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I. INTRODUCTION

The following report summarizes the studies performed during the month of April 1960, at the Hydraulics Division of Fritz Engineering Laboratory, under terms of Contract No. DA-36-109-CIVENG-59-112. Earlier work was described in Status Reports dated: December 1958(1)*, February 1959(2), April 1959(3), June 1959(4), December 1959(6), February 1960(7), March 1960(9), April 1960(10), and a Project Report dated September 1959(5).

II. EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES

A. General Comments

Another test is planned to obtain pump characteristics for silt-clay-water mixture concentrations of about 1380 grams per liter. As the concentration of mixture was only about 1320 grams per liter, some additional amounts of heavily concentrated silt-clay mixture were placed in the tank. It appears that the mixture concentration is still below the required amount, and it will be allowed to settle to permit the siphoning out of the clear water.

* Numbers in parentheses refer to References, page 4
B. **Pressure Tests**

Analysis of pressure tests around periphery of the volute taken during the previous months is under way.

C. **High-Speed Moving Pictures**

Analysis of high-speed moving pictures taken last year has been completed. A separate Memorandum (Number M-11) is being prepared and will be submitted to the Sponsor in June 1960.

III. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPELLER DESIGN CHANGES**

Design work on developing the vane profile according to the logarithmic spiral and the involute curve method is under way. The following impeller vane designs were completed:

1. **Trial Design I**
   - Shape of vane: involute curve
   - Entrance angle: 45 degrees
   - Exit angle: 35 degrees

2. **Trial Design III**
   - Shape of vane: logarithmic spiral
   - Entrance angle: 45 degrees
   - Exit angle: 35 degrees

3. **Trial Design IV**
   - Shape of vane: logarithmic spiral
   - Entrance angle: 45 degrees
   - Exit angle: 22-1/2 degrees
Sketches of Trial Designs I, III, and IV, are presented in the Appendix.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL TEST PROGRAM

A. General Comments

The involute curve method (Trial Design I) was originally suggested, as it was thought to be the most readily applicable method in the case when the entrance and exit angles have different values. However, it was also discovered that a logarithmic spiral may also be drawn in such a case.

The impeller vane of Trial Design III was ordered on April 28, 1960, and delivery was expected about June 1, 1960. (This order was cancelled on May 13, 1960, following the Sponsor's request).

The sketch showing Trial Design IV was forwarded to the Sponsor for approval on May 6, 1960.
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