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This work on the Chicago Loop has been generated over the past ten years suggesting the morphology of cities through the development of its various segments.

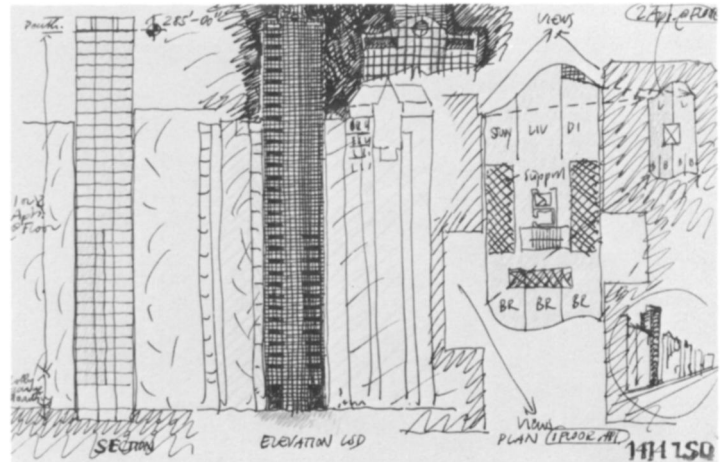
The city of Chicago is characterized by a flexible segmented condition within the more or less fixed framework of its circulation network.

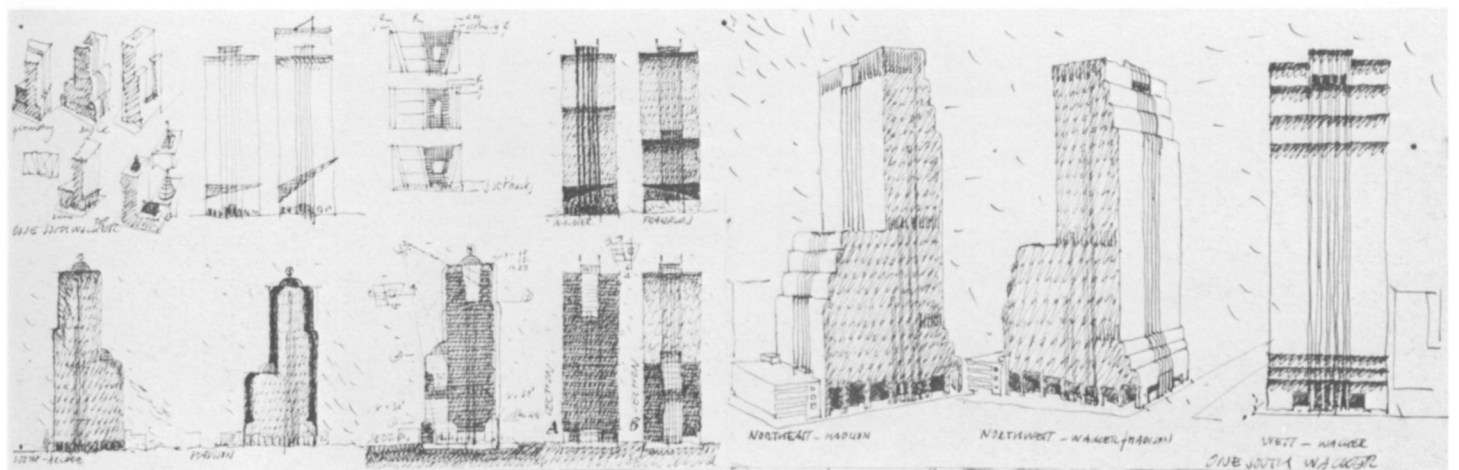
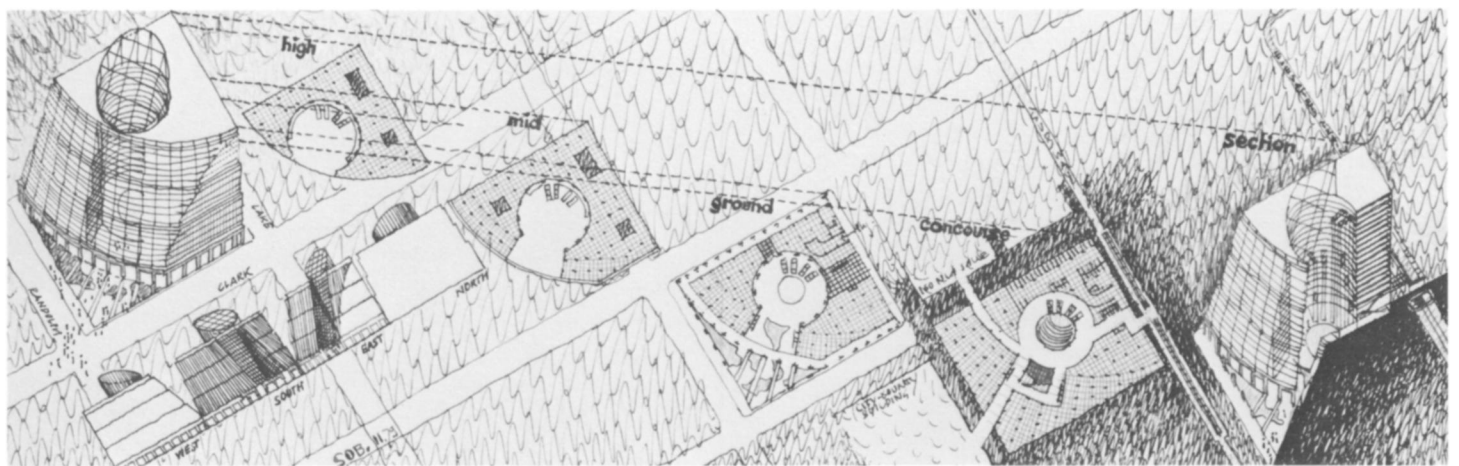
Building typologies are constantly changing over time and reflect certain conditions, expressions and styles that respond to the

social, economic, technical and artistic preoccupations and concerns of a particular area. These buildings perform on a symbolic level as monuments on the urban scene. The drawings in this presentation deal exclusively with real projects, many of which will be built. They are part of the process of designing with the building as what matters at the end. The drawings are for Architecture.

The conceptual studies are all freehand with ink and/or pencil on paper. The end result is represented by a screen on plexiglass imposed on the city grid. This collage then has Architecture as its subject. HJ

Helmut Jahn (b. 1940, Germany). Since 1967 he has been practicing with C. F. Murphy Associates as a partner and Director-in-Charge of Planning and Design. He has given lectures and served on architectural juries for various colleges and universities and was a participant in a 1977 Symposium: "State of the Art of Architecture," Chicago. He exhibited in the 1977 Chicago 7 group show, "Exquisite Corpse" (Chicago) and in the 1978 *Chicago Town Houses* exhibition (Chicago, Minneapolis). He was a prizewinner in the International Competition for Abu Dhabi Conference City and won first prize in the 1977 National Competition for Minnesota State Capitol Expansion. The numerous libraries, athletic facilities, arenas and civic buildings Jahn has designed have been published in *Architecture and Urbanism*, *Domus*, *Progressive Architecture* and *Bauen und Wohnen*.





Ten years of work in the Chicago Loop are captured in this series of vital sketches depicting a wide variety of projects and proposals by Jahn.