASE 1
ALTERNATIVE B



DRAWING 14

PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN : FOURTH FLOOR

NOTE: Air conditioning system, especially air distribution ducts and ceiling registers, requires redesigning and balancing, New lighting fixtures are also necessary.

PHASE 1
ALTERNATIVE B

FOURTH FLOOR : • Same as in Alternative A.

Again, in terms of implementation sequence, the ground and fourth floors should be renovated first so that functions from the third floor, including the Sheriff's Identification Unit and Police Jury facilities, could be re-located. The entire third floor then could be renovated for court use.

After implementation, Alternative B will provide the following facilities on each floor:

GROUND FLOOR : Sheriff's Identification Division
Expansion space for Sheriff's Office
Parish Library
Food Stamps Office
Civil Defense Office
Registrar of Voters' Office
Veteran Service Office

SECOND FLOOR : District Court Clerk's Office
Sheriff's Tax Collection Division
Assessor's Office

THIRD FLOOR : Courtroom 1

- Increase detention facility.
- Expand judge's chamber and ancillary facilities for the support staff.
- The jury deliberation room can be made sound-proof by separating jurors' access from judge's and staff access to their offices.

Courtroom 2

- Direct and secured prisoner access from jail via bridge.
- A second jury deliberation room with men and women toilets.
- Adequate judge's chamber and support staff facilities planned with proper access, circulation and layout.
- Both Courtrooms 1 and 2 could handle criminal cases involving detained defendants as separate prisoner access and detention facility have been provided for each courtroom.
- One of the two courtrooms could be scheduled for use as the Grand Jury hearing room when needed.

2 Attorney Conference Rooms
Witness Room
Attorneys' Lounge
Public Defense Office
Probation Office
Staff Room

FOURTH FLOOR : Police Jury Meeting Room and Office. The meeting room could also be used for Grand Jury session by careful scheduling when needed.

Alternative B offers two courtrooms with proper detention, chambers, support staff, courtroom and ancillary facilities and improved circulation of prisoners, judges and public. Prisoners to Courtroom 1 would be transported by the prisoner elevator and through the Sheriff's area on the ground floor. Prisoners to Courtroom 2 should be brought over the bridge from the Jail.

This alternative involves more renovation work but offers more flexible and functional facilities, more secured circulation and layout which will meet the needs of the court for the foreseeable future.

Phase IILong-Term Space Use Solution (Drawings 15 and 16)

The long-term plan involves the eventual removal of all non-court and non-Police Jury functions from the parish courthouse.

The overall space use of the building would be as follows:

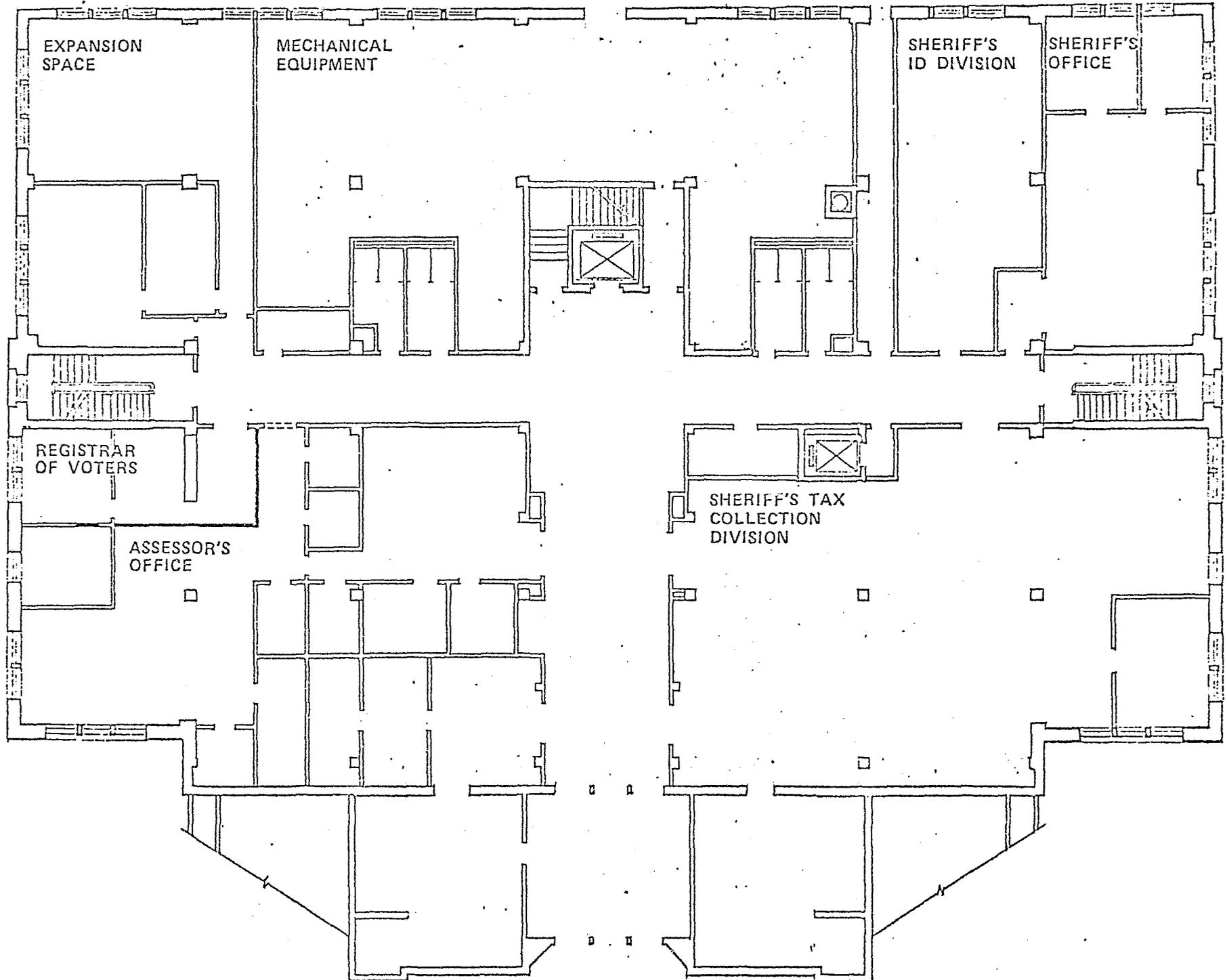
GROUND FLOOR : Sheriff's Identification Division and Offices
Sheriff's Tax Collection Division
Registrar of Voters' Office
Assessor's Office

SECOND FLOOR : District Court Clerk's Office

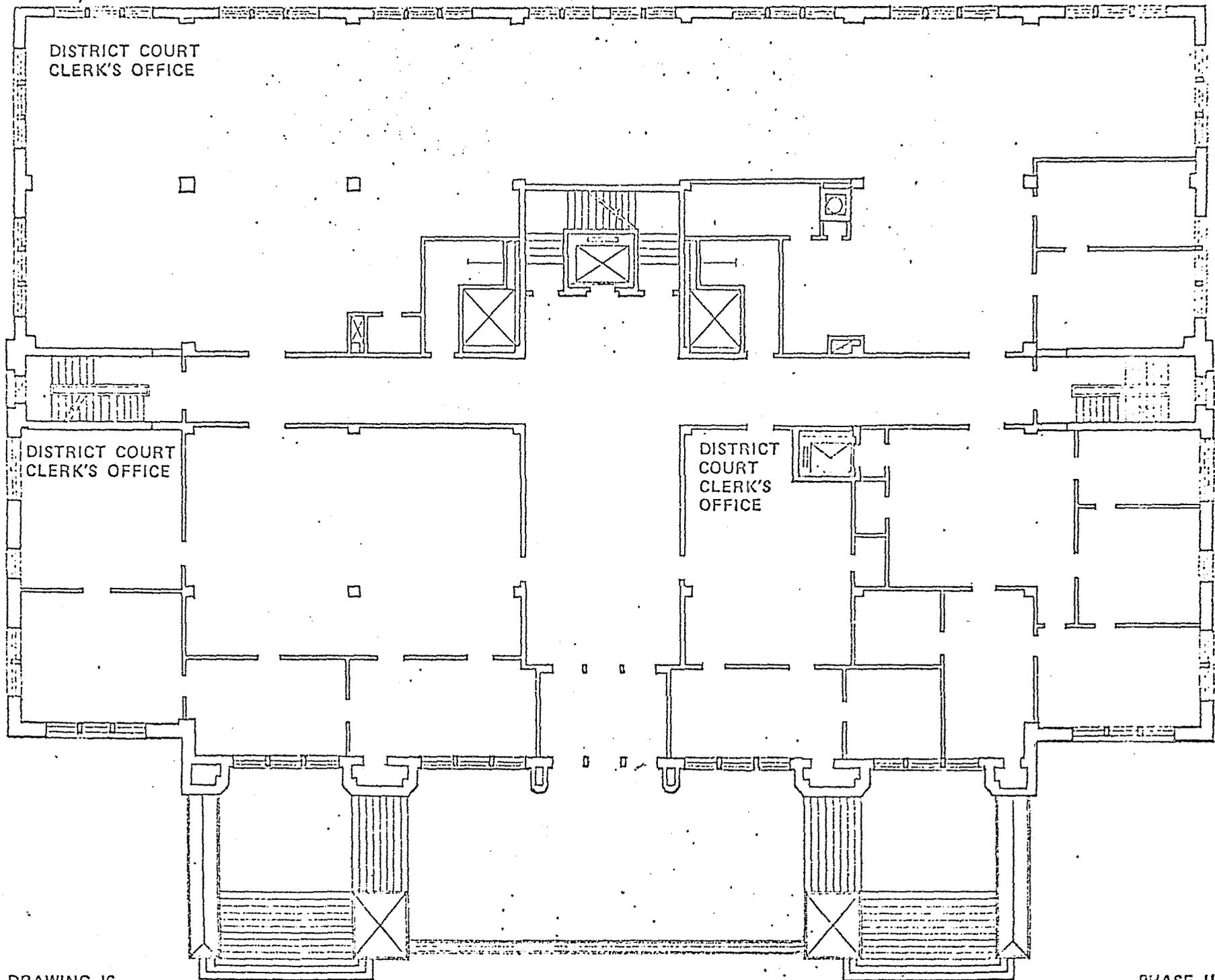
THIRD FLOOR : District Court's Facilities -
Courtrooms and ancillary facilities
Chambers and support staff facilities.
District Attorney's Office
Public Defense Office
Probation Office

FOURTH FLOOR : Police Jury Meeting Room and Office

Phase II involves relocation of the Assessor's Office and the Sheriff's Tax Collection Division from the second to the first floor after non-court and non-Police Jury functions have been removed from the courthouse. Renovation work for this phase is not anticipated.



DRAWING 15
PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN : GROUND FLOOR



DRAWING 16
PROPOSED SPACE USE PLAN - SECOND FLOOR

PHASE II

RECOMMENDATION

In Phase I, Alternative A (Drawings 7-10) involves minimum renovation work on the third floor. Such work can be completed during the summer recess at minimum cost and with minimum disruption to court operations. If cases could be scheduled so that Courtroom 1 handles all criminal trials involving detained defendants and Courtroom 2 criminal trials involving defendants on bail, then Alternative A would be recommended. However, if cases could not be scheduled in this manner, and both courtrooms require separate secured prisoner access, then Alternative B should be adopted for implementation. Alternative B (Drawings 11-14) requires considerably more renovation work, and the construction cost would also be much higher. In particular, essential changes in the air distribution system and ceiling registers in Alternative B are more extensive than Alternative A, resulting in considerably higher renovation cost. Alternative B, however, offers greater flexibility in space use, and has more adequate ancillary facilities such as witness room and attorneys' lounge.

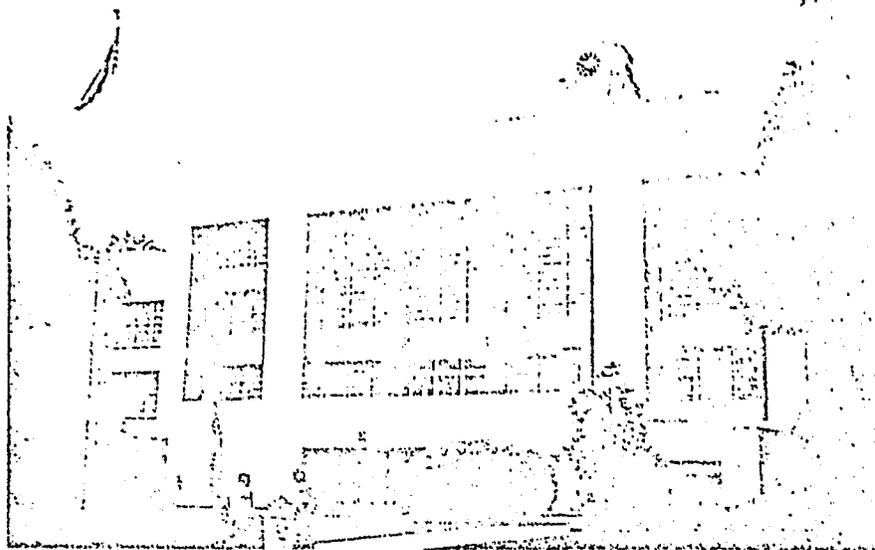
Discussions with Judge Edmund M. Reggie and Mr. Aaron Cart indicated that the number of criminal trials involving detained defendants is few and that it would be entirely possible to schedule such cases to Courtroom 1 which has an adequate adjoining prisoner holding facility. With this primary assumption, and considering major cost benefits and minimum disruption to court operations, the consultants recommend the adoption of Alternative A for implementation.

Phase II, containing a long-term space use solution, recommends the eventual removal of all non-court and non-Police Jury functions, including Veteran Service, Food Stamps, Parish Library and Civil Defense, from the Parish Courthouse. All governmental agencies and authorities concerned with the implementation of recommendations presented in this report should begin to coordinate their efforts in finding suitable alternative locations for these functions. Nearby parish-owned buildings should be studied as to future space availability. In fact, a comprehensive study of all spaces in parish-owned buildings should be conducted to plan for their optimal uses, based on carefully established priorities and relationships. Phase II plans (Drawings 15 and 16) could be combined with plans for either Alternative A or B in Phase I to produce a comprehensive long-term plan for the entire courthouse.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

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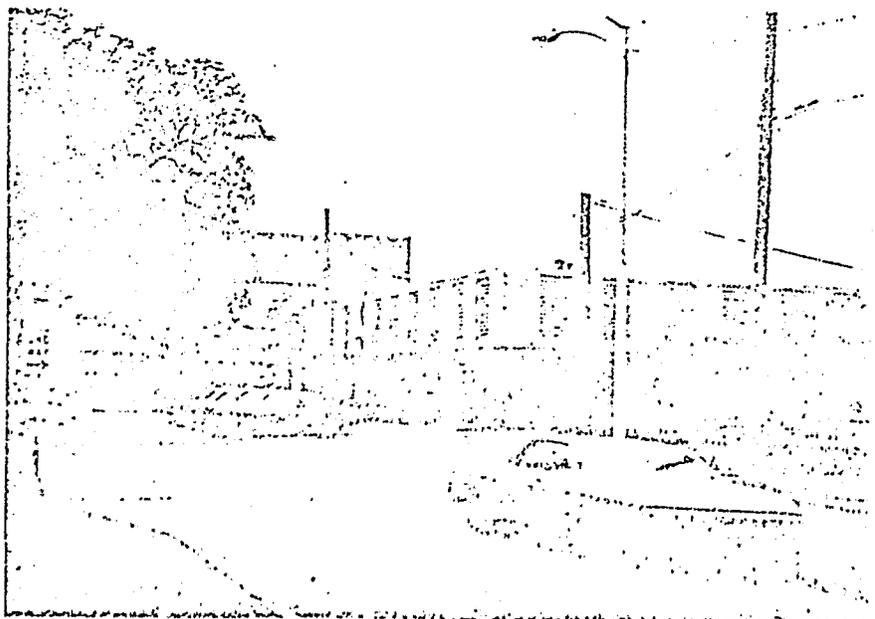
Front View of Courthouse



Rear and Side View of Courthouse

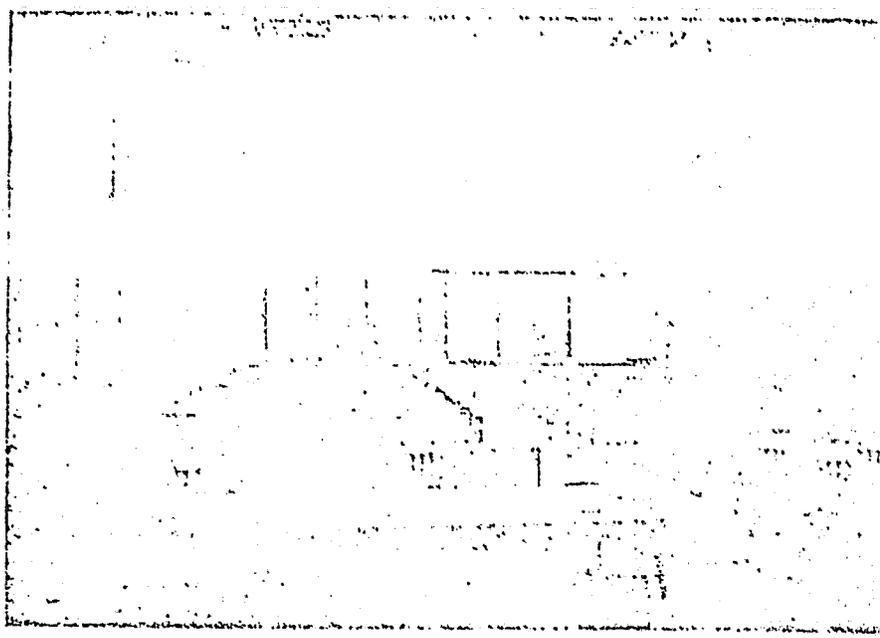


Sheriff's Office and Jail Building
Connected to the Courthouse by
means of a Bridge on the 3rd Floor

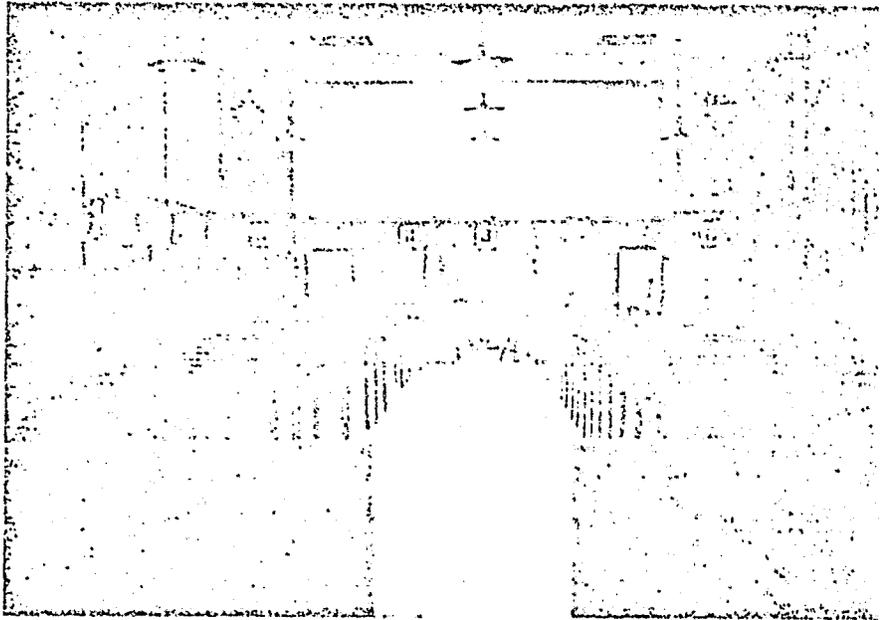


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Courtroom: View from Judicial Area



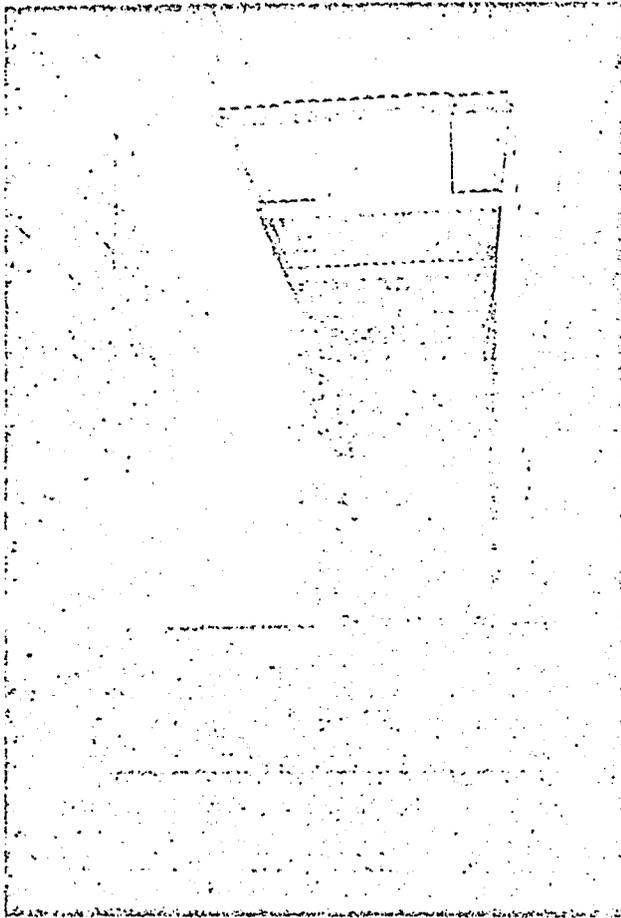
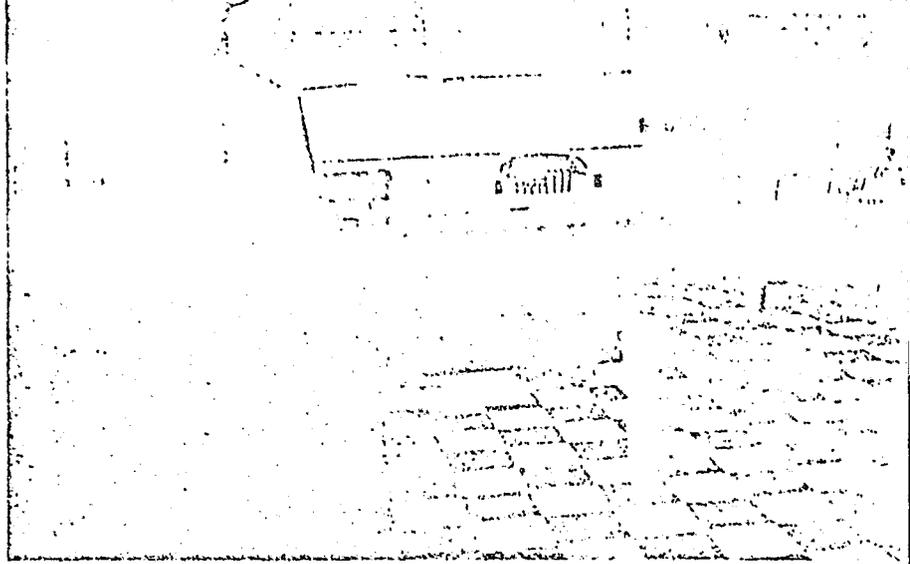
Courtroom: View from Public Area



Courtroom: Judicial Area



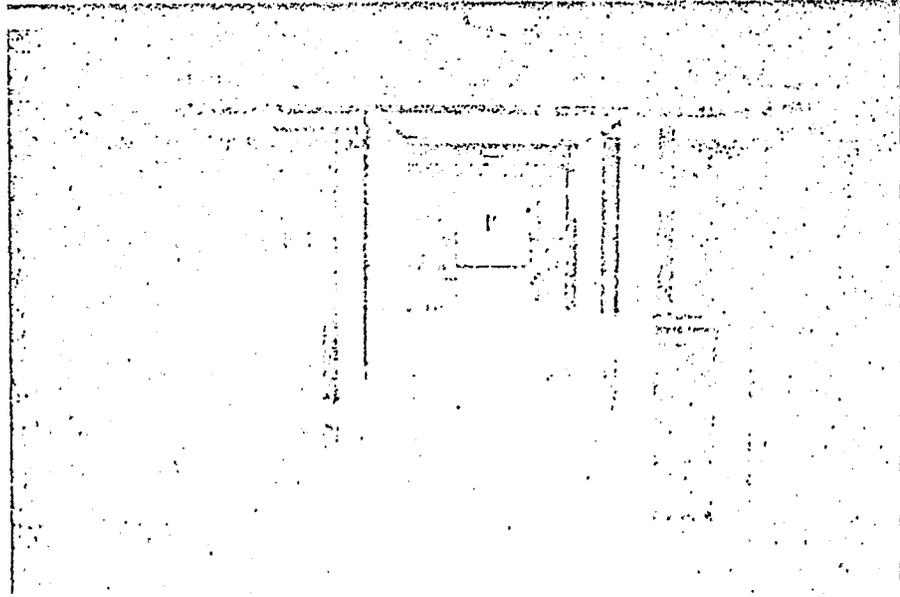
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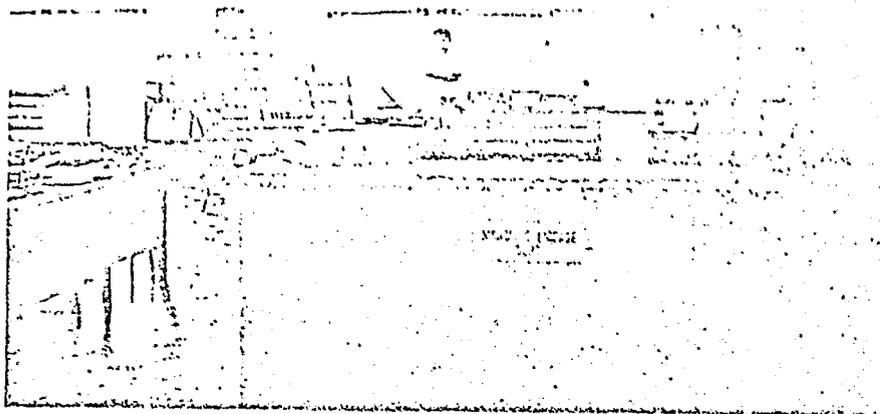
Secured Passage in Connecting Bridge between Jail and Courtroom on 3rd Floor of Courthouse

Public Entrance Lobby and Corridor

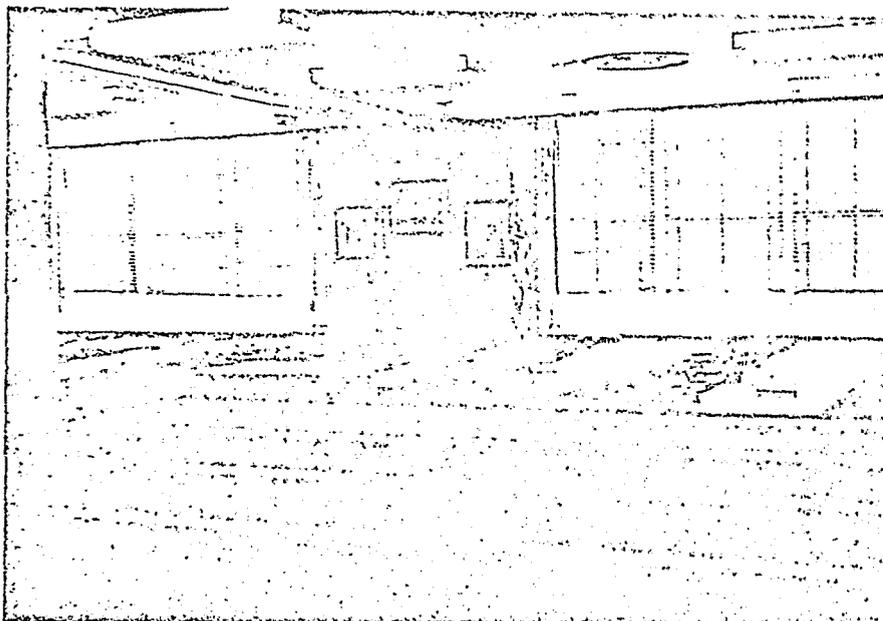


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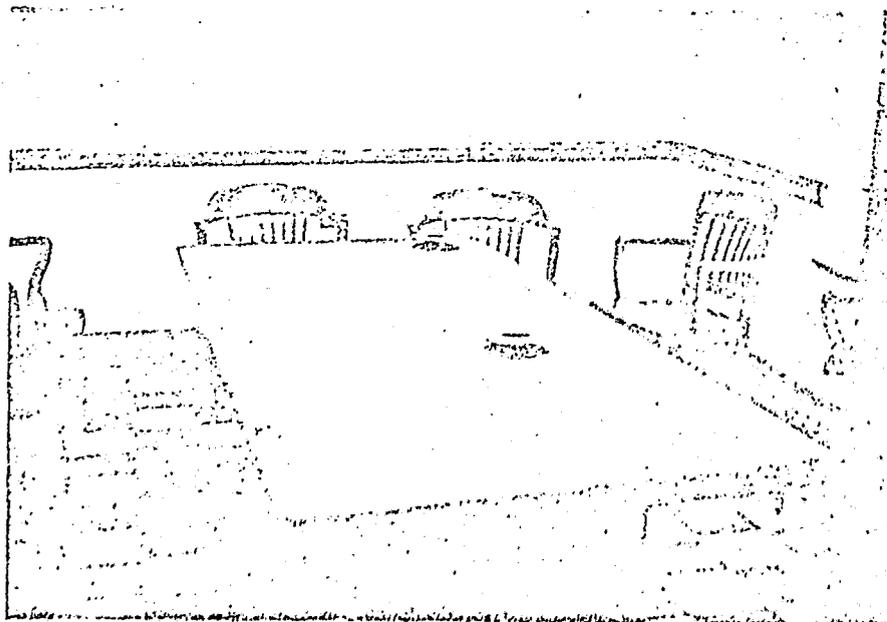
Clerk's Office



Police Jury Meeting Room

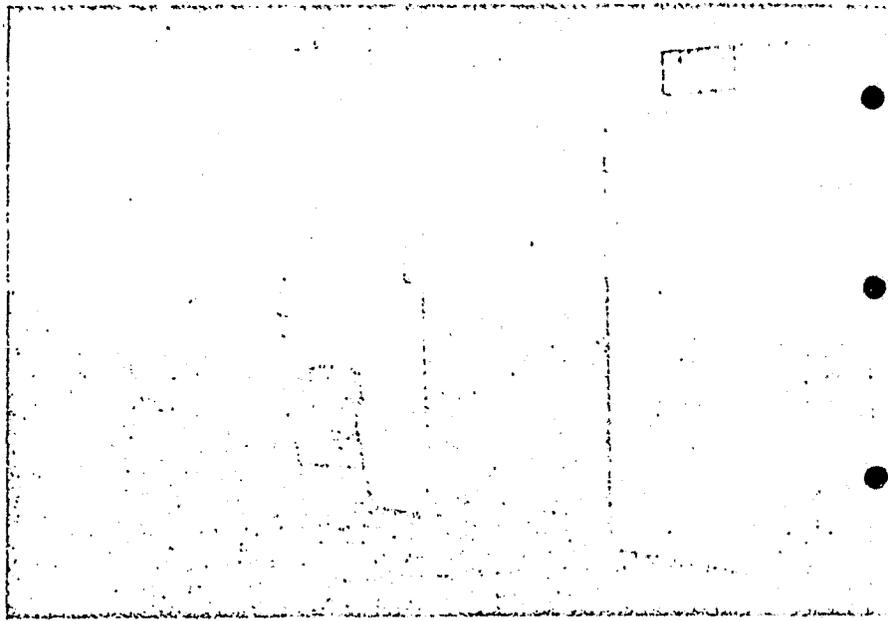


Jury Deliberation/Prisoner Holding Room

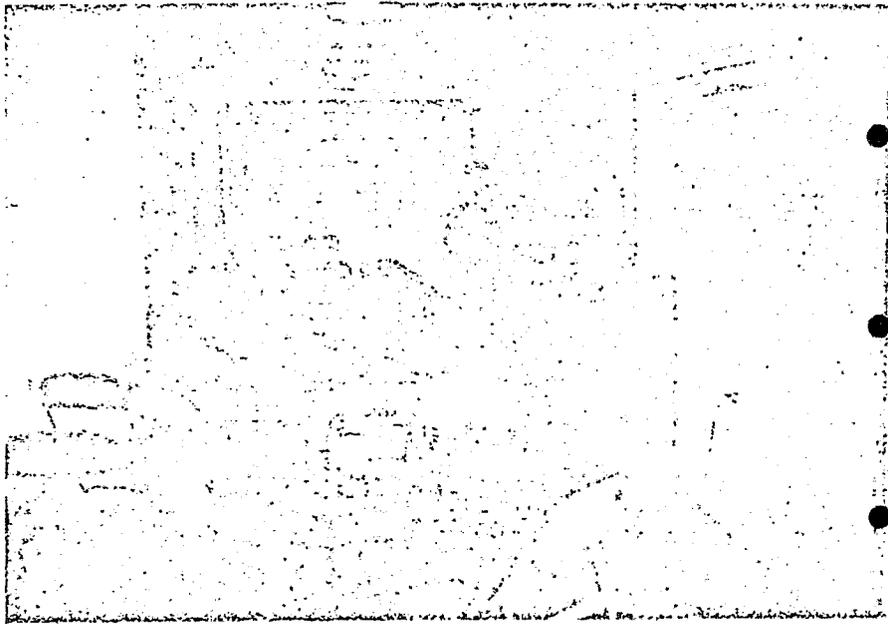


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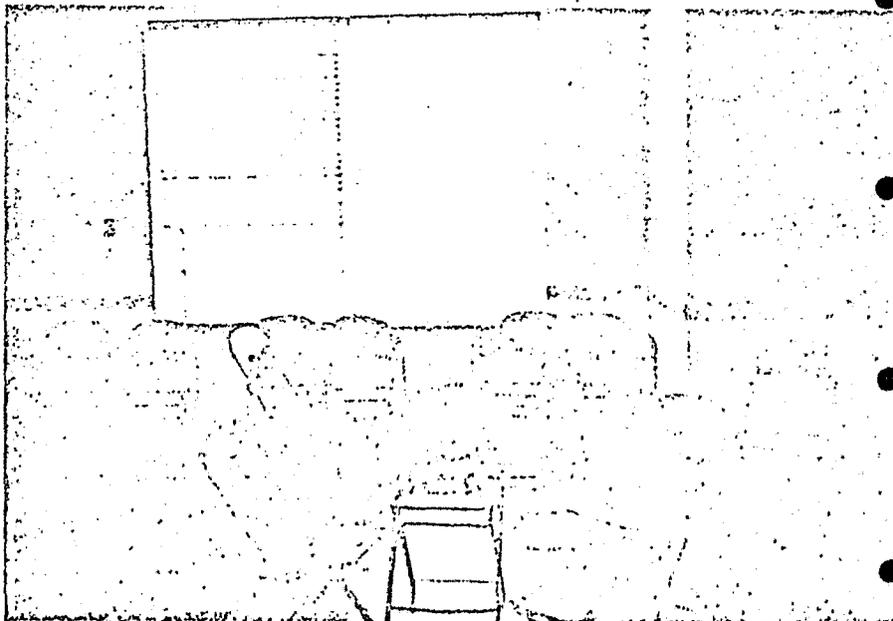
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Grand Jury Witness Waiting Area
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Jury Deliberation Room on the
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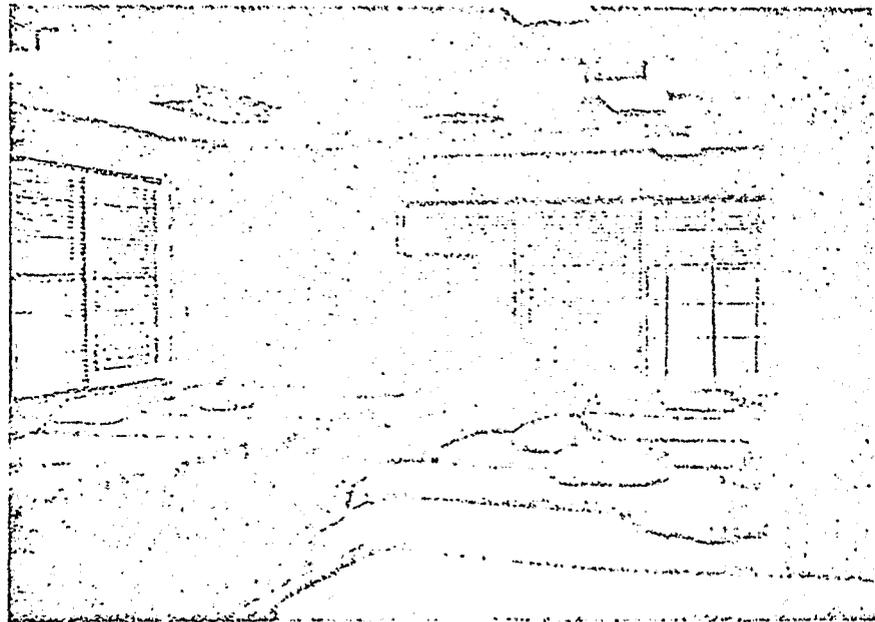


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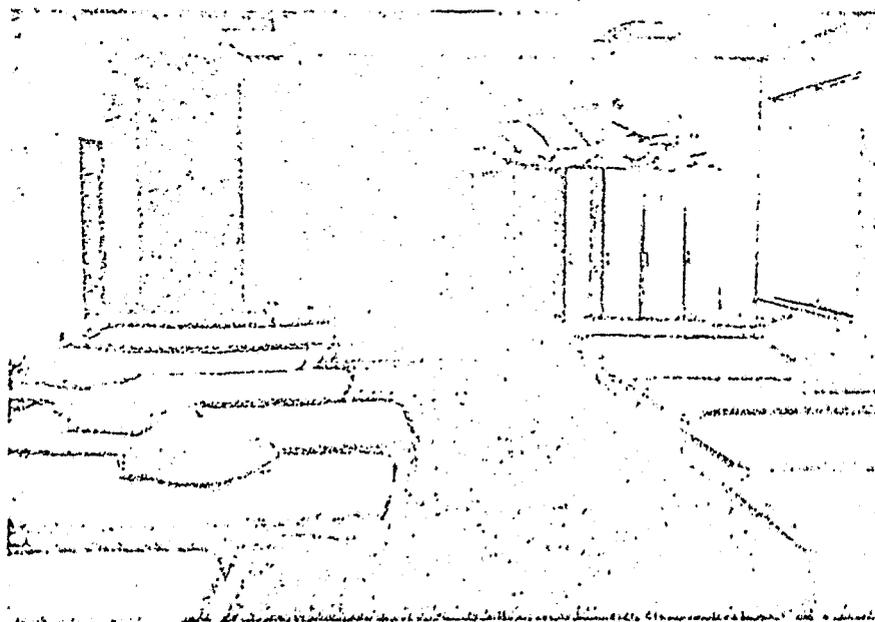
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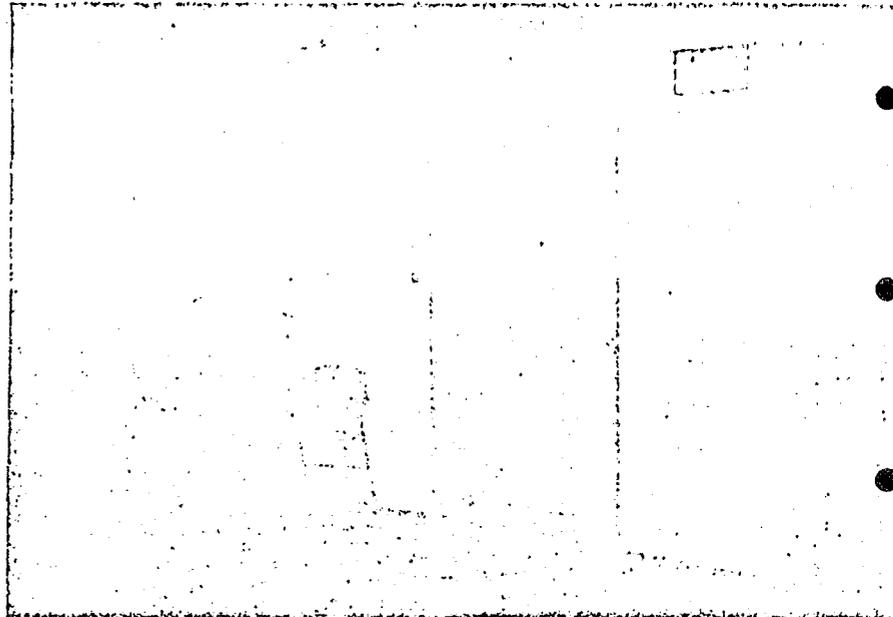


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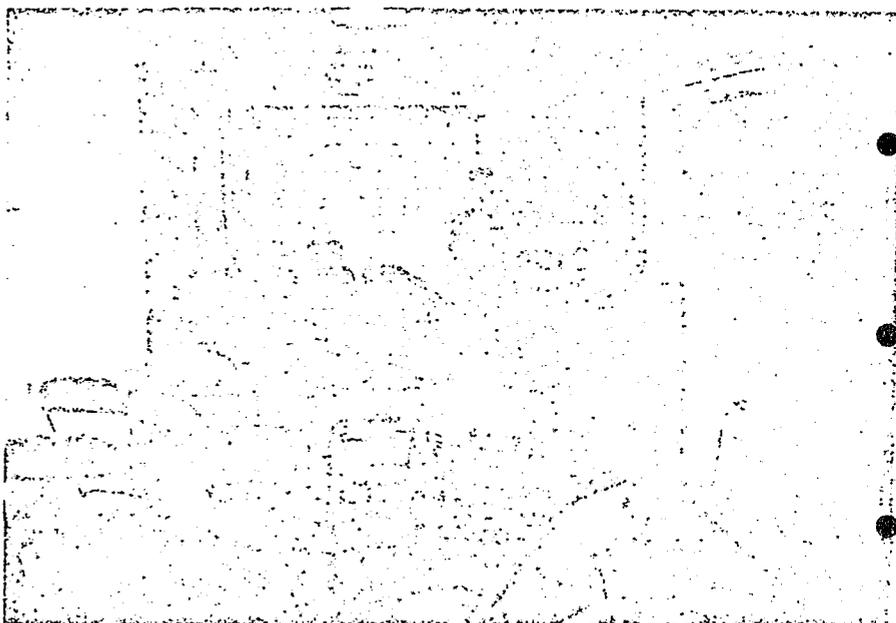


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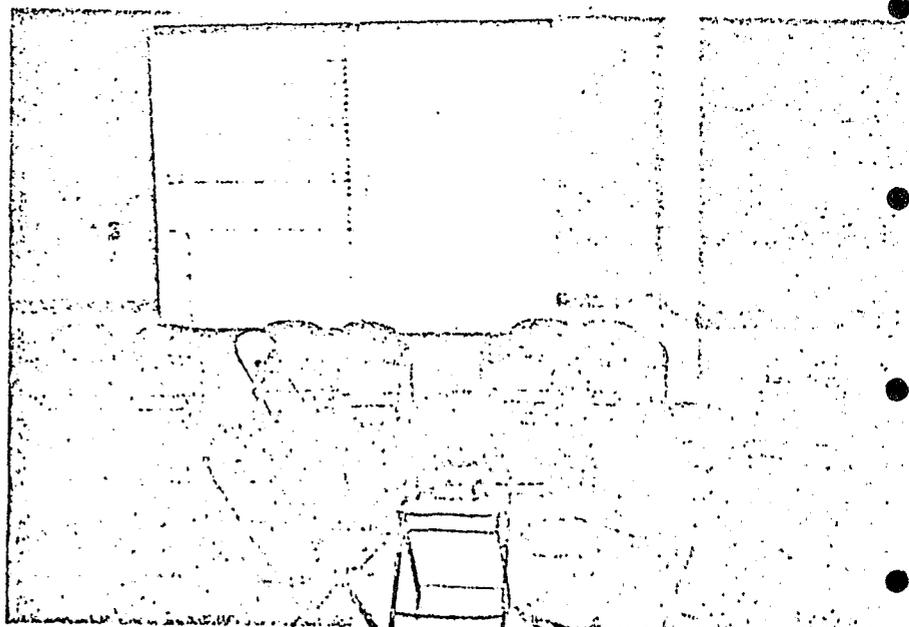
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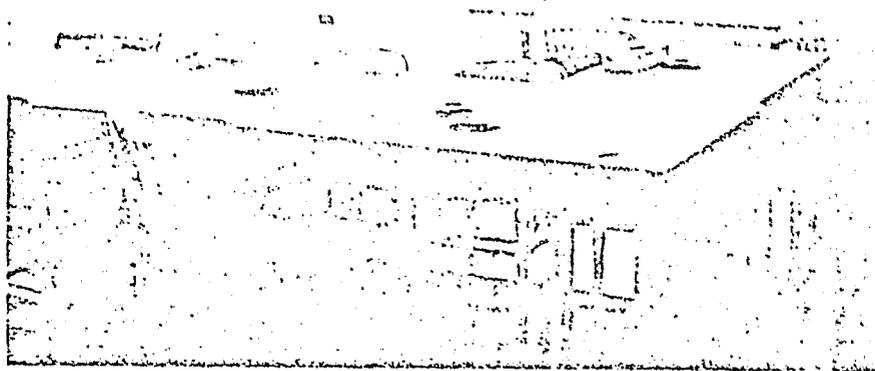


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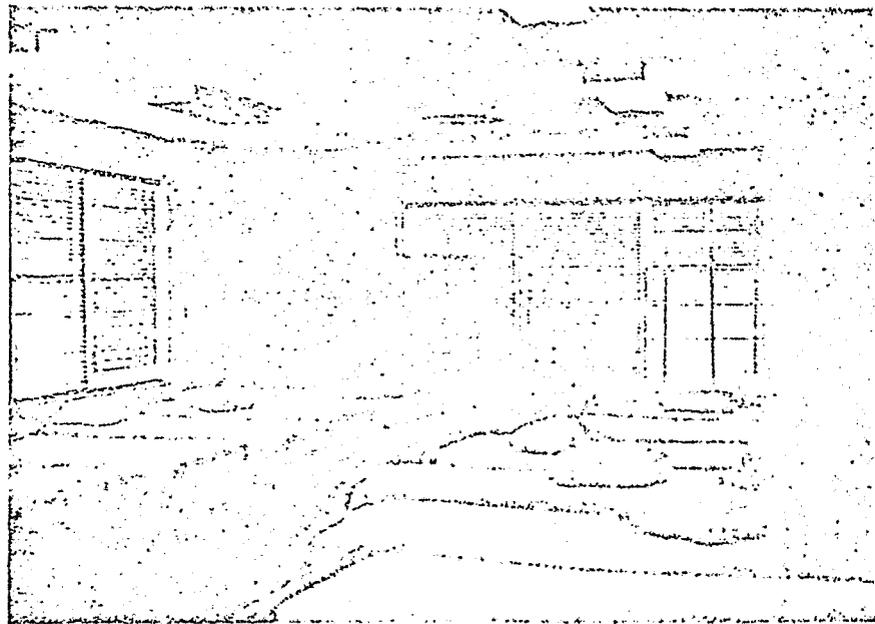


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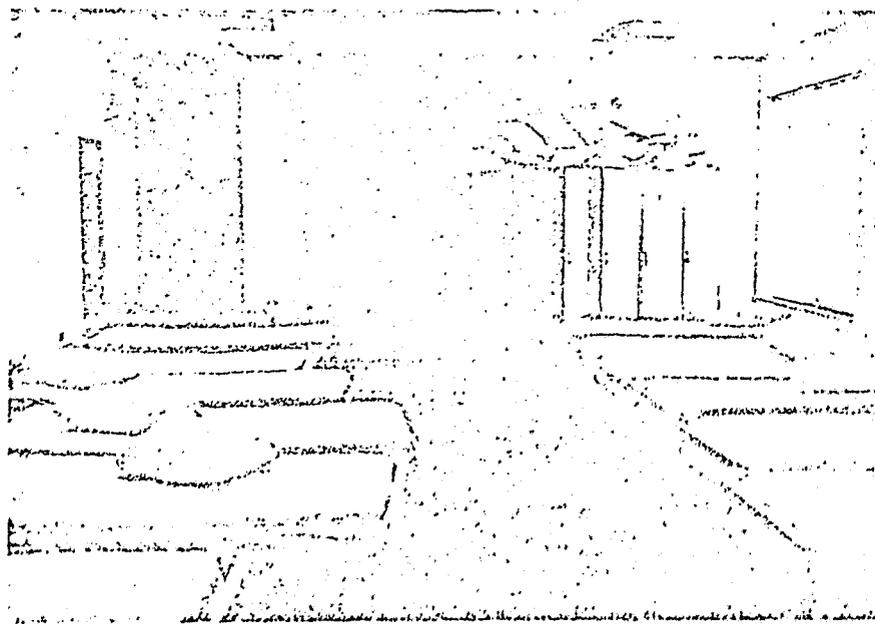
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