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## Appendix A

### GLOSSARY

Fault Tree - A logic diagram, drawn from an effect to cause (usually backward in time), which ties together the sequences that can lead to an undesired event from basic component failures.

Top Event - The (usually) undesired event that sits on top of the fault tree.

Cut Set - A set of components whose simultaneous failure will lead to the top event. The term, as used here, refers to the irreducible minimum number of components within each cut set.

Reliability - The probability that the system operates as desired for the amount of time specified.

## Appendix B

### FAULT TREE MODEL AND METHODOLOGY DESCRIPTION

Fault tree analysis is a procedure used to examine systems to determine component failure modes and other events (e.g., operator errors) which can, individually or in combination, cause a system failure resulting in downtime.

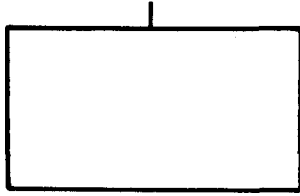
A system fault tree is a logic diagram which depicts the component failure modes and other fault events capable of producing, through AND and OR combinatorial logic, system failure. It is a binary model of the fault modes of a system and, as such, can be readily converted to a probabilistic model of the system. Individual component fault probabilities can be assigned to the model and combined to obtain system failure probabilities.

The symbolism used in the fault tree analysis in this study are shown and defined in Table B-1. Figure B-1 depicts the gas turbine at the Naval Station plant studied. All the subsequent figures show the tree top and its 35 branches that were constructed in this study.

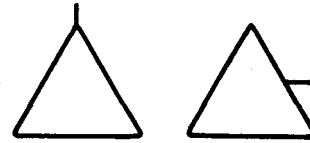
Table B-1

FAULT TREE SYMBOLOGY

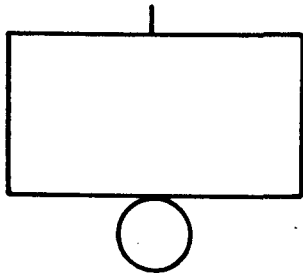
EVENT REPRESENTATIONS



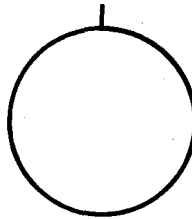
The rectangle identifies an event that results from the combination of fault events through the input logic gate.



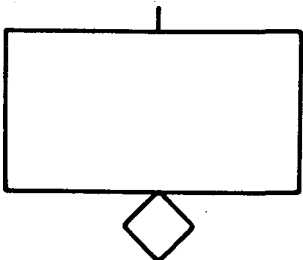
The triangles are used as transfer symbols. A line from the apex of the triangle indicates a transfer in and a line from the side denotes a transfer out.



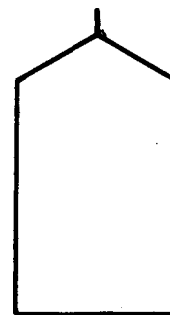
or



The circle describes a basic fault event that requires no further development. Frequency and mode of failure of items so identified are derived from empirical data.



The diamond describes a fault event that is considered basic in a given fault tree. The possible causes of the event are not developed because the event is of insufficient consequence or the necessary information is unavailable.



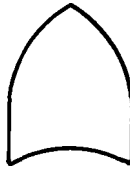
The house is used as a switch to include or eliminate parts of the fault tree as those parts may or may not apply to certain situations.

FAULT TREE SYMBOLOGY (Continued)

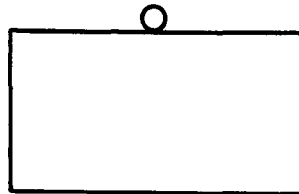
LOGIC OPERATIONS



AND gate describes the logical operation whereby the coexistence of all input events is required to produce the output event.

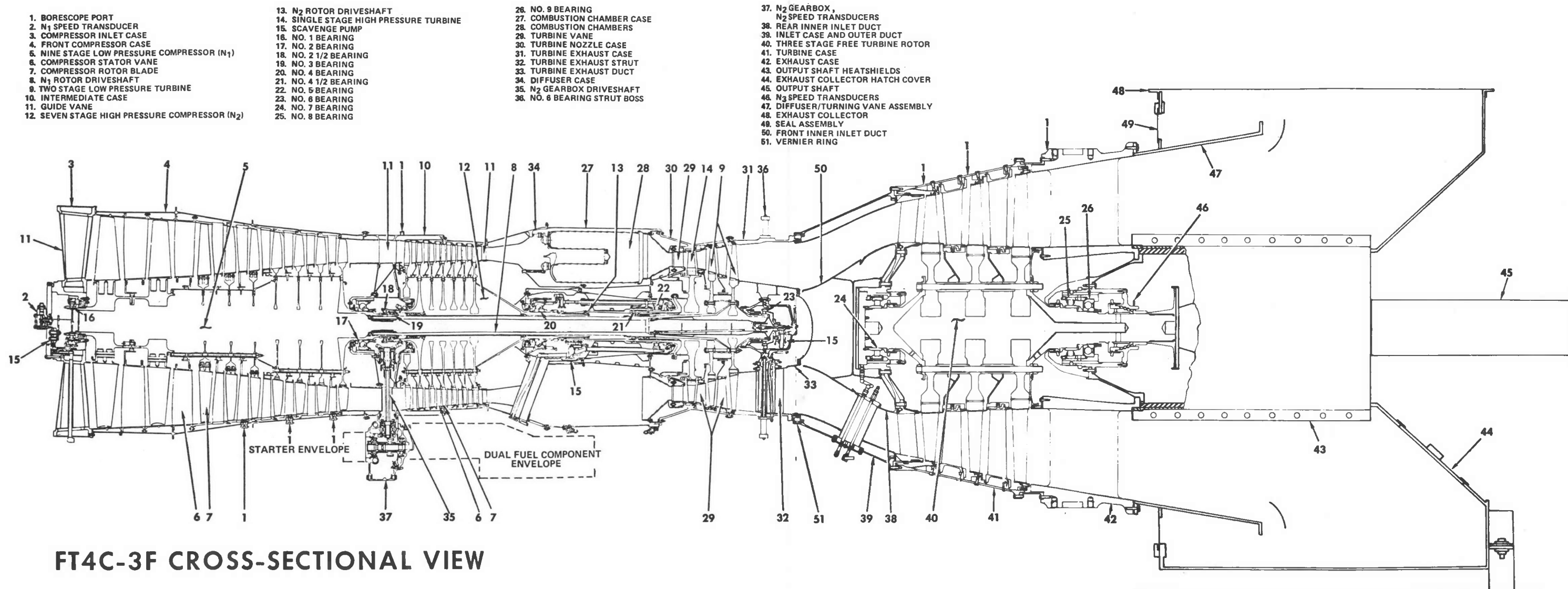


OR gate defines the situation whereby the output event will exist if one or more of the input events exists.



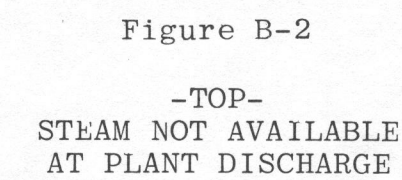
A small circle above the circle, diamond or rectangle indicates the negative of what is contained in that symbol.

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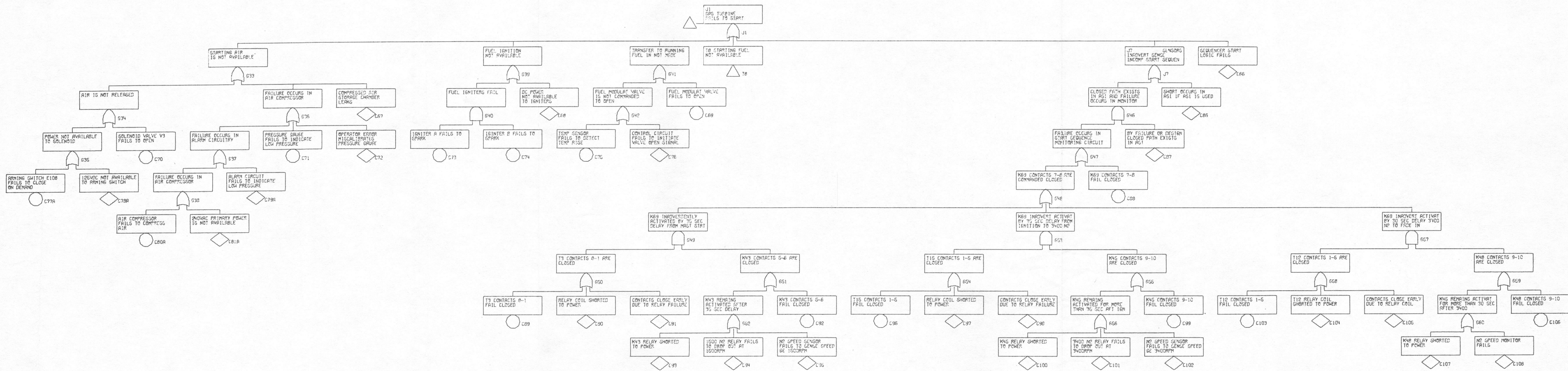


Figure B-3

J1 GAS TURBINE  
FAILS TO START

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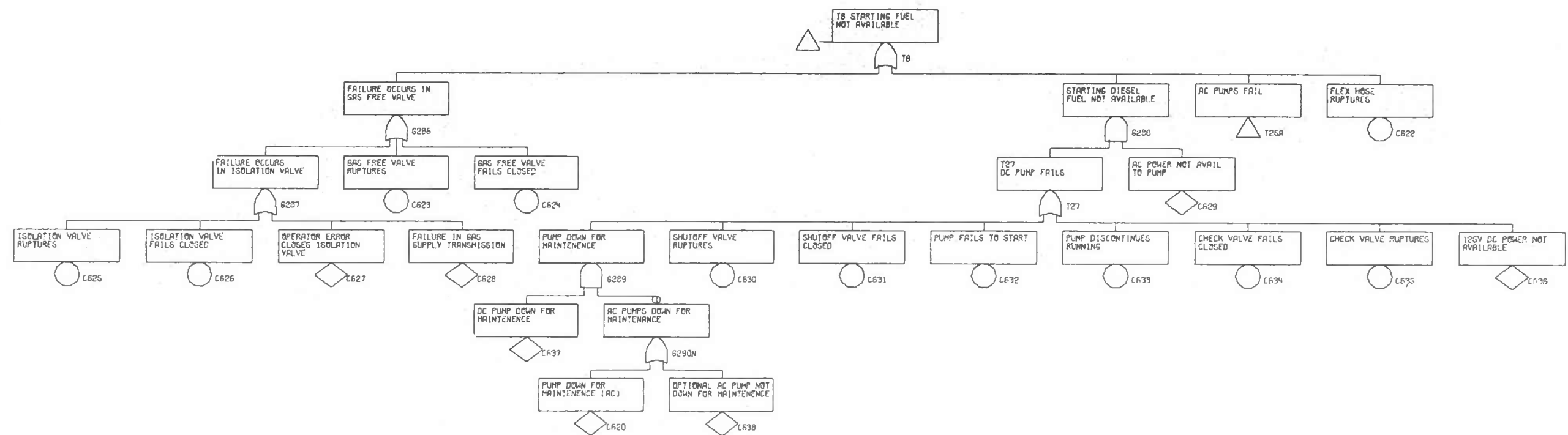


FIGURE B-4  
T8 STARTING FUEL  
NOT AVAILABLE

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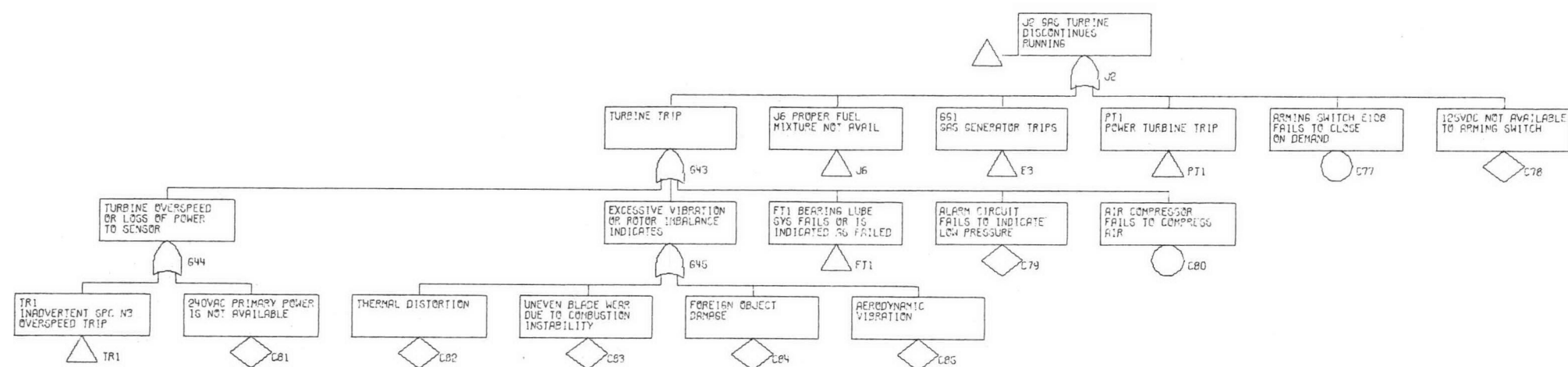


FIGURE B-5  
J2 GAS TURBINE  
DISCONTINUES RUNNING

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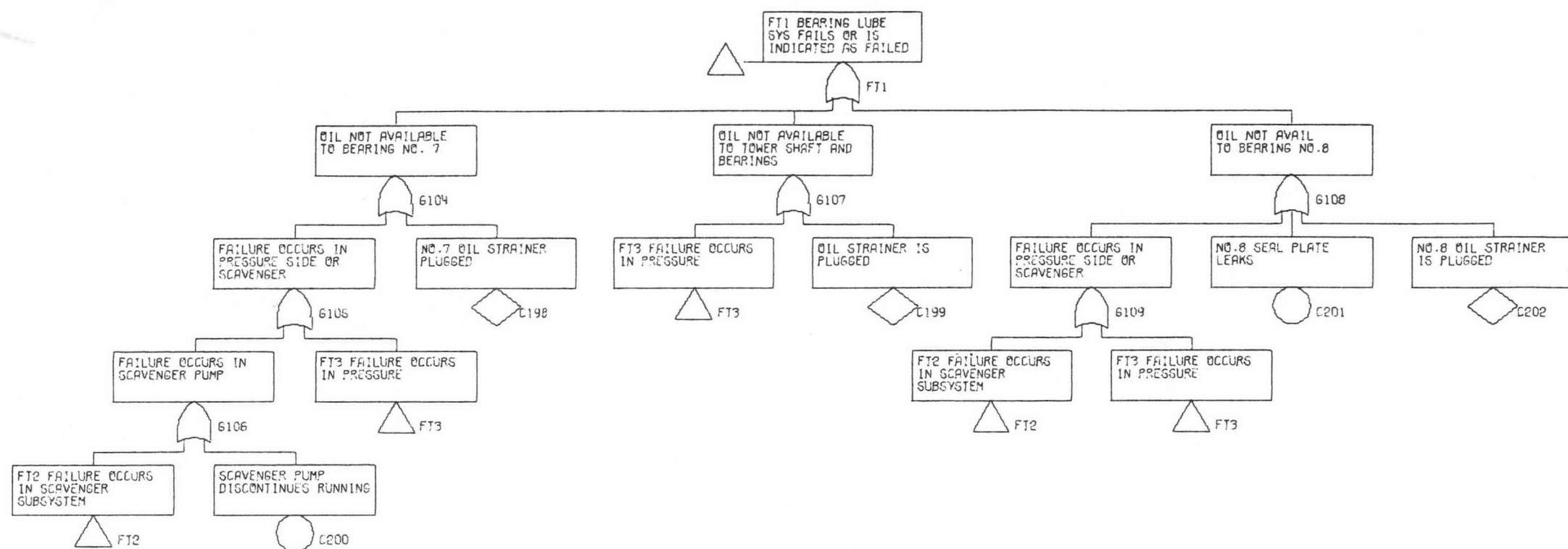


FIGURE B-7

FT1 BEARING LUBE  
SYSTEM FAILS OR IS  
INDICATED AS FAILED



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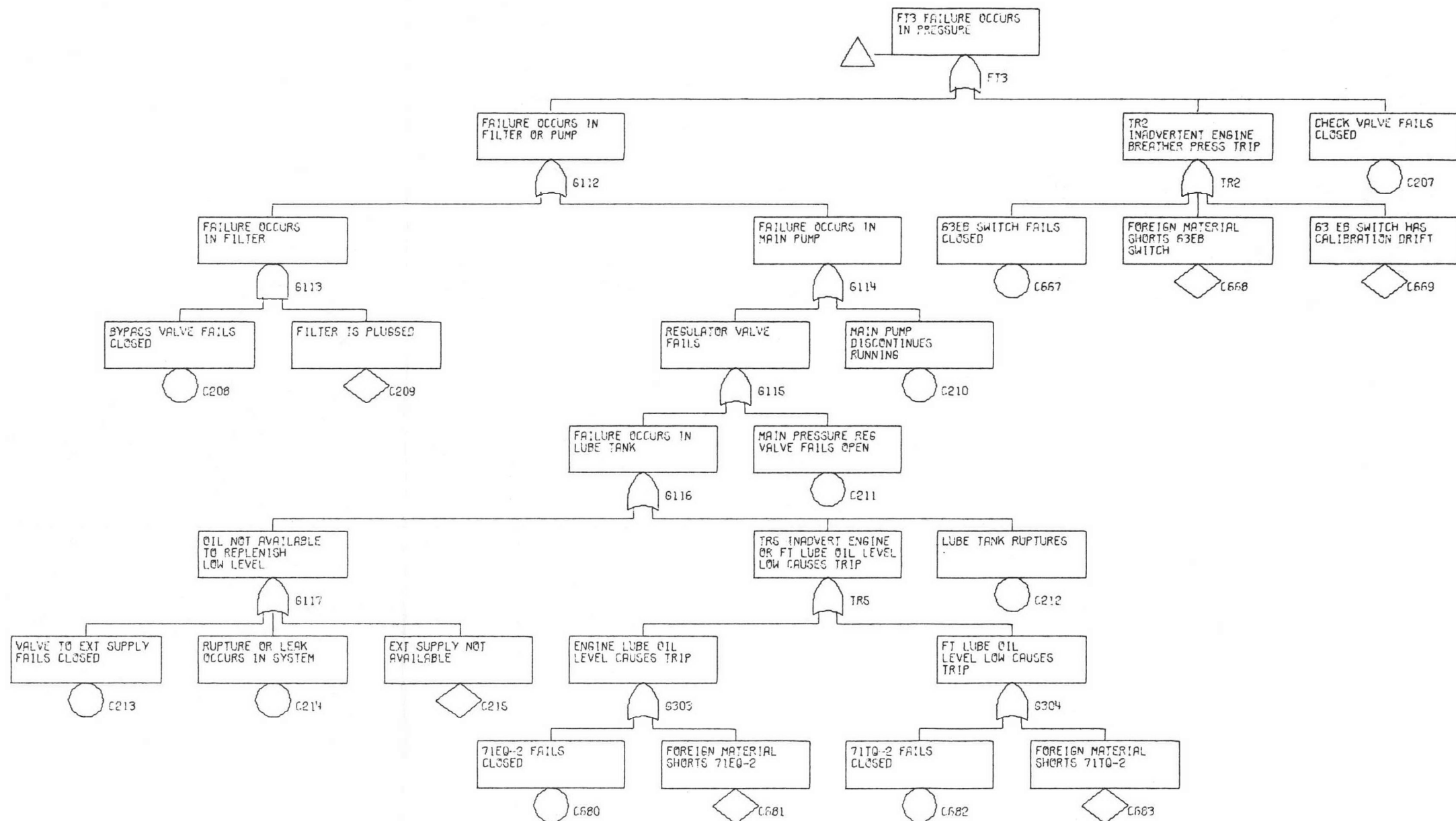


FIGURE B-9

FAILURE OCCURS  
IN PRESSURE

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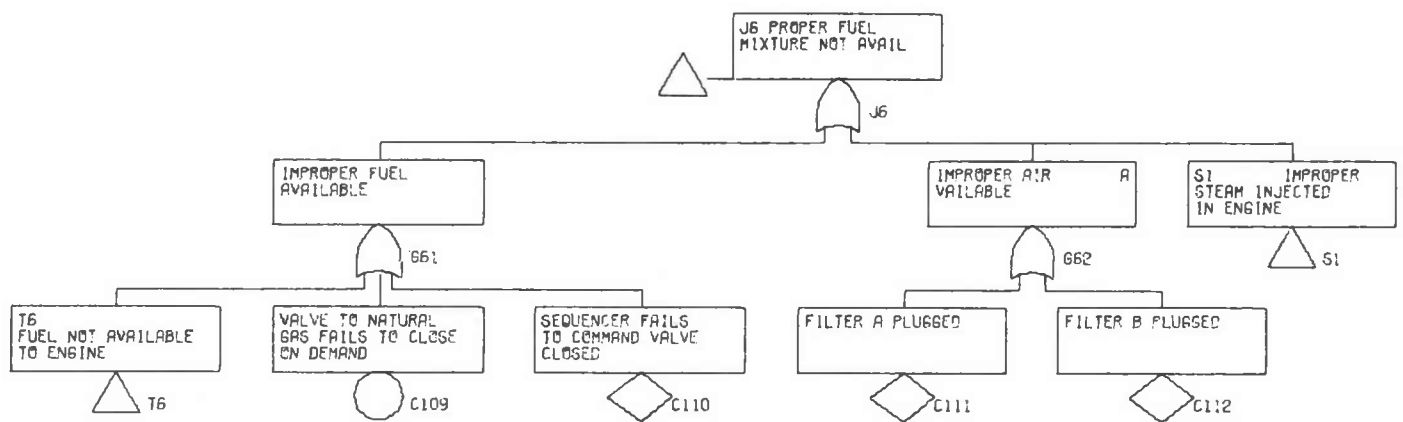


FIGURE B-10  
J6 PROPER FUEL  
MIXTURE NOT AVAILABLE

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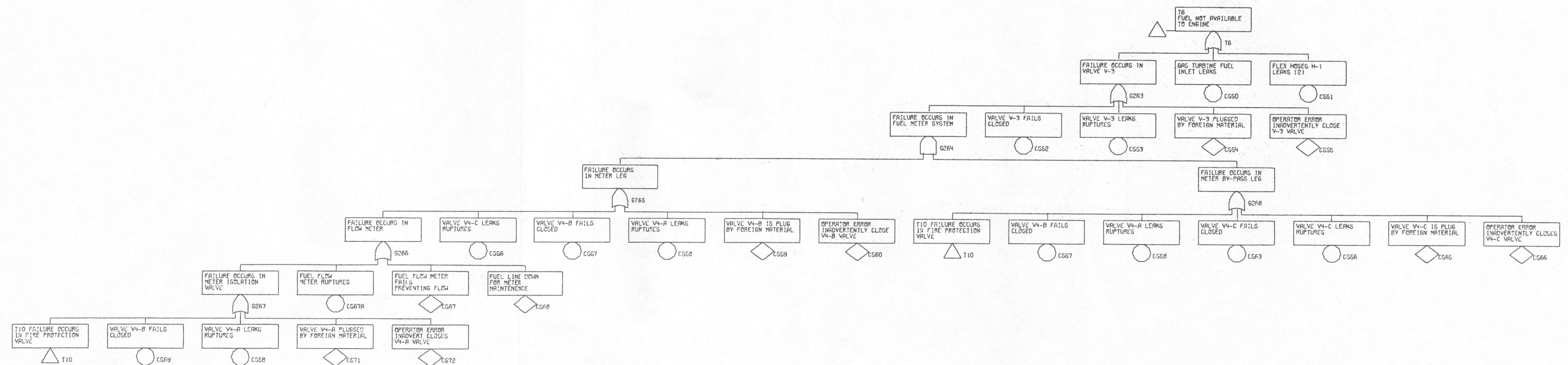
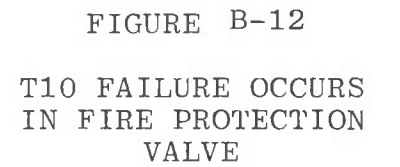


FIGURE B-11  
T6 FUEL NOT AVAILABLE  
TO ENGINE



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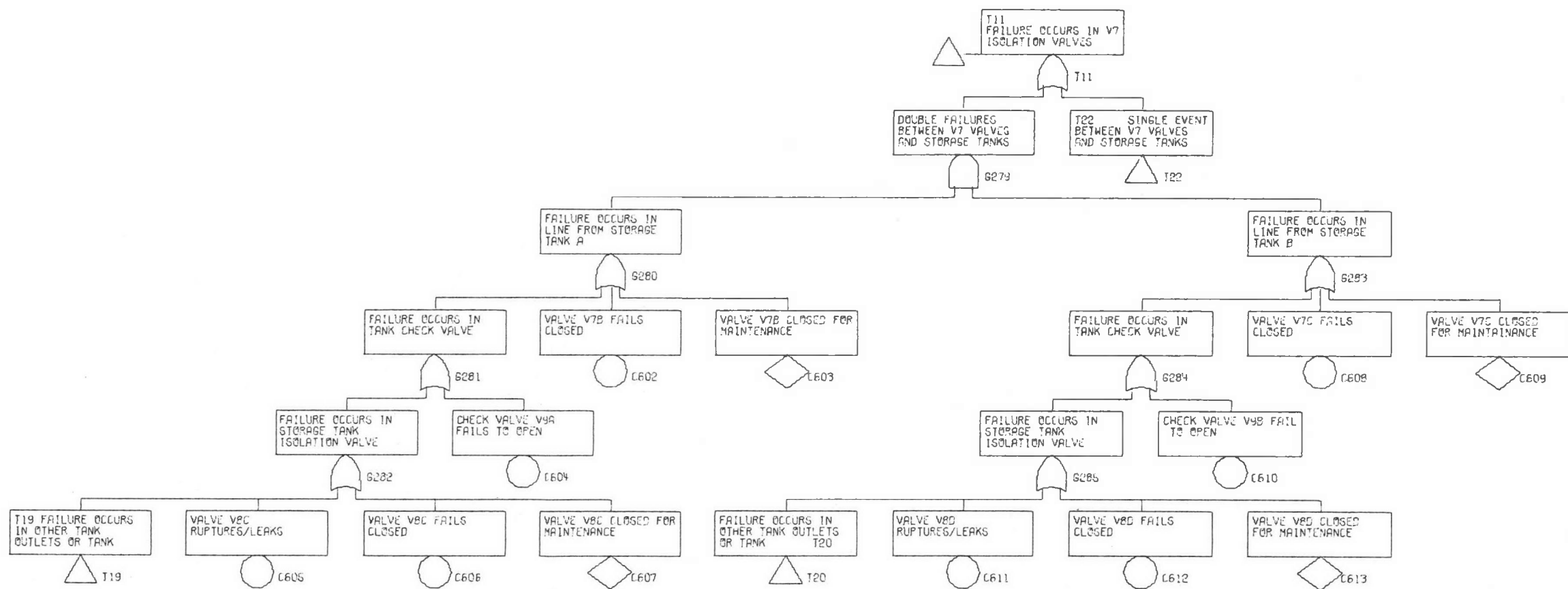


FIGURE B-13

T11 FAILURE OCCURS  
IN V7 ISOLATION  
VALVES

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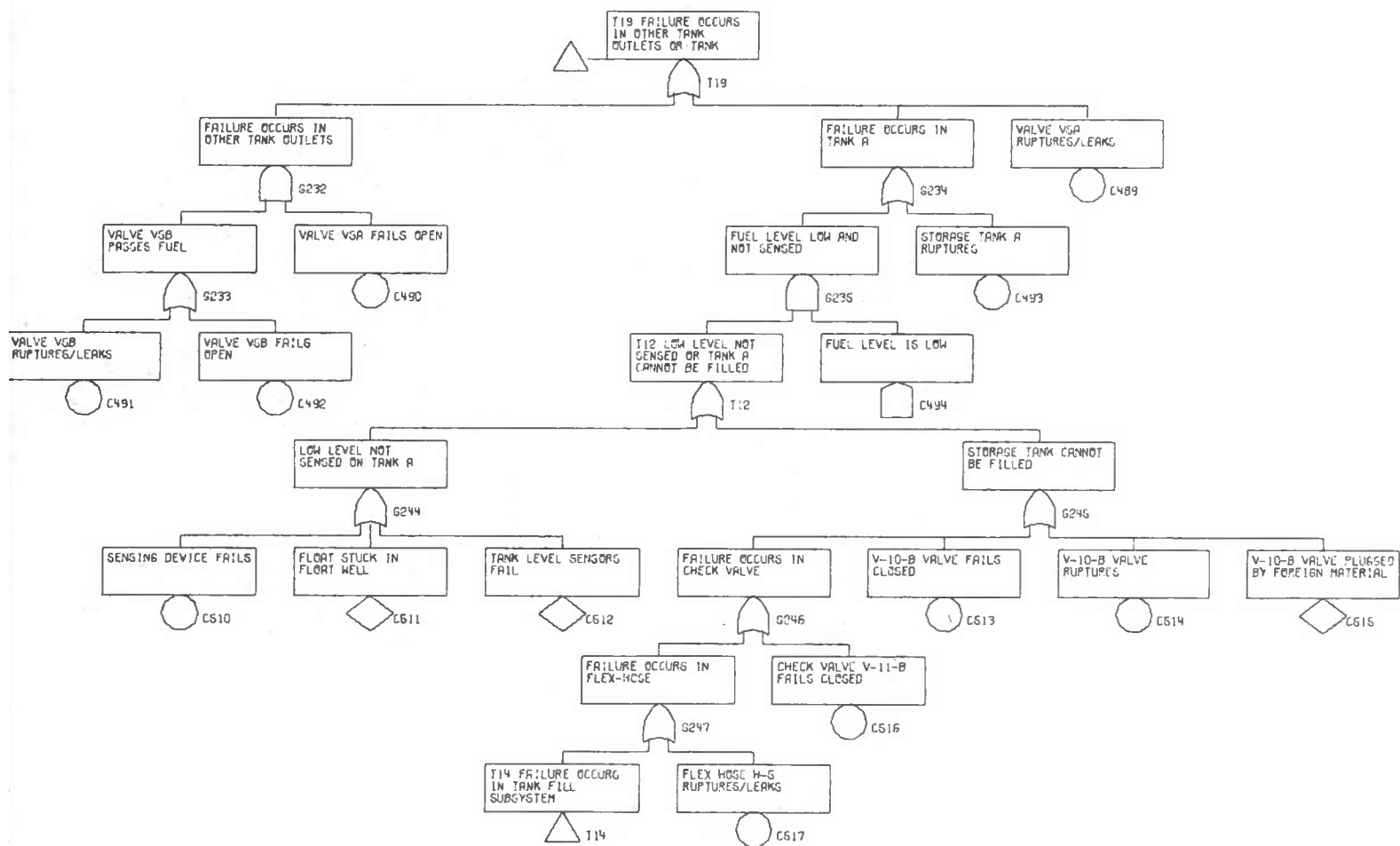


FIGURE B-14

T19 FAILURE OCCURS  
IN OTHER TANK  
OUTLETS OR TANK

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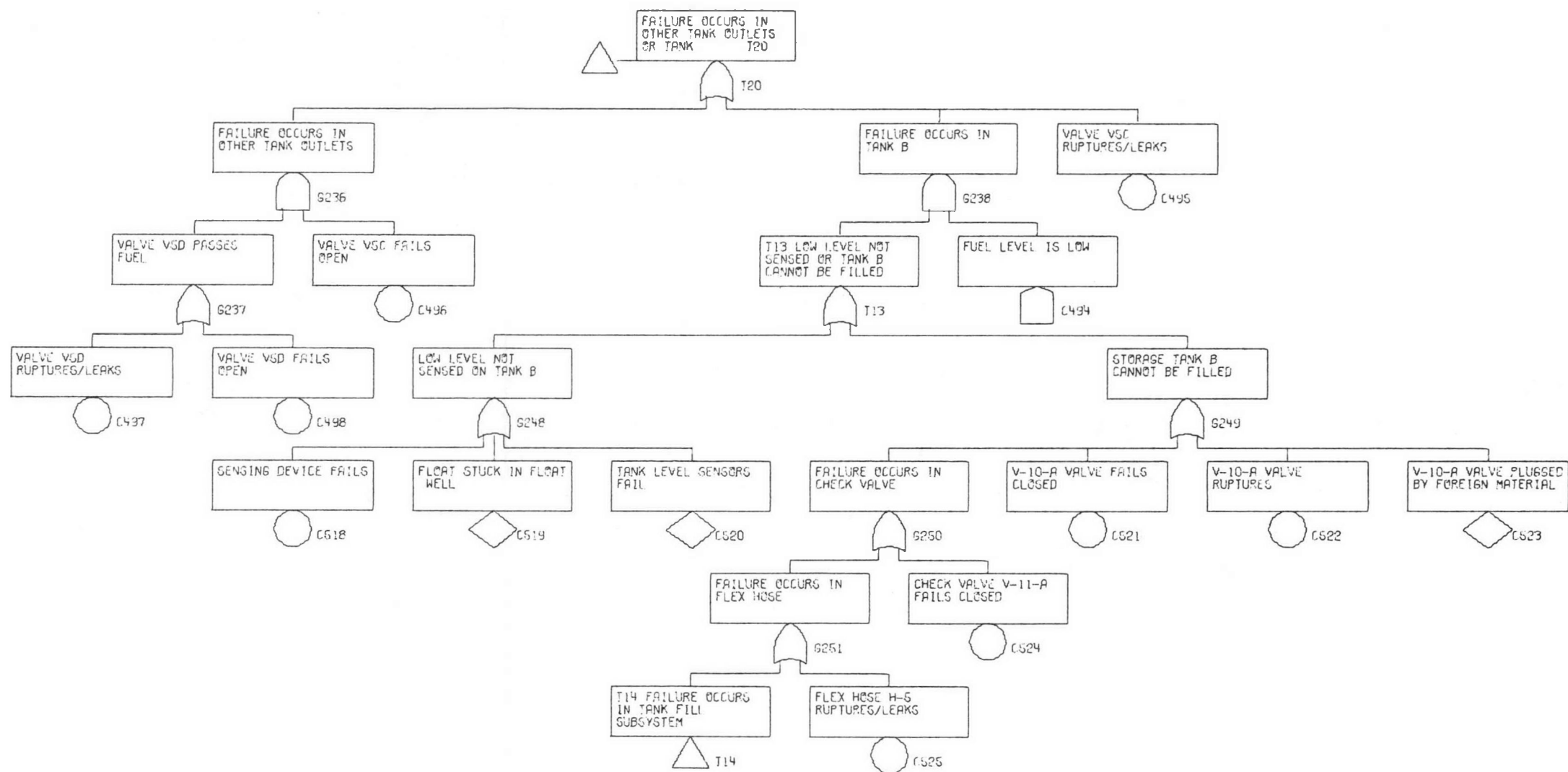


FIGURE B-16  
FAILURE OCCURS IN  
OTHER TANK OUTLETS  
OR TANK T20

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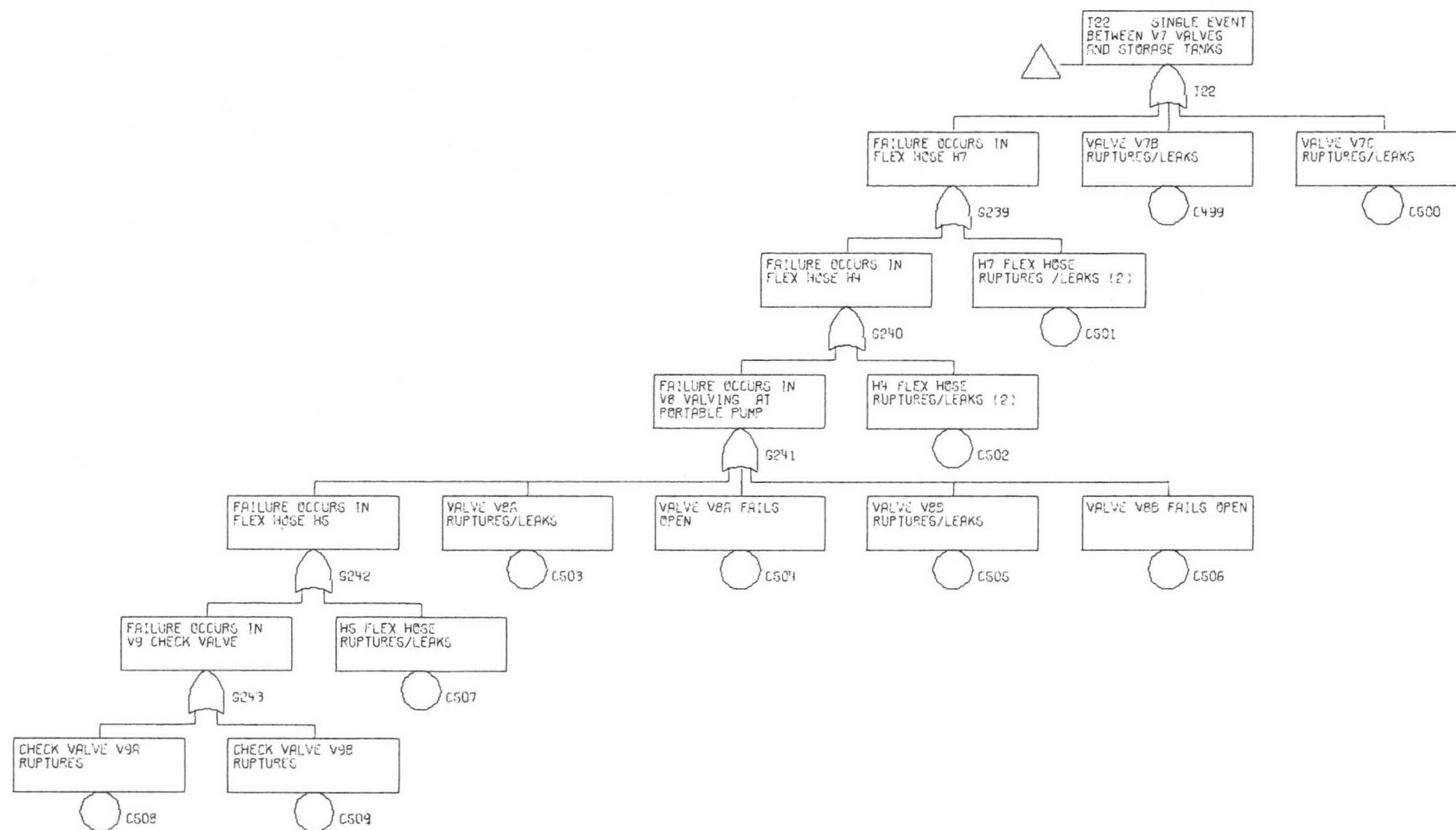


FIGURE B-17

T22 SINGLE  
EVENT BETWEEN  
V7 VALVES AND  
STORAGE TANKS

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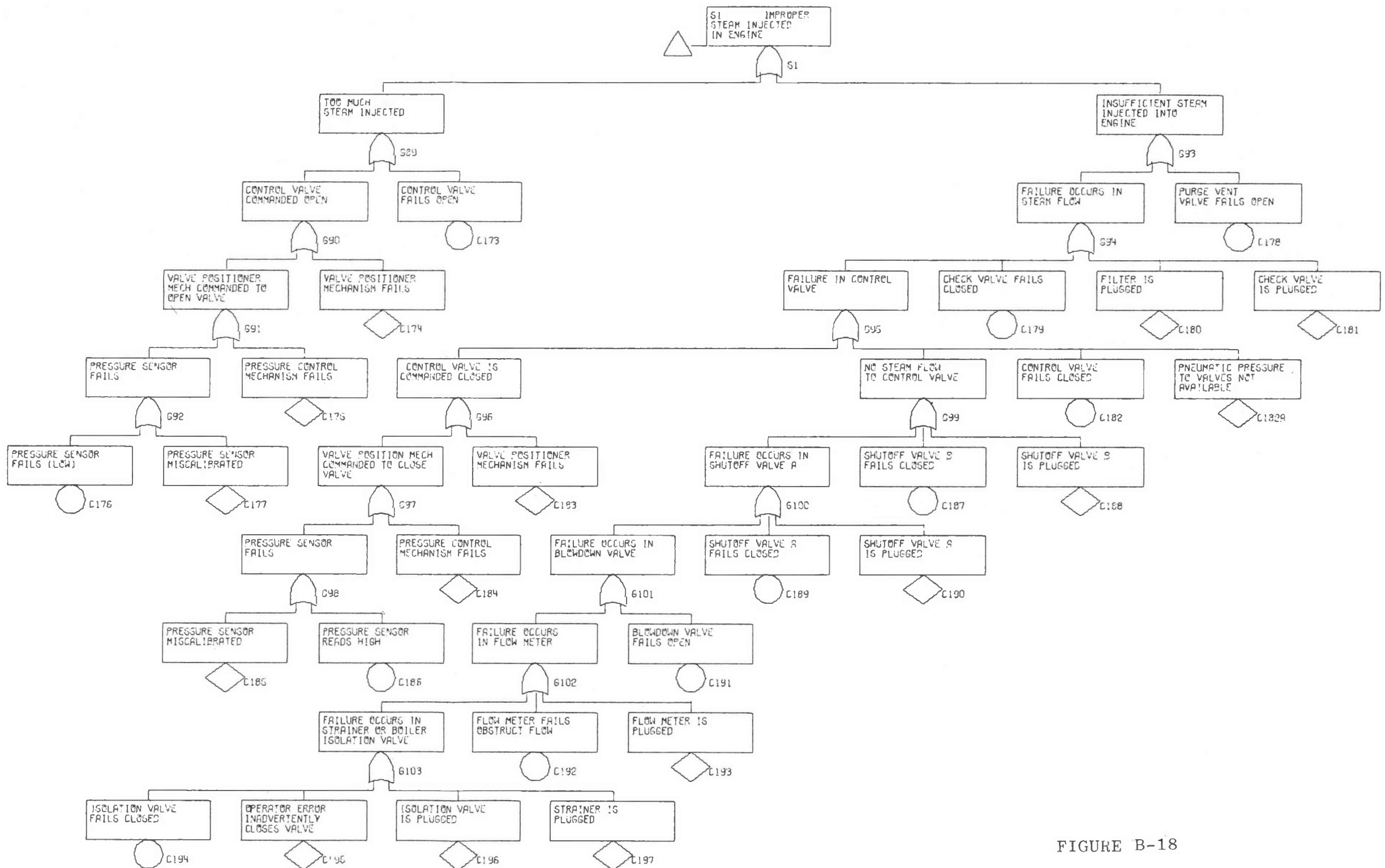


FIGURE B-18  
S1 IMPROPER  
STEAM INJECTED  
IN ENGINE

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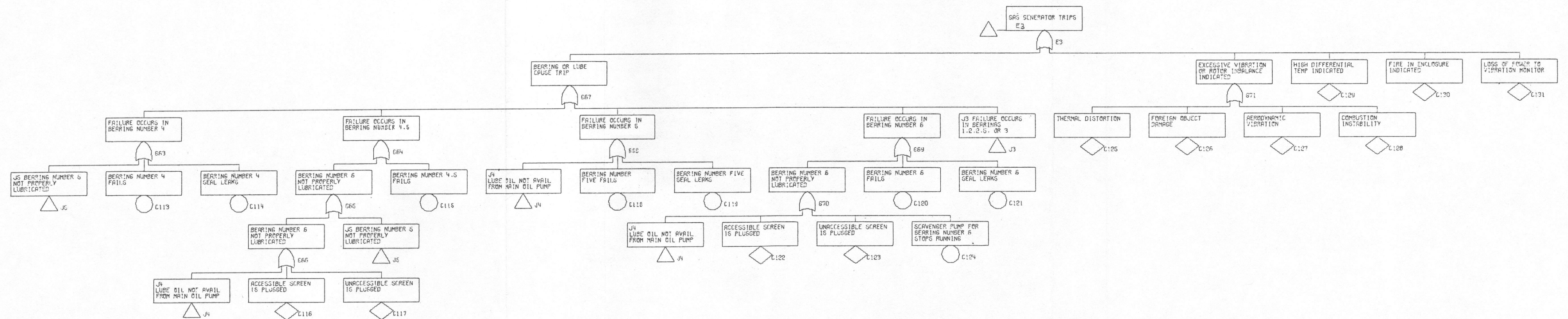


FIGURE B-19  
GAS GENERATOR  
TRIPS E3  
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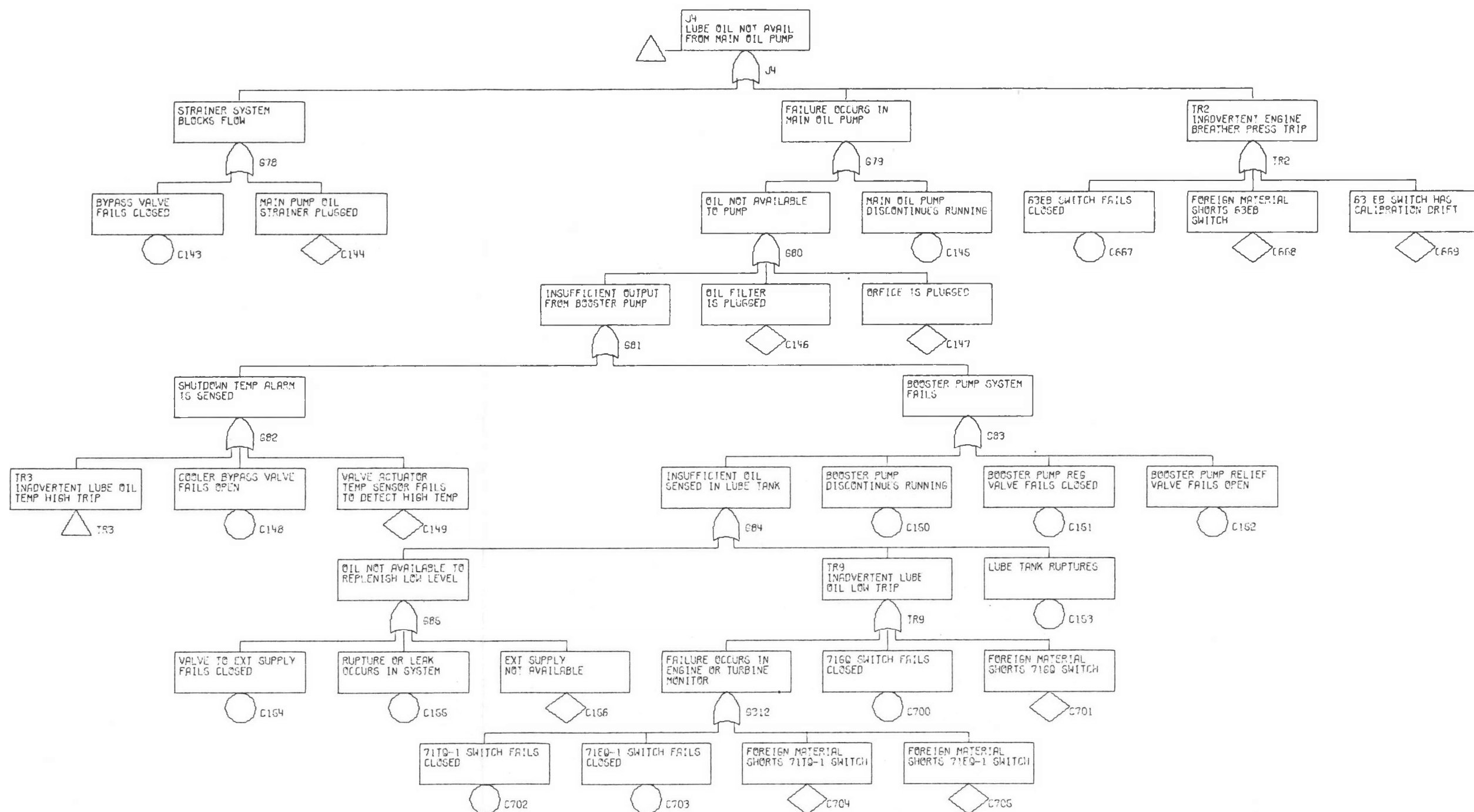


FIGURE P-20

J4 LUBE OIL NOT  
AVAILABLE FROM  
MAIN OIL PUMP  
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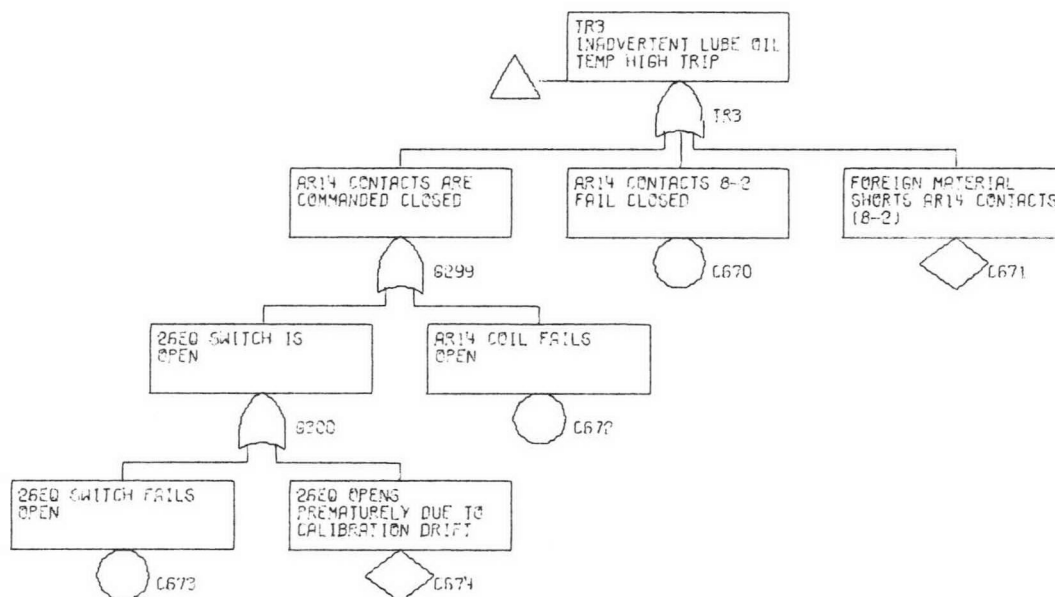


FIGURE B-21

TR3 INADVERTENT  
LUBE OIL TEMPERATURE  
HIGH TRIP

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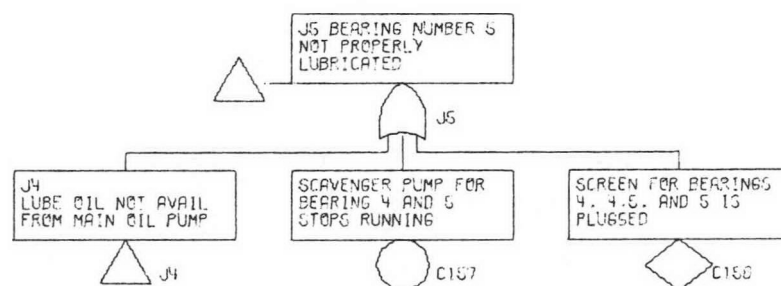


FIGURE B-22

J5 BEARING NUMBER 5  
NOT PROPERLY  
LUBRICATED

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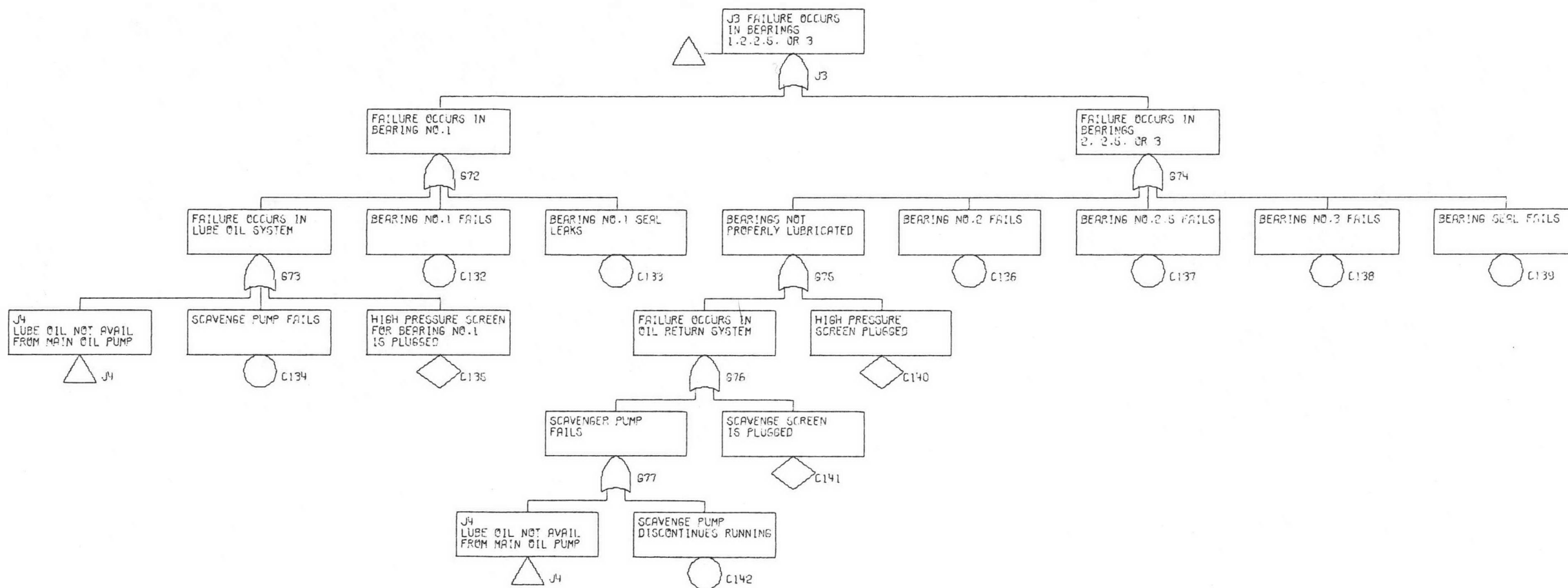


FIGURE B-23

J3 FAILURE  
OCCURS IN BEARINGS  
1, 2, 2, 5 or 3



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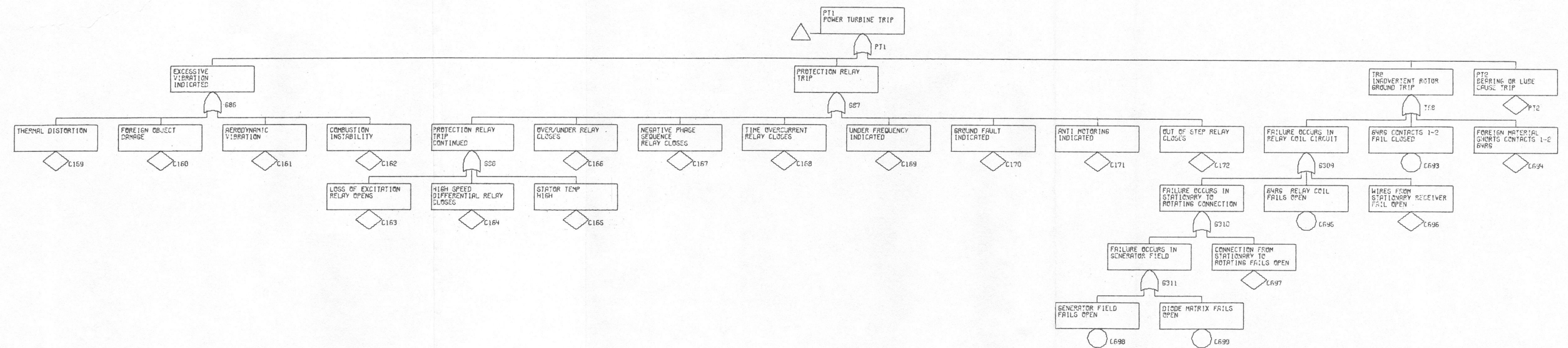


FIGURE B-24  
PT1 POWER TURBINE  
TRIP  
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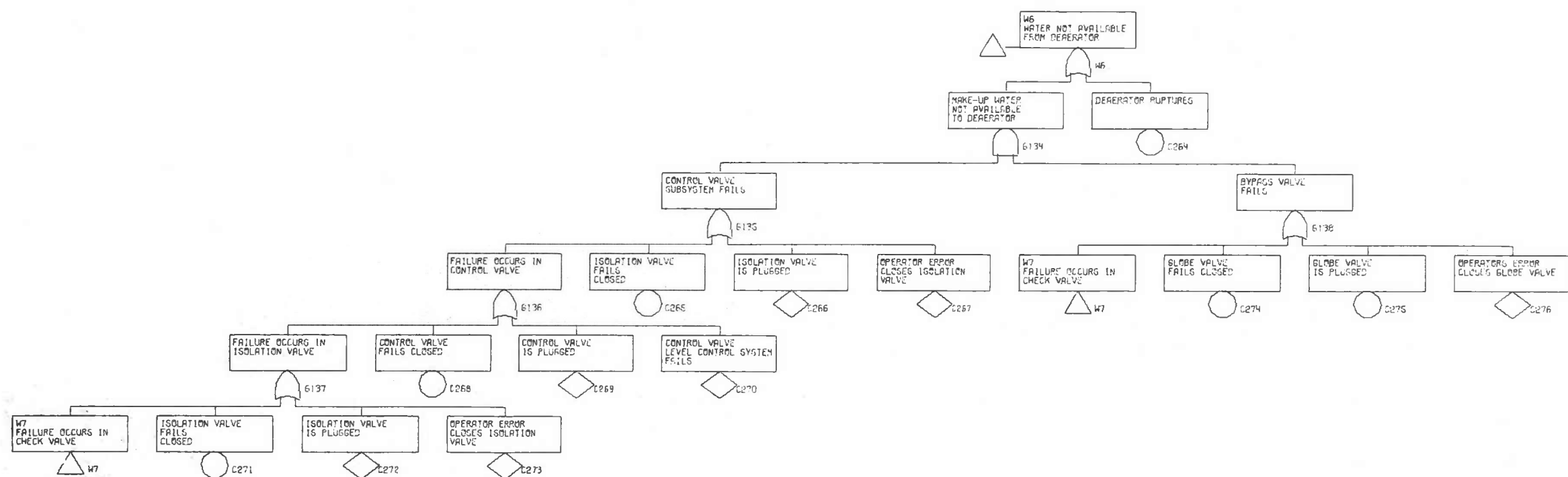


FIGURE B-26

W6 WATER  
NOT AVAILABLE  
FROM DEAERATOR

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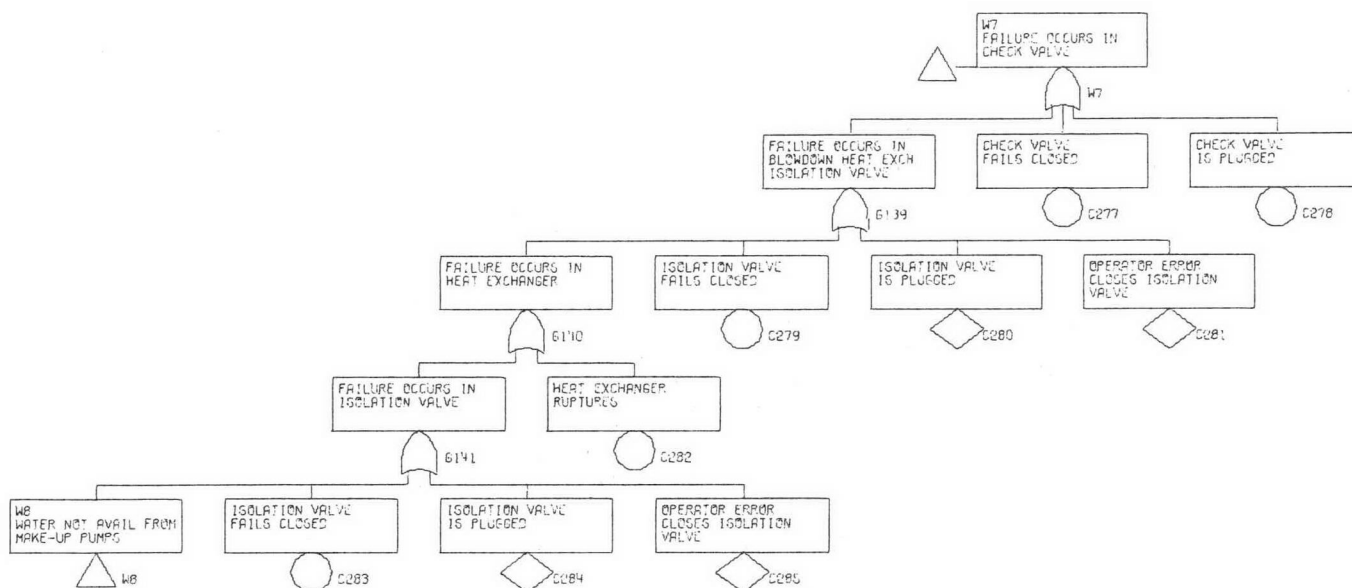


FIGURE B-27

W7 FAILURE  
OCCURS IN  
CHECK VALVE



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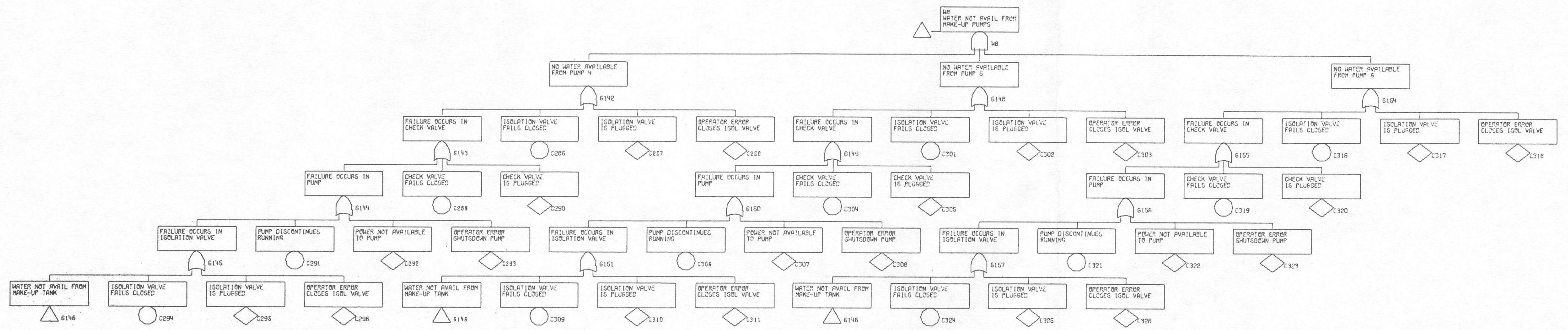


FIGURE B-28

W8 WATER  
NOT AVAILABLE  
FROM MAKE-UP  
PUMPS

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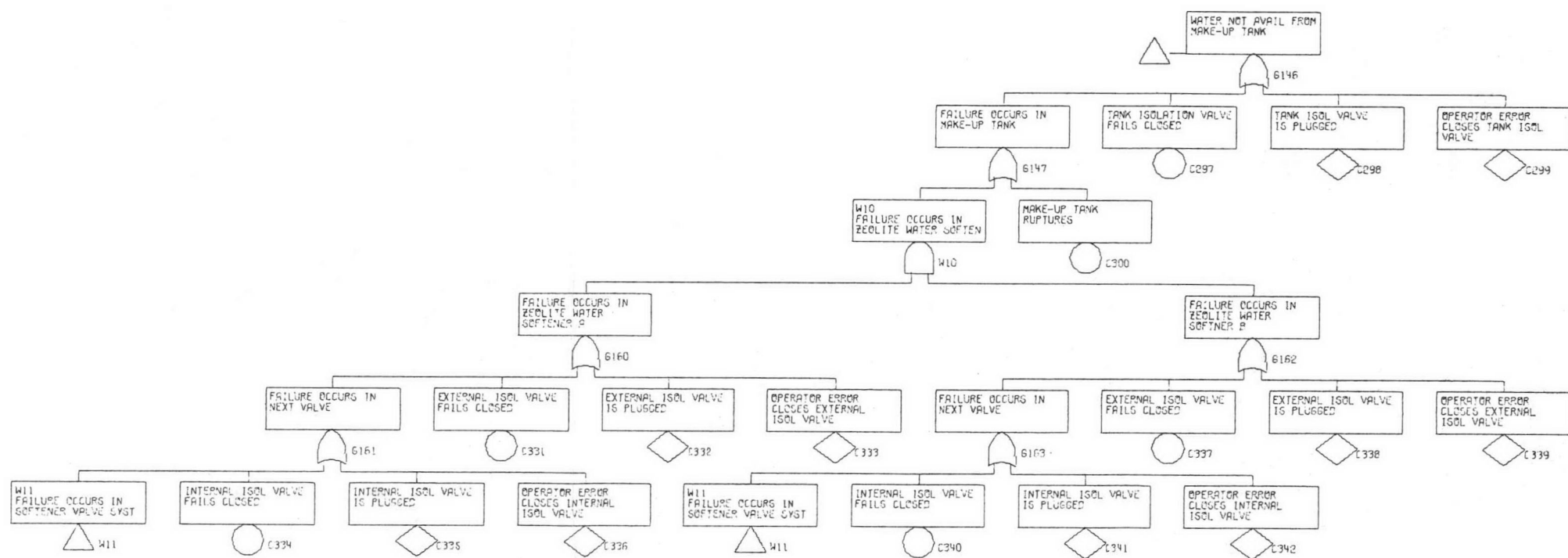


FIGURE B-29  
WATER NOT AVAILABLE  
FROM MAKE-UP TANK  
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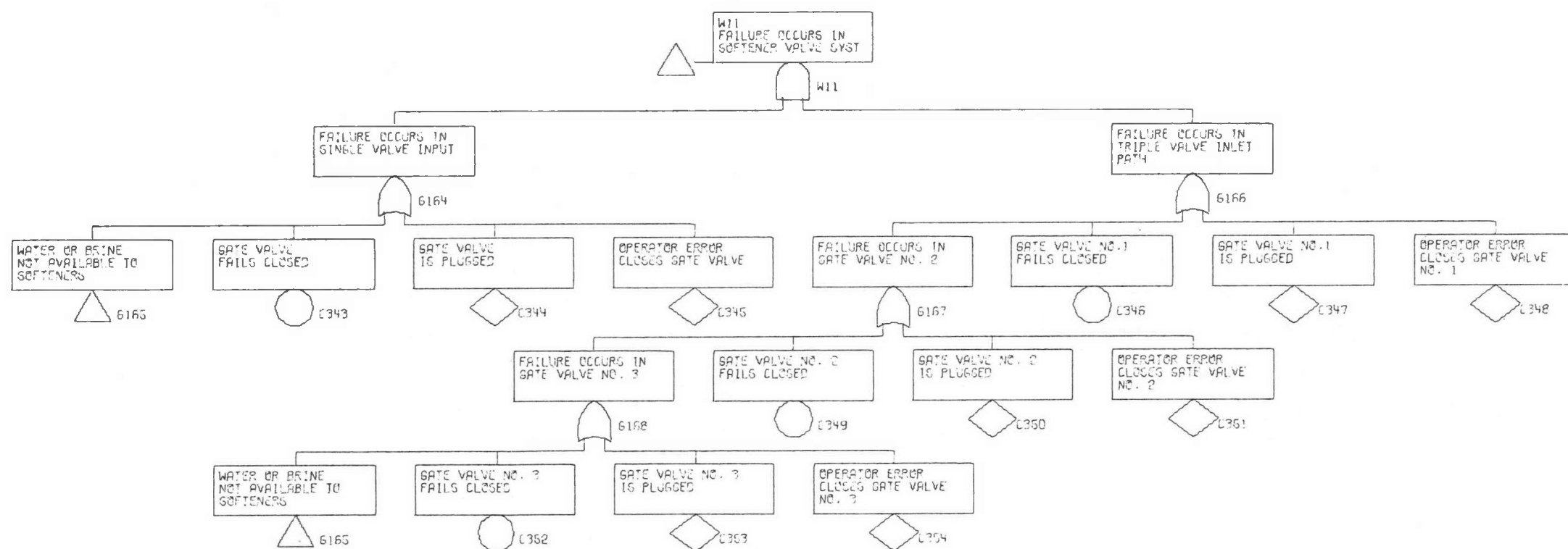


FIGURE B-30  
W11 FAILURE  
OCCURS IN SOFTENER  
VALVE SYSTEM

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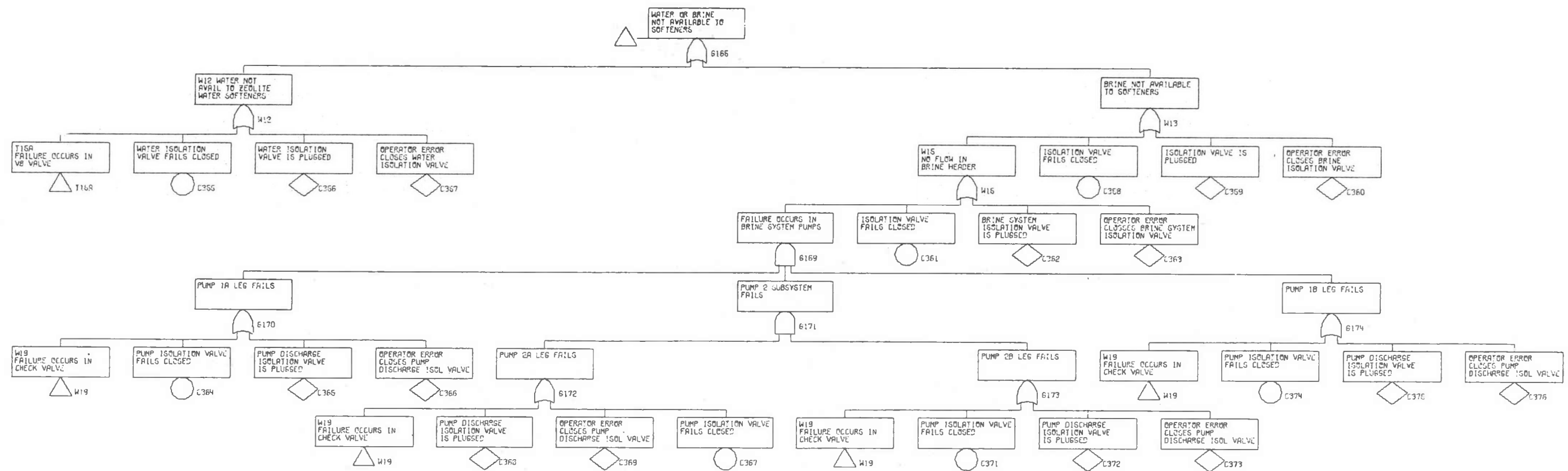


FIGURE B-31  
WATER OR BRINE  
NOT AVAILABLE TO  
SOFTENERS  
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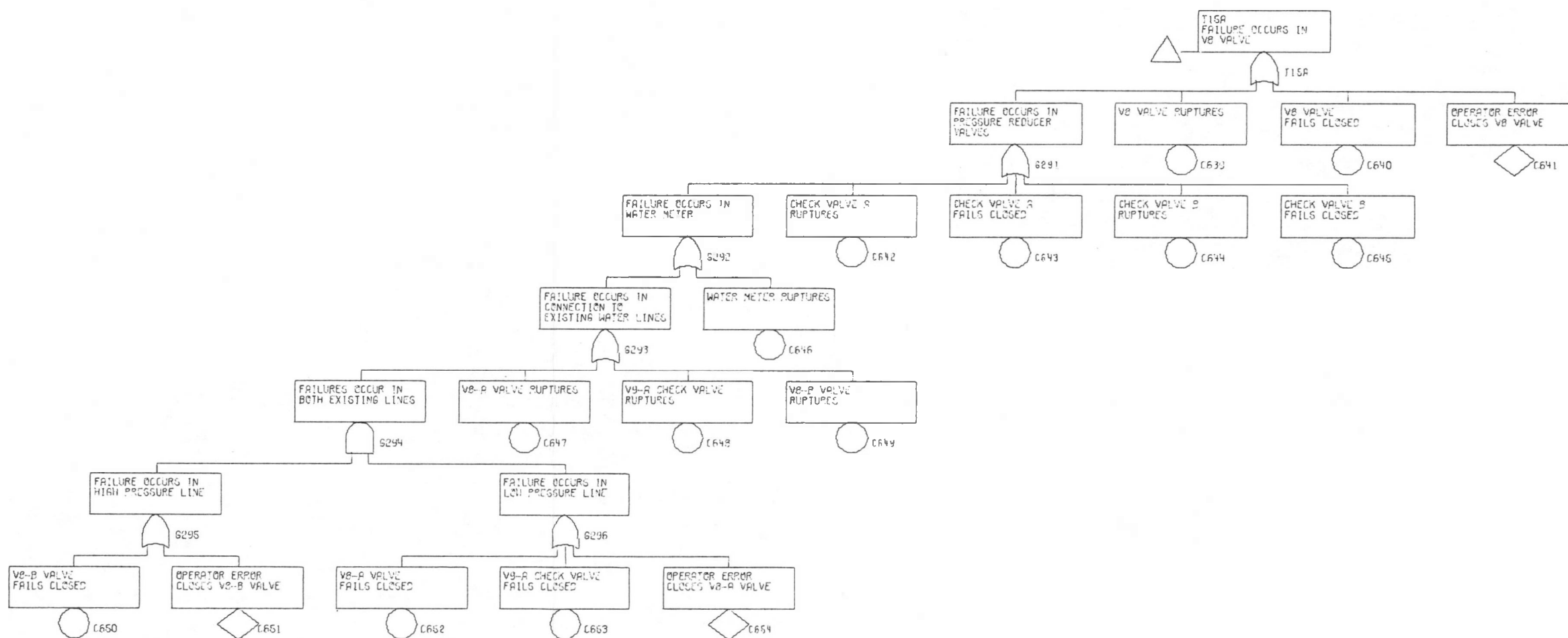


FIGURE B-32  
T15A FAILURE OCCURS  
IN V8 VALVE

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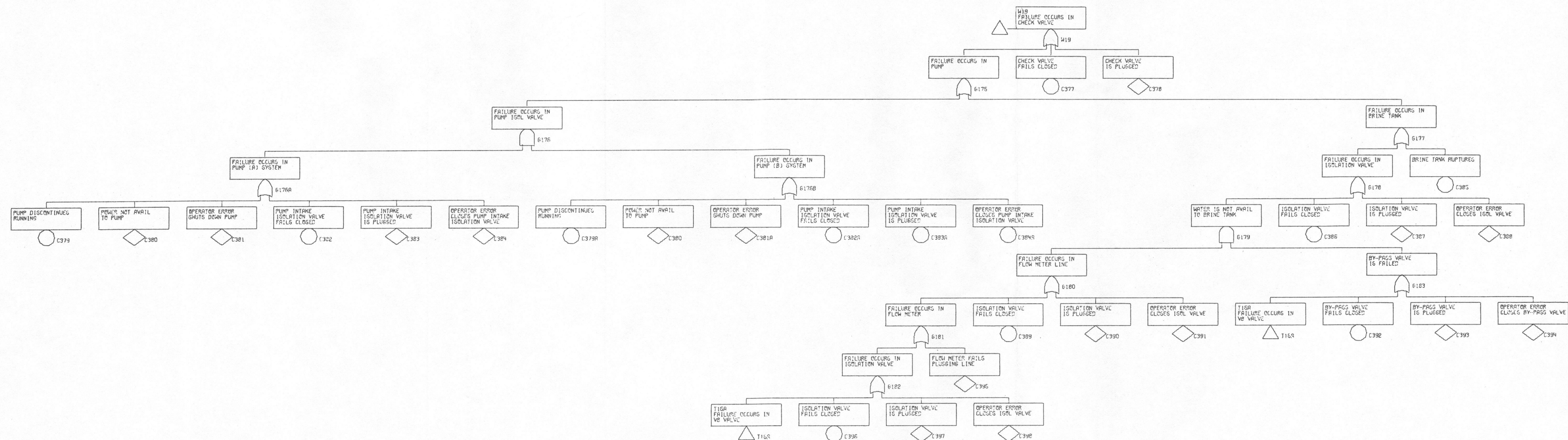


FIGURE B-33  
W19 FAILURE OCCURS  
IN CHECK VALVE

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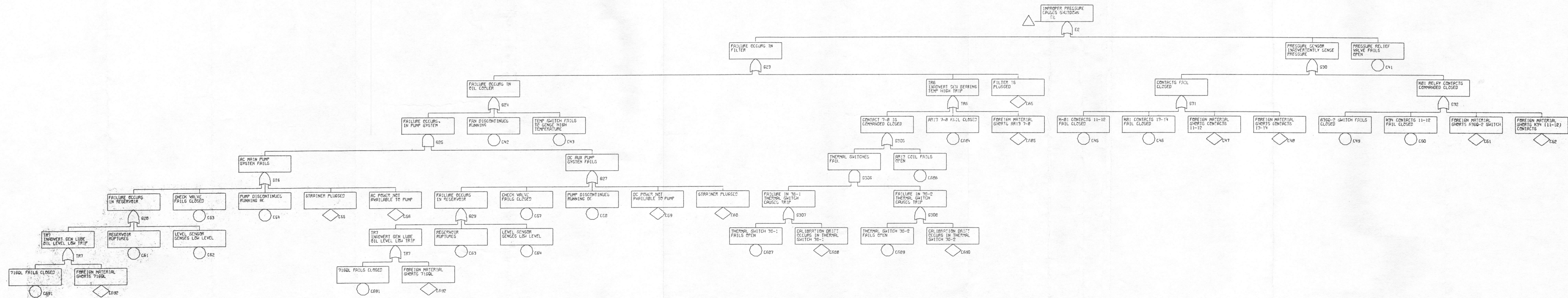


FIGURE B-34  
IMPROPER PRESSURE  
CAUSES SHUTDOWN E2  
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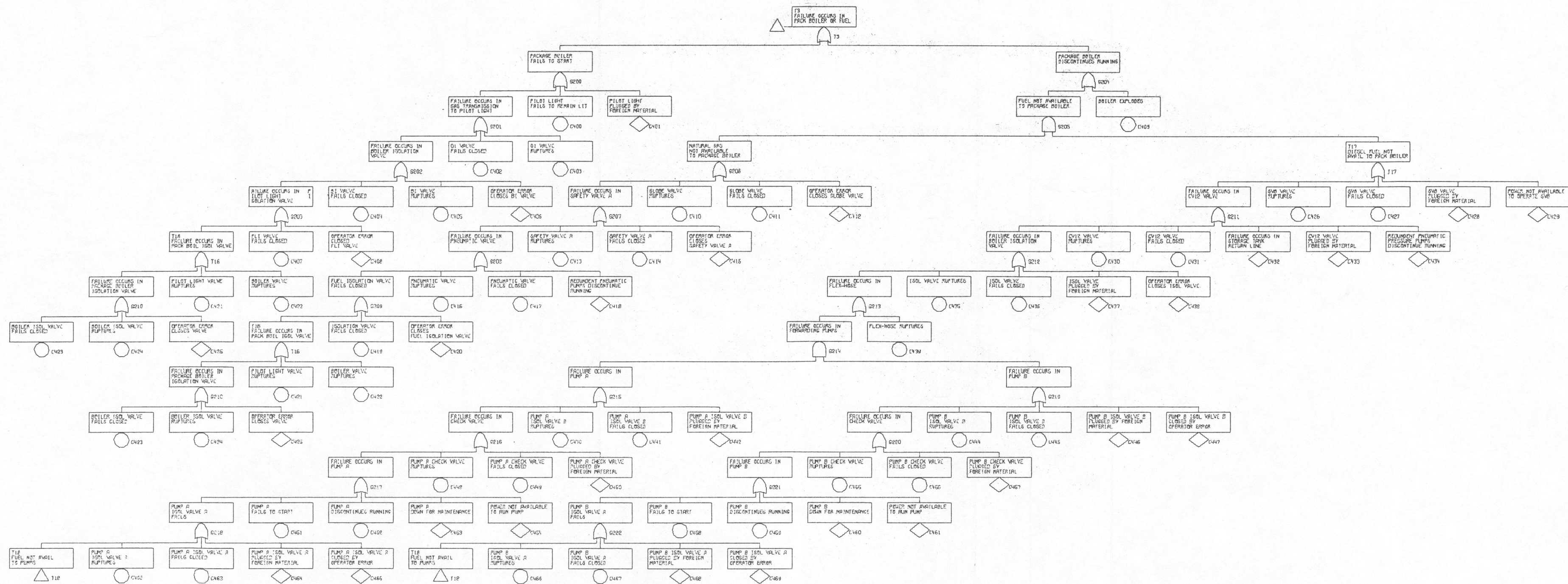


FIGURE B-35

T3 FAILURE  
OCCURS IN PACK  
BOILER OR FUEL



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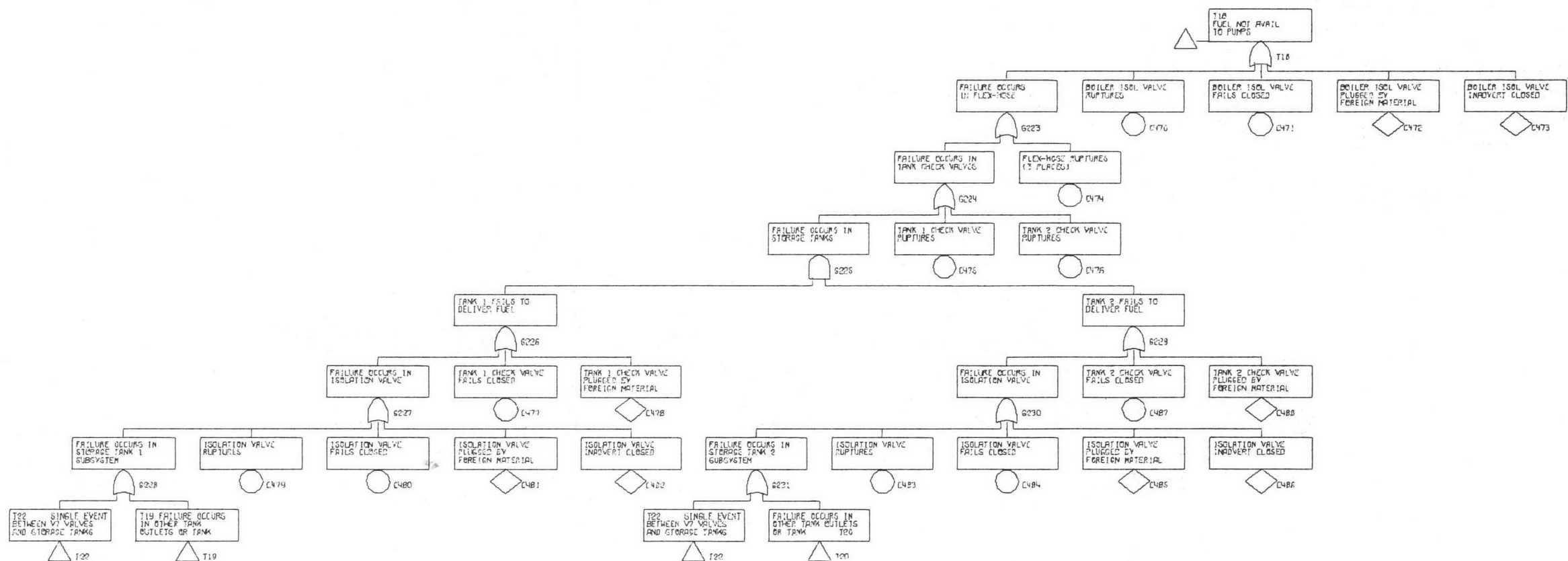


FIGURE B-36  
T18 FUEL NOT  
AVAILABLE TO PUMPS

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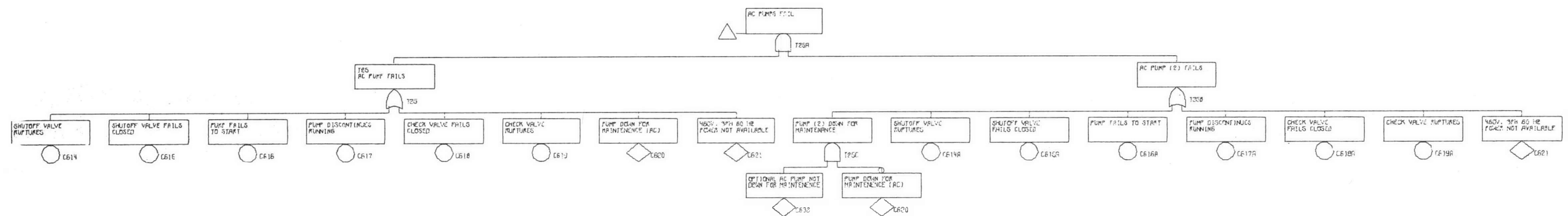


FIGURE B-37  
AC PUMPS FAIL  
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