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Smoke billows out from a fire at General Scrap in the RM of Springfield on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. (HOWARD WONG PHOTO)

Water bombers were called in to assist crews in containing a massive fire in the RM of Springfield on Tuesday

A scrap pile at General Scrap, located at 135 Bismarck Street just off Springfield Road, went up in flames at about 5 p.m.

Large plumes of black smoke could be seen for several kilometres away as municipal fire crews attended the scene.

By late Tuesday, water bombers were added to the arsenal of equipment being used to fight the fire.

Early damage estimates are pegged at between \$150,000 to \$200,000.

UPDATE: Wednesday, June 13 – The Office of the Fire Commissioner has determined the cause of the fire to be accidental. Hot shards of metal from the shredding process landing near other combustible items in the yard sparked the blaze. Damage is estimated at \$300,000.

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Fire crews fight Springfield Road industrial blaze

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Winnipeg fire crews spent Tuesday evening battling a large fire at an industrial scrap yard in the city's Transcona area.

Fire crews from at least six stations were called to the General Scrap yard on Springfield Road and Bismarck Street at around 4:30 p.m. CT.

Greg Gerbrandt said he was driving in the area at around 5 p.m. when he saw very thick plumes of smoke.

"I first saw the smoke when I was turning onto Plessis [Road] ... and I could tell that it was quite thick," he told CBC News.

"When I got there, it was just a large tall column — say, 100 to 150 feet wide. Like, it was really big."

Some witnesses had said they thought the fire started at Bucks Auto Parts, a neighbouring auto parts recycling business, but fire officials at the scene confirmed that it was at General Scrap.

Ed Wolfe said he saw the smoke from the auto parts yard when he was told to leave.

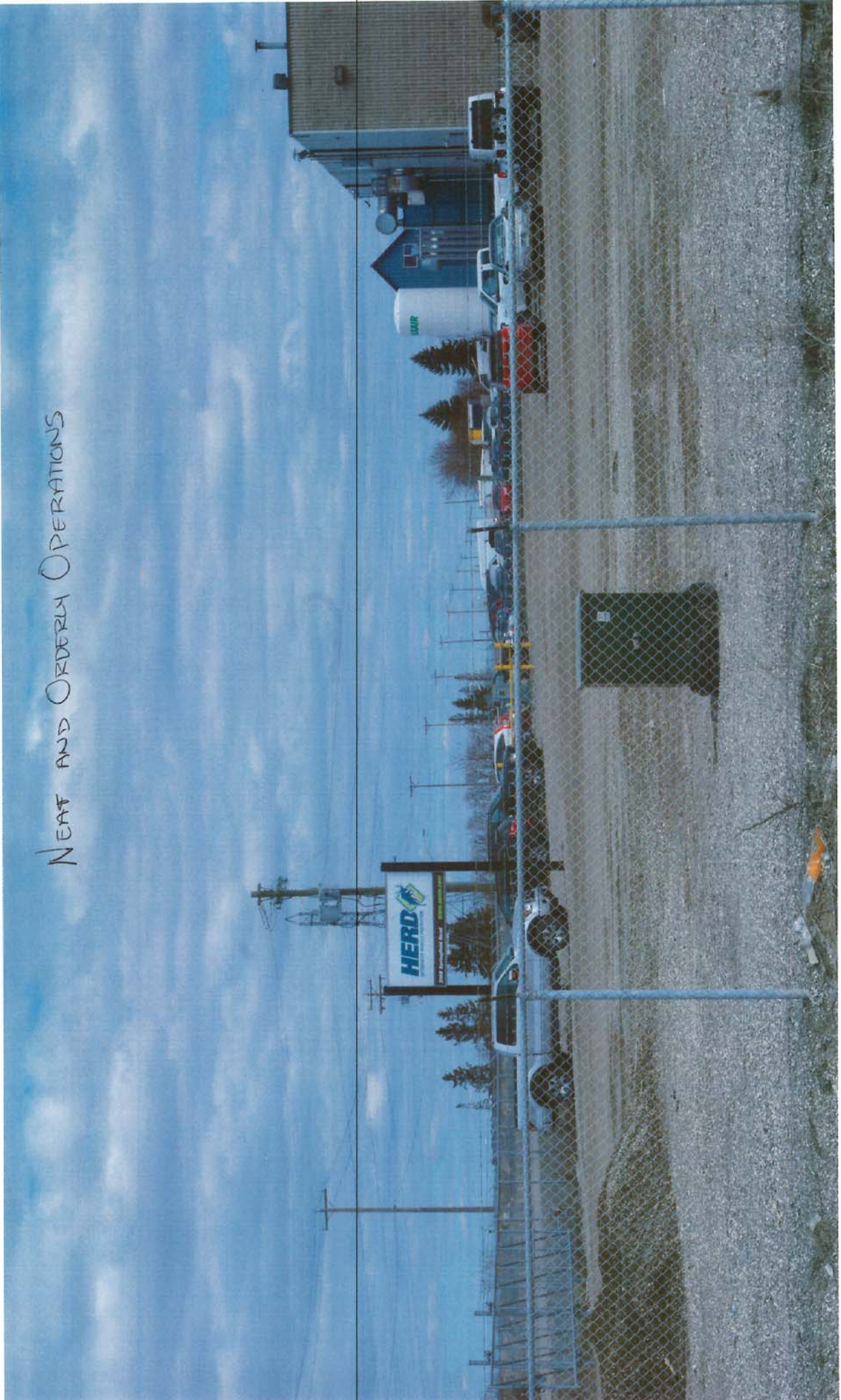
Wolfe said a worker "came to me and told me I had to leave because they were afraid that ... that fire was going to come over."

After ground crews spent hours fighting the flames, a helicopter arrived in the evening to attack the fire from above.

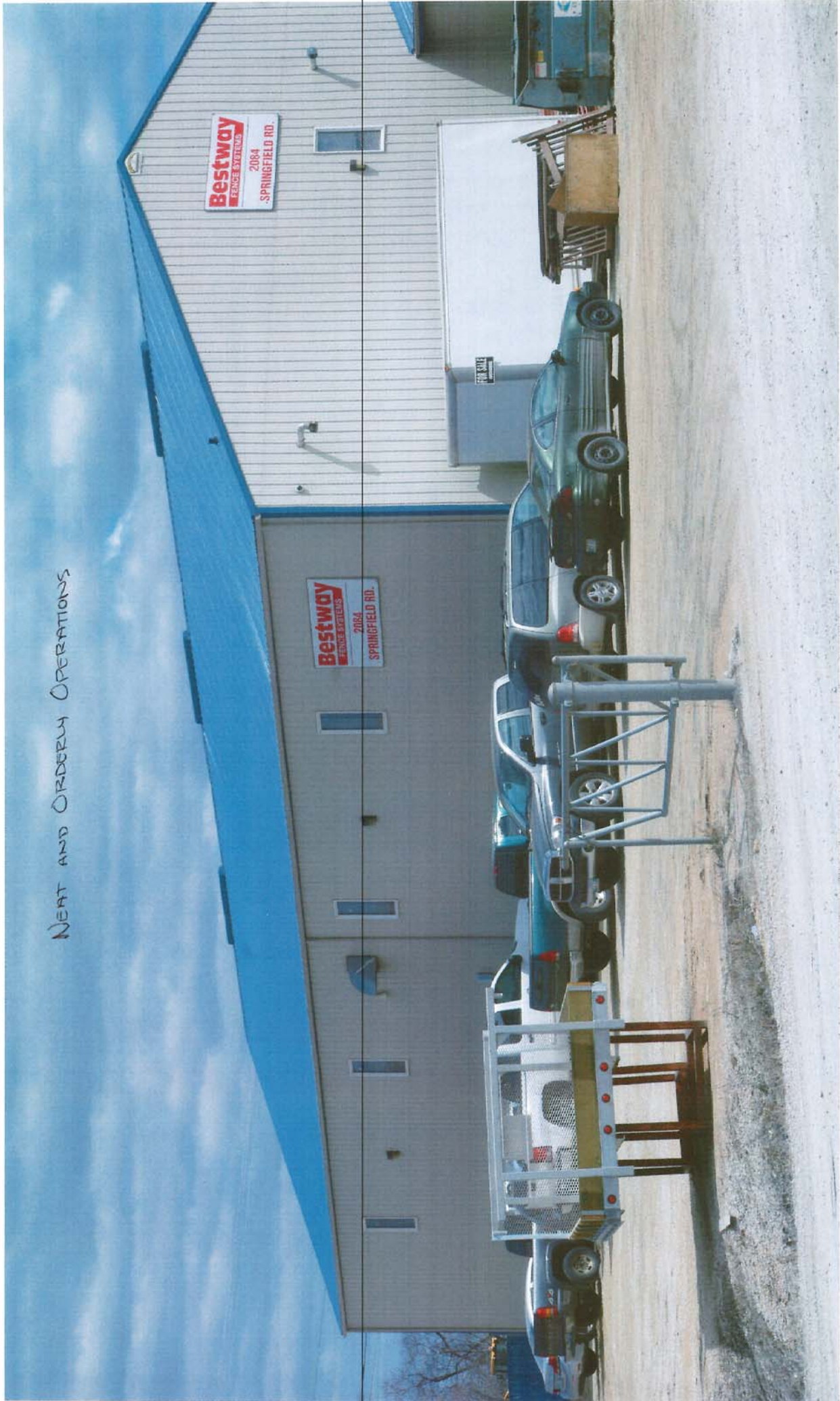
Fire officials say no injuries were reported. Damage is estimated at between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Officials are trying to determine what may have caused the blaze.

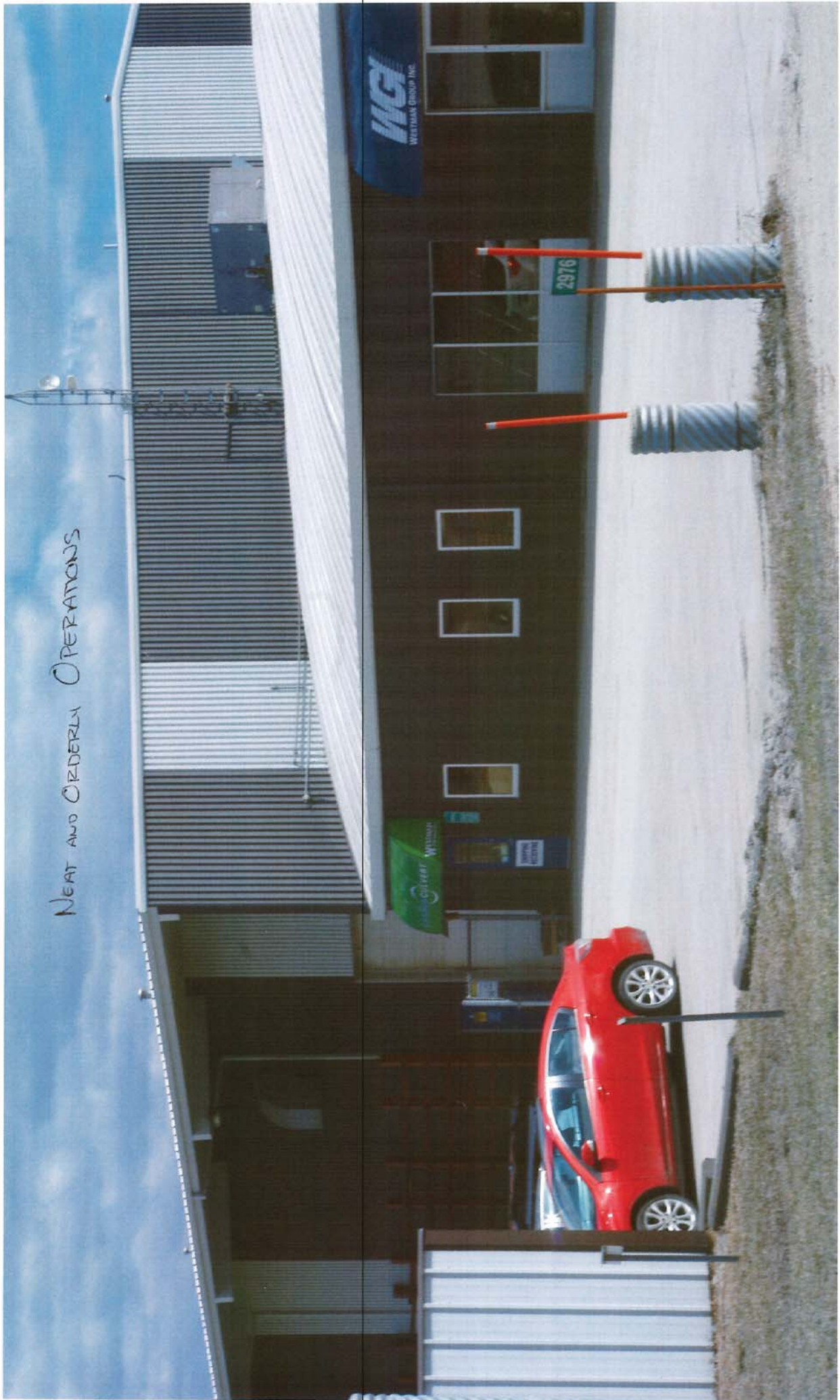
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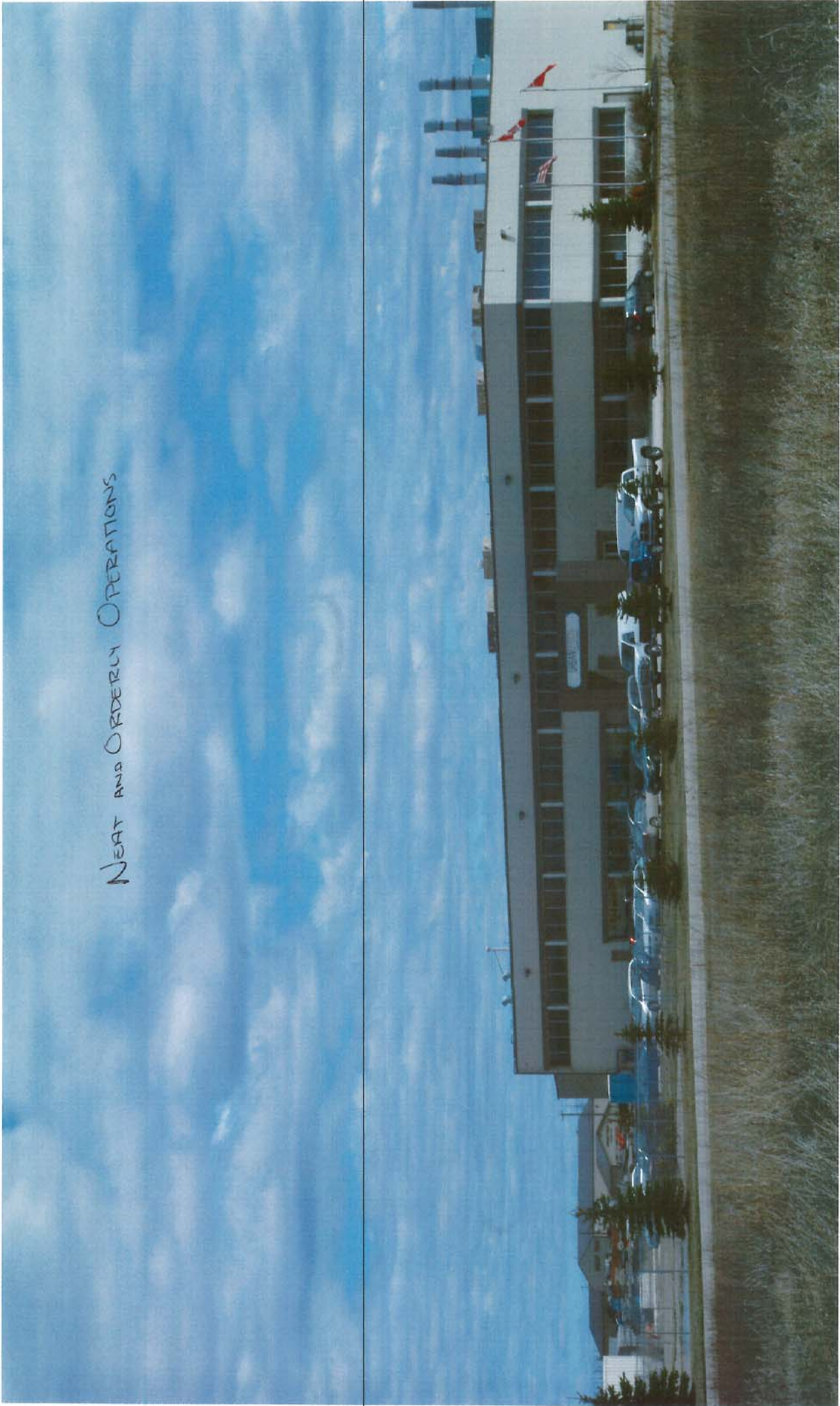
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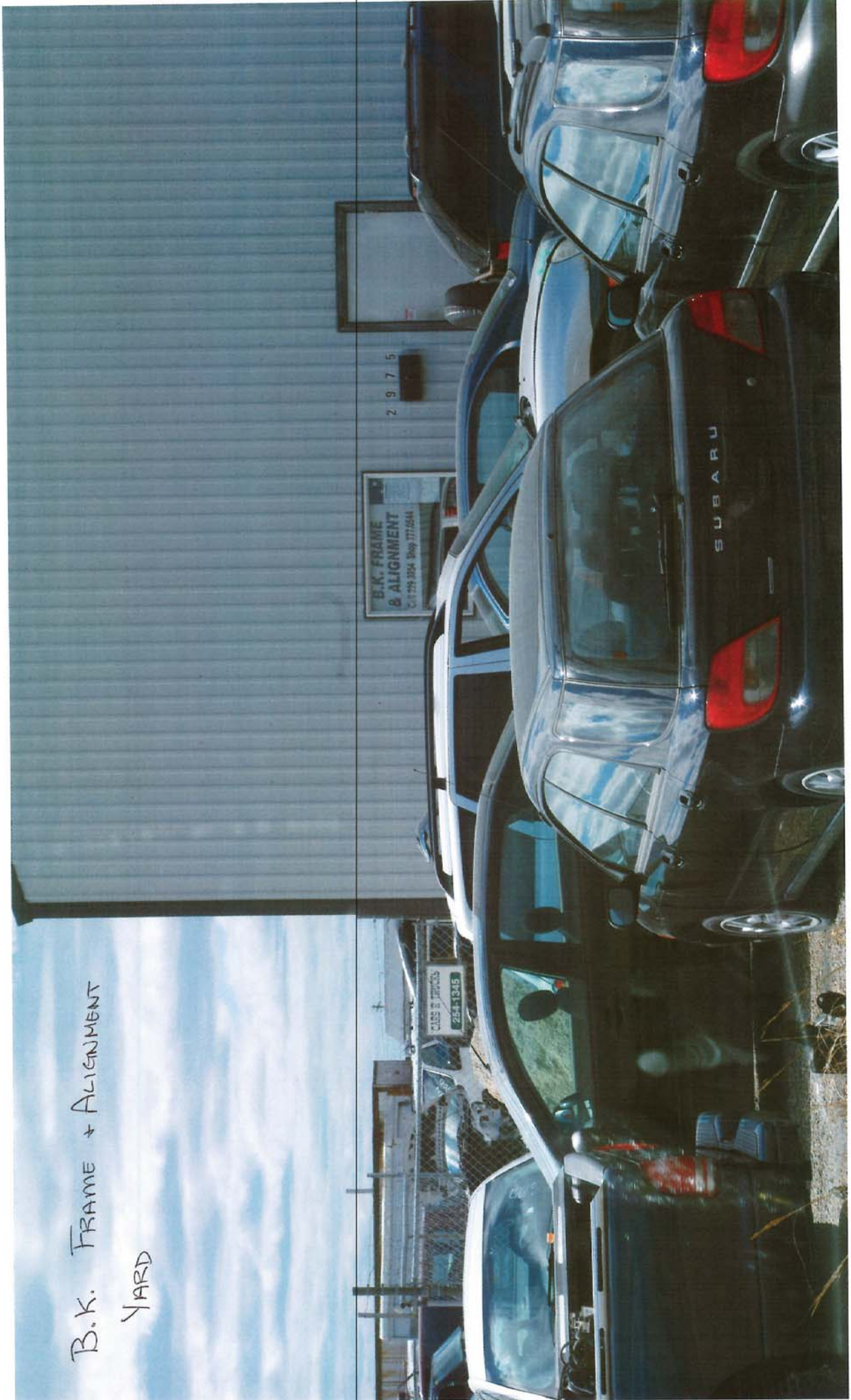
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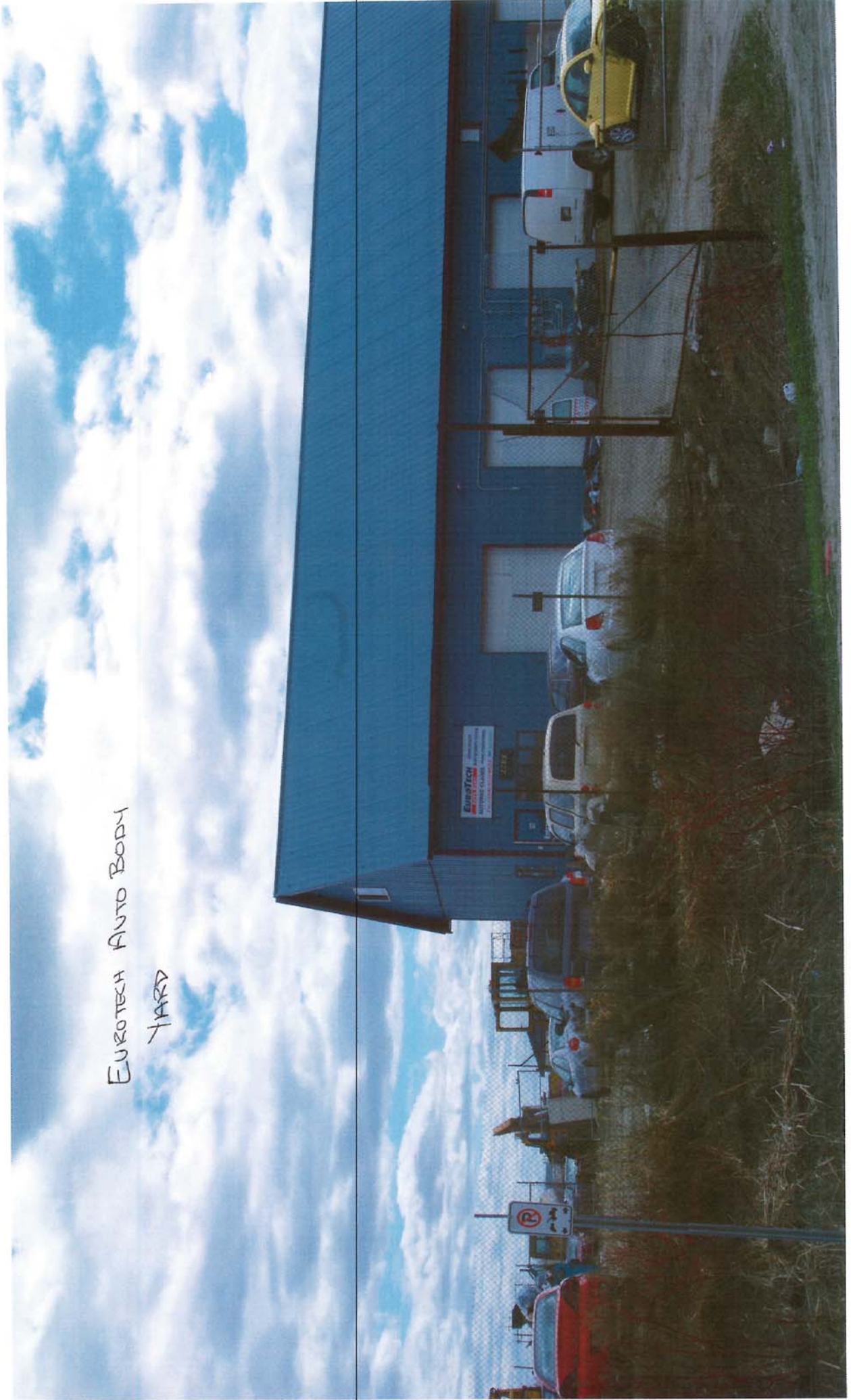
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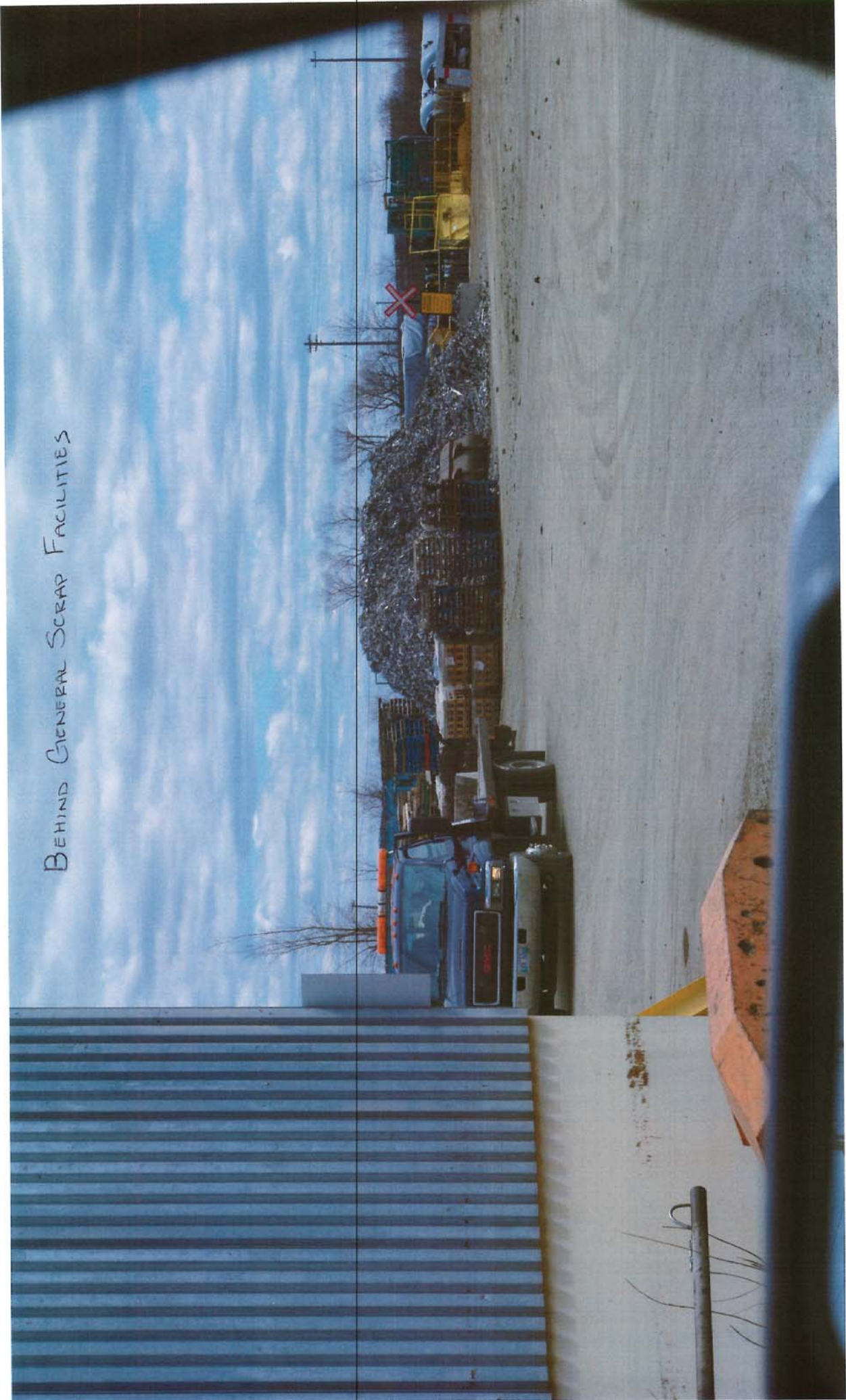
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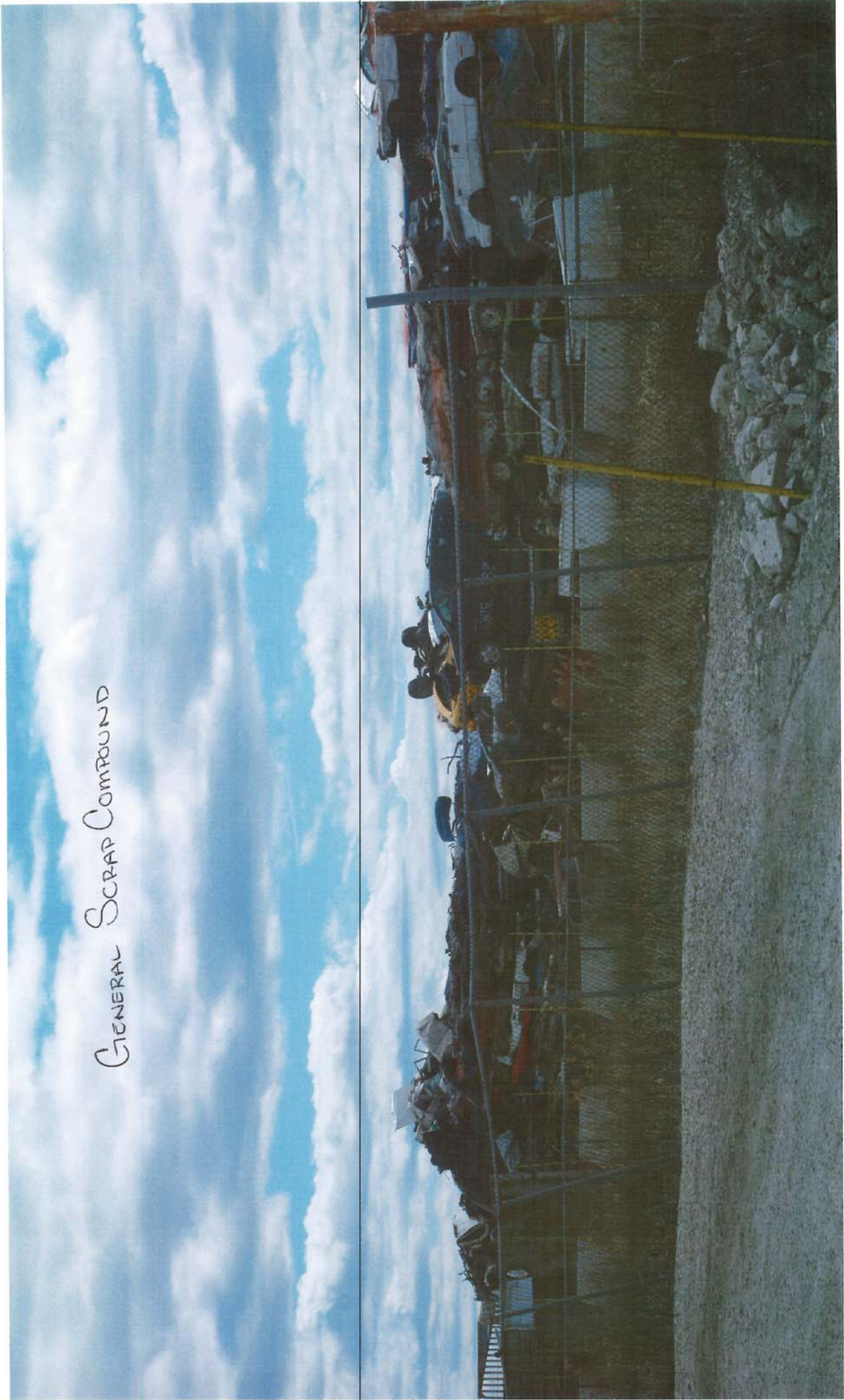
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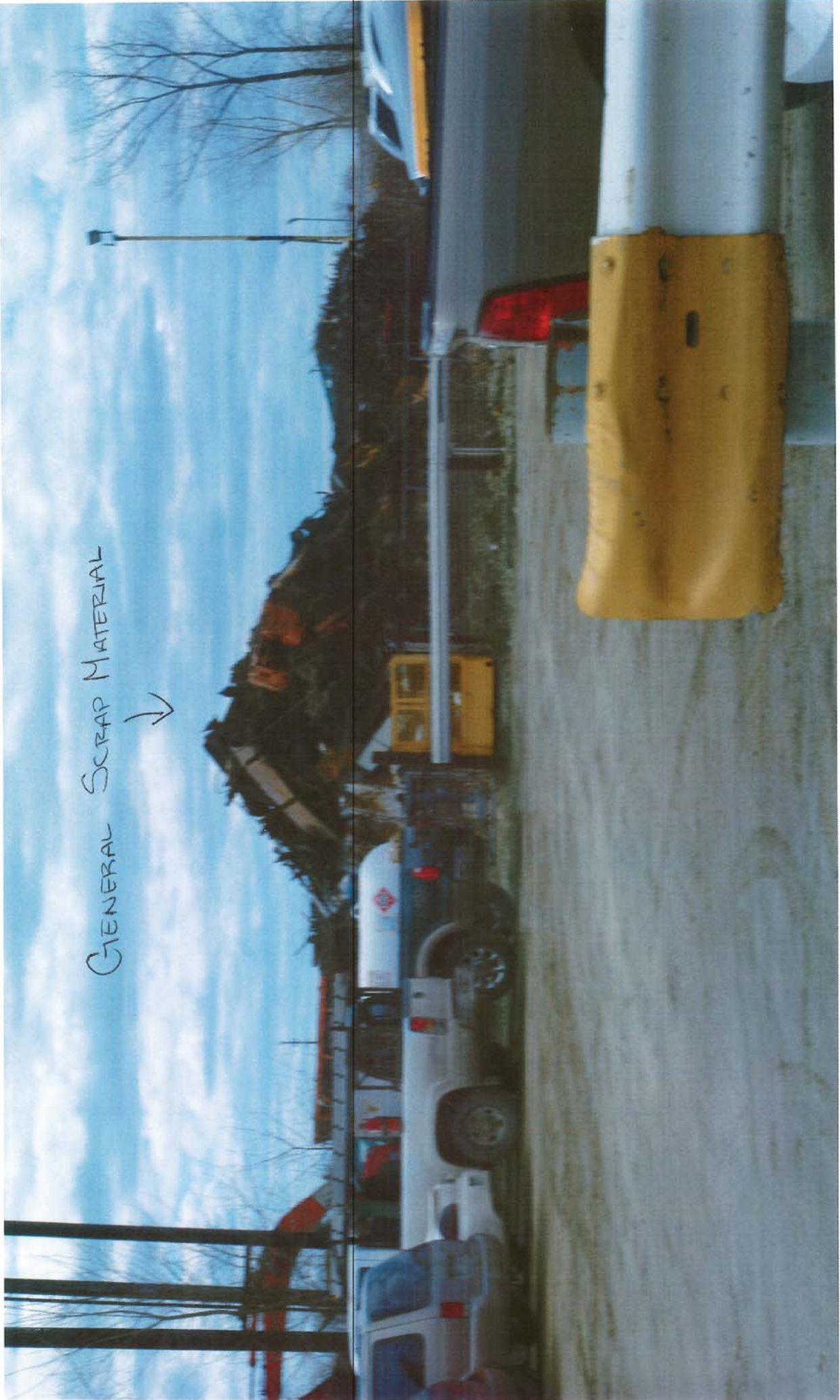


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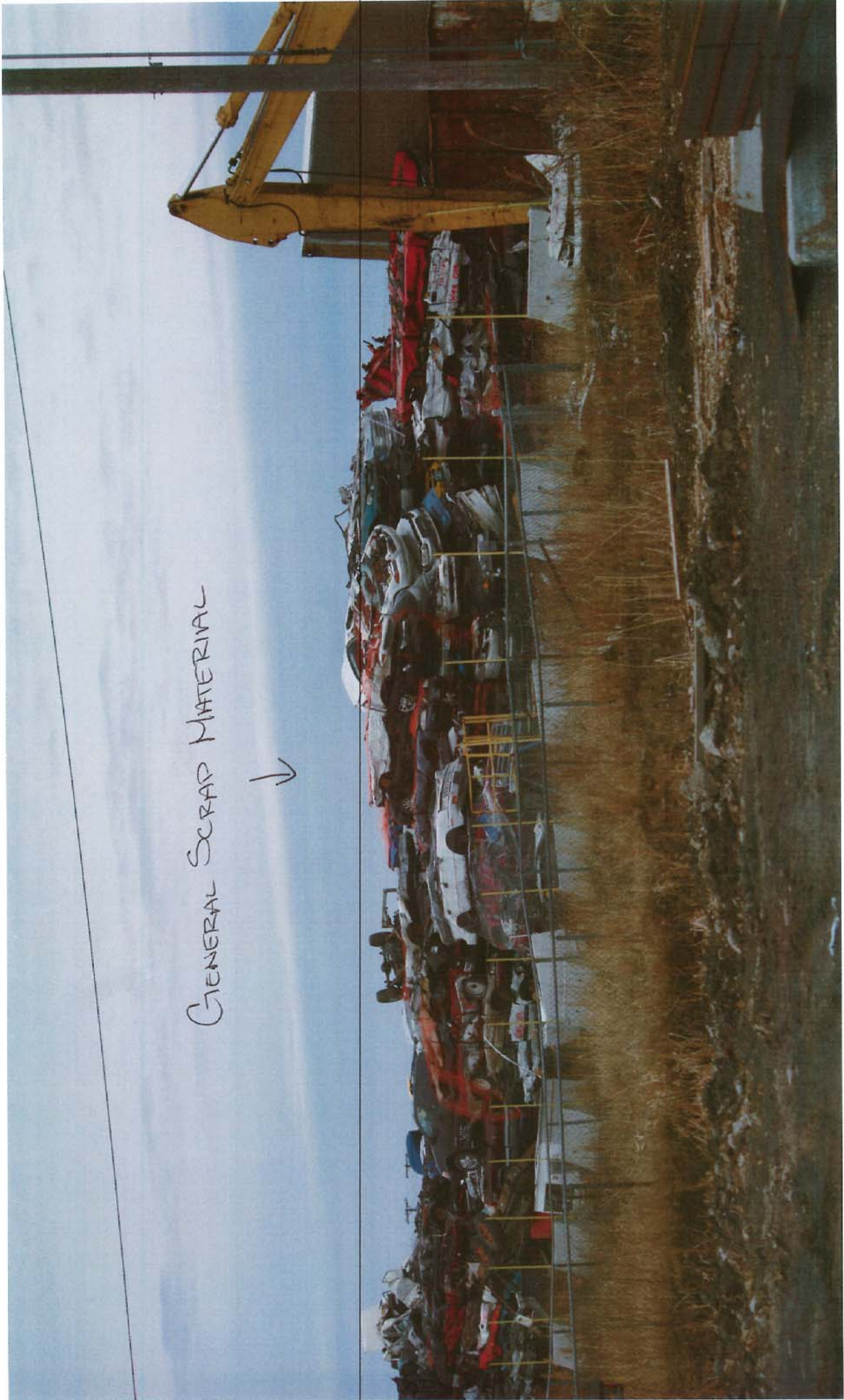
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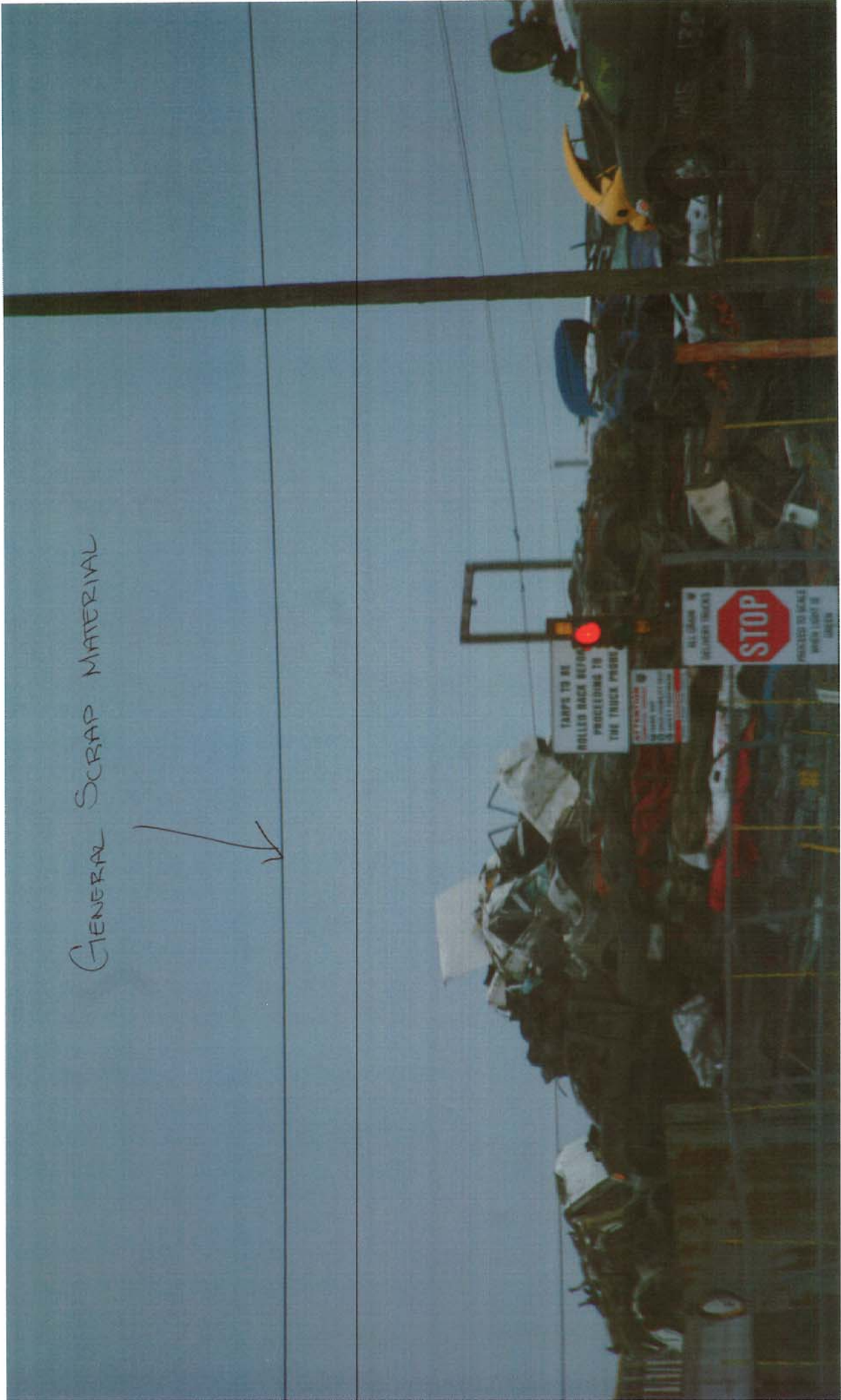
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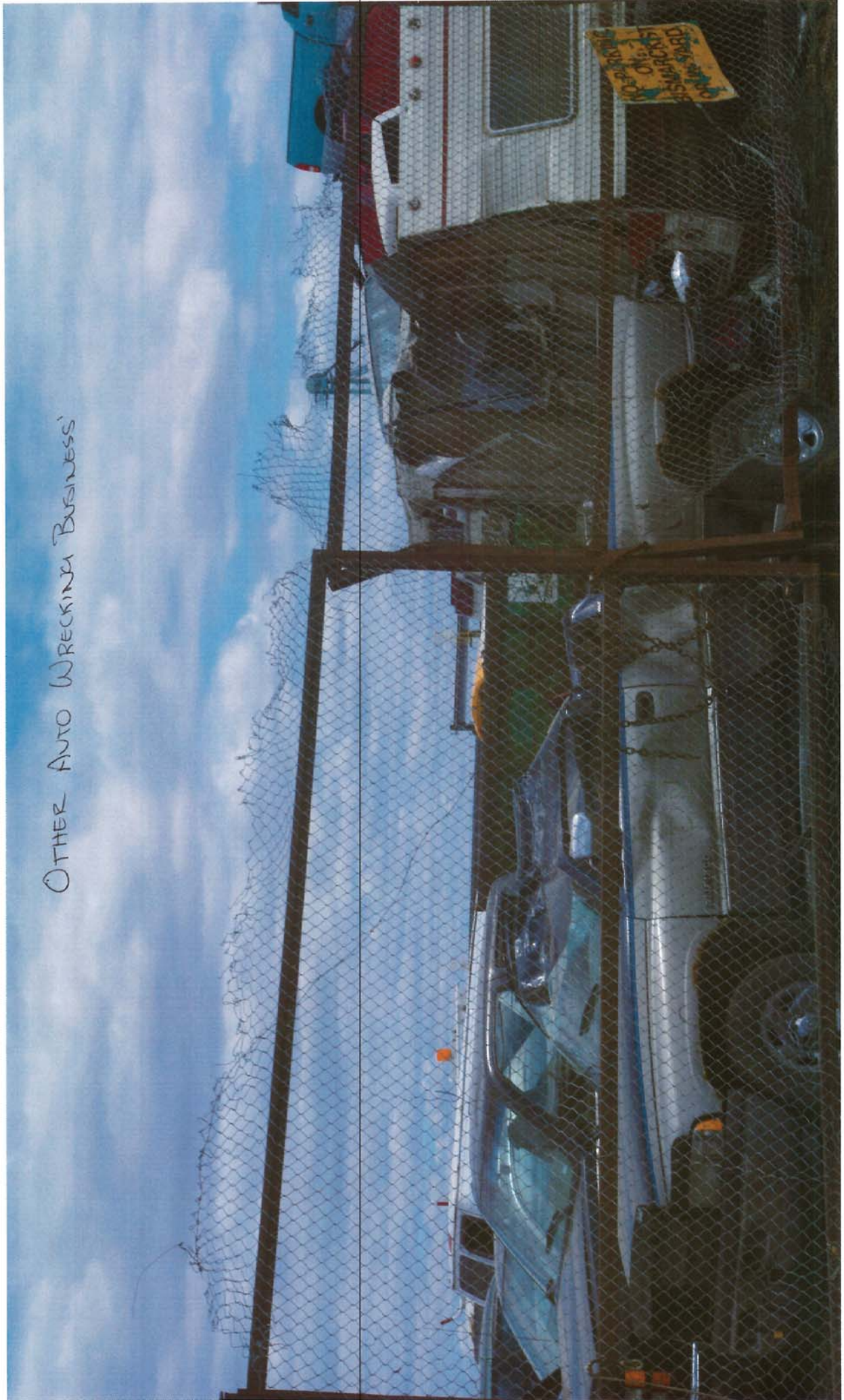
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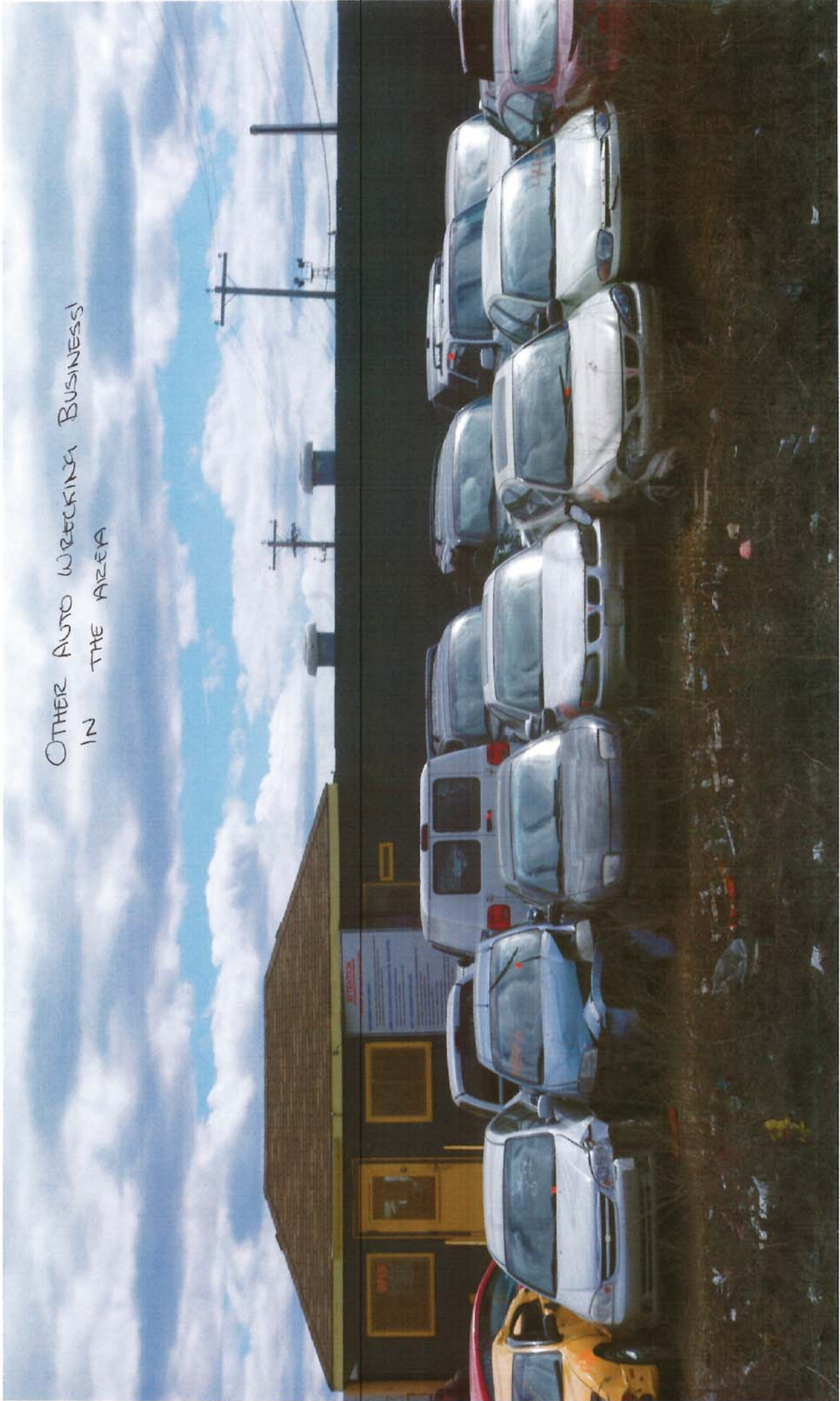
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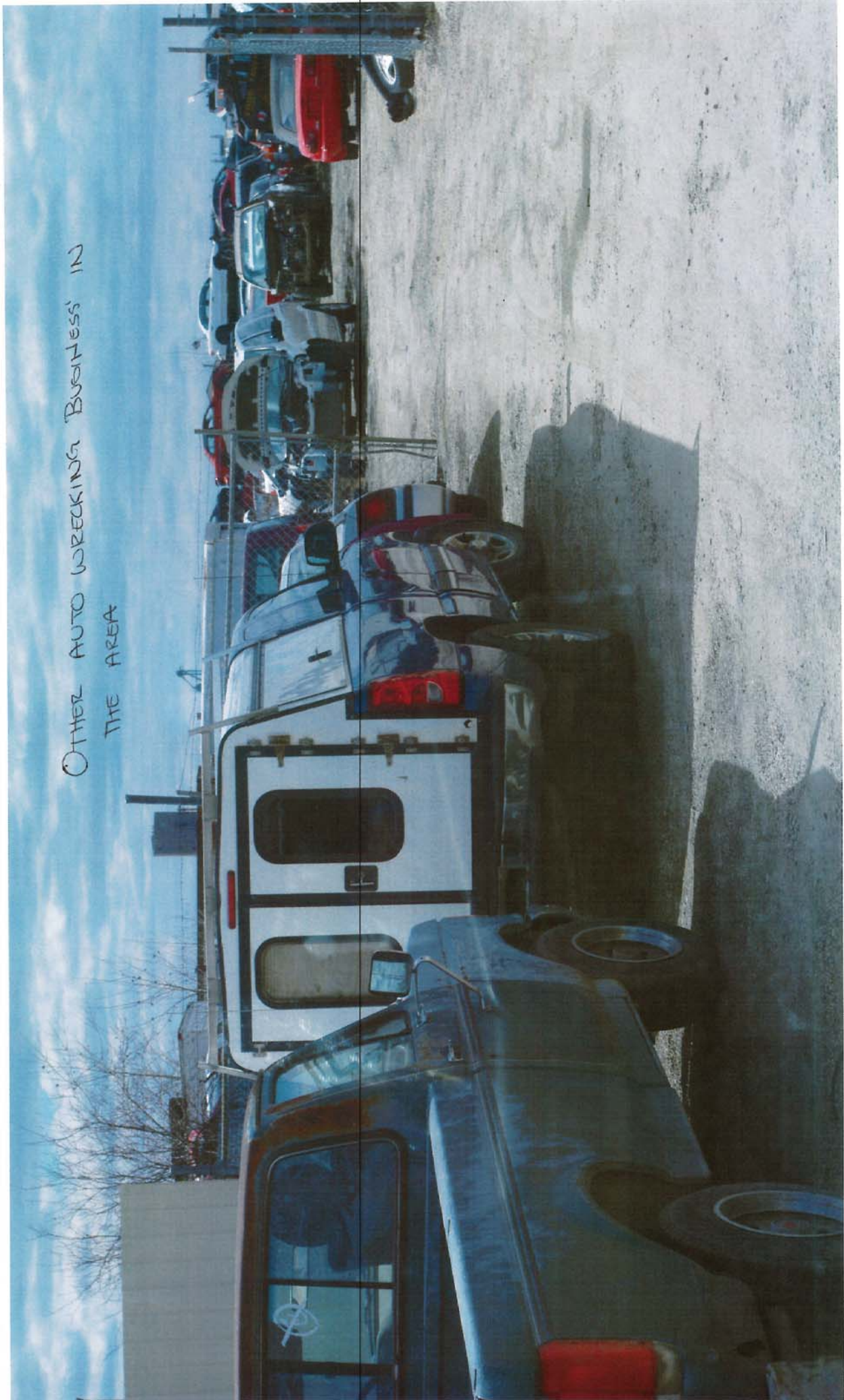
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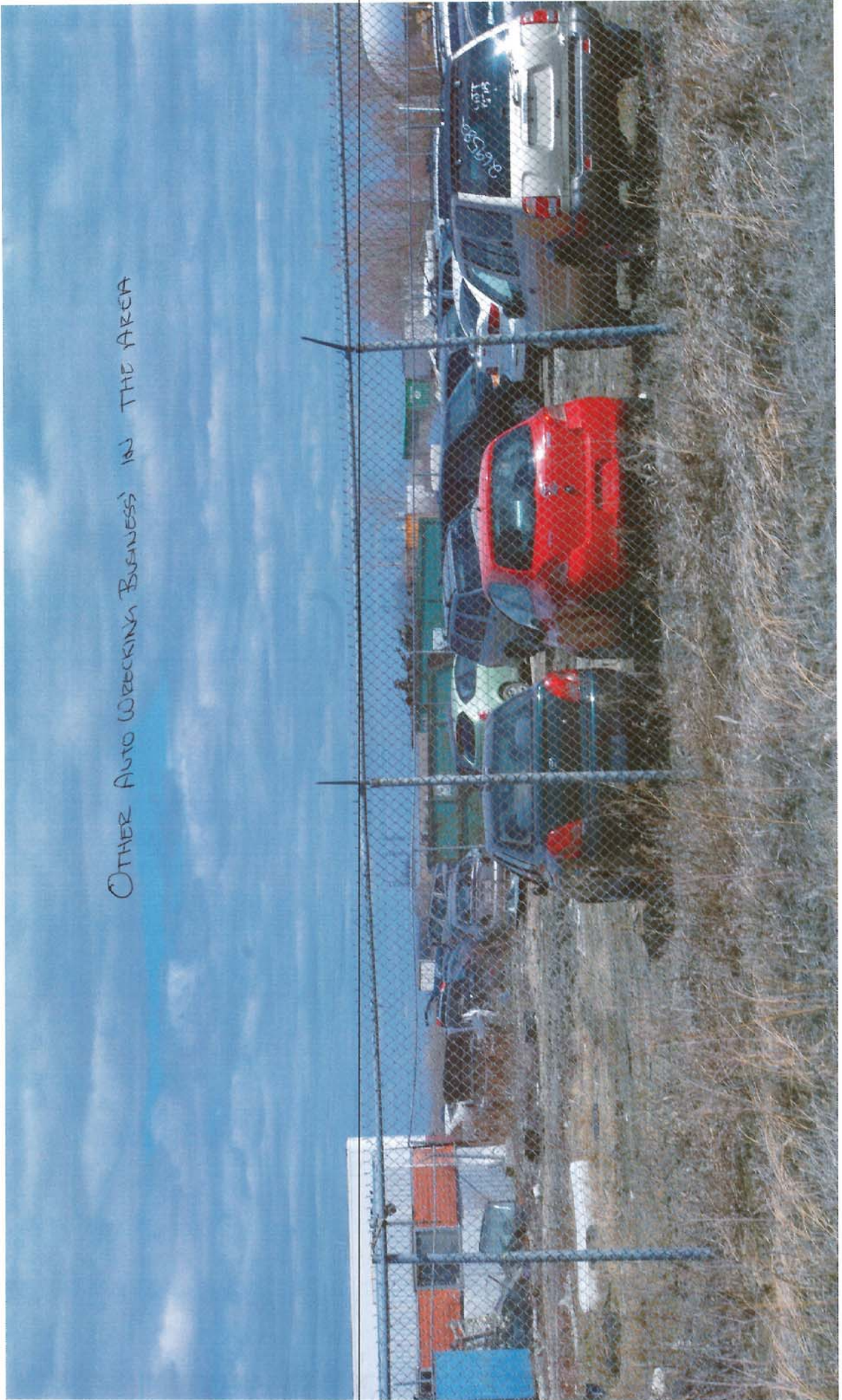
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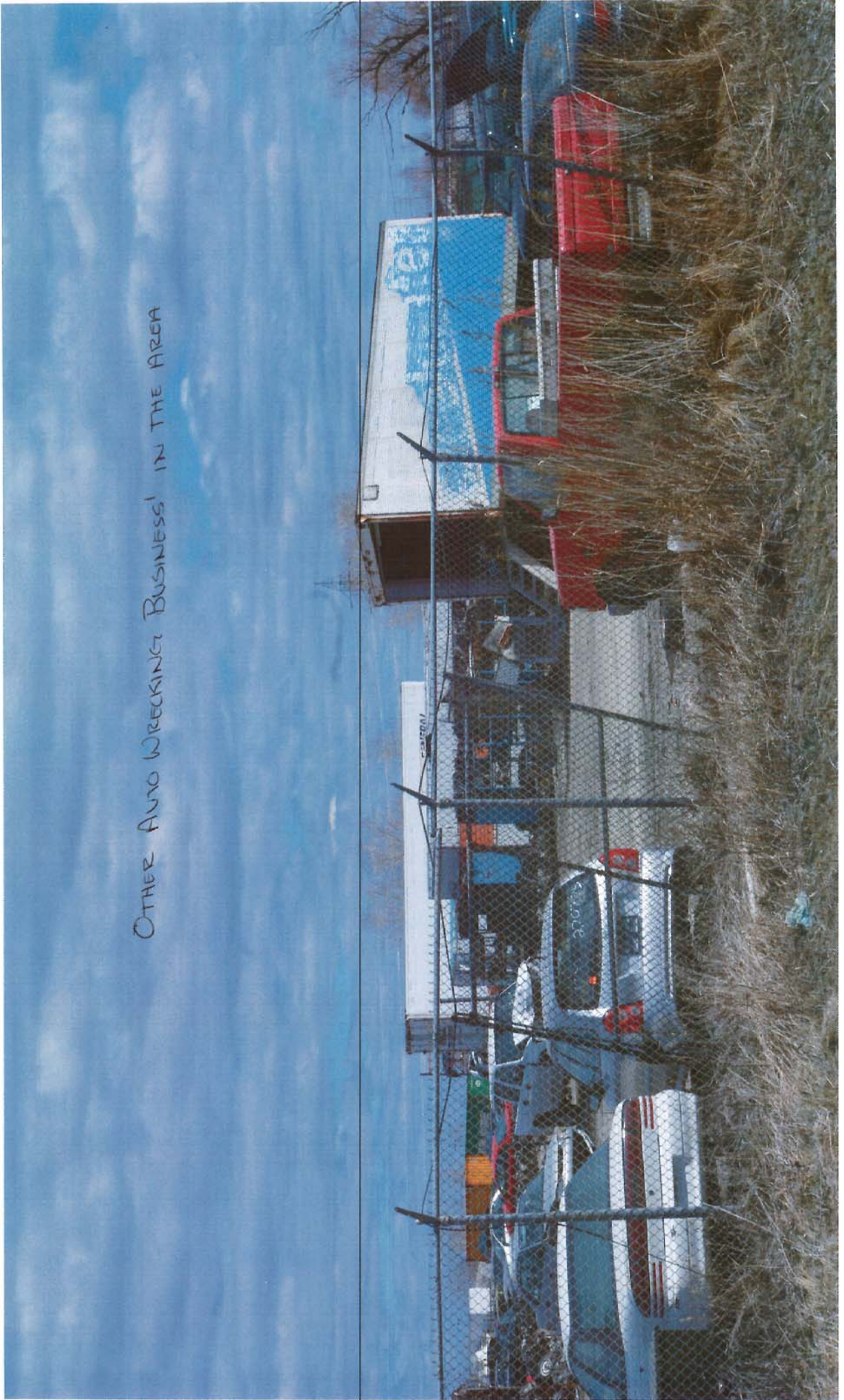
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