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INTERPRETATION

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Question:

A mezzanine conforms to Sentence 3.4.2.2.(2) and is located within a room provided with 2 egress doors (conforming to Subsection 3.3.1.).

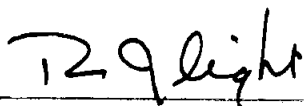
1. Can the maximum travel distance on the mezzanine to the egress stair permitted under Subclause 3.4.2.2.(2)(d)(ii) be measured to the top riser of the stair?
2. Is the egress stair from the *mezzanine* required to be enclosed?

Interpretation:

Answers:

1. Yes
2. No

It is interpreted that under the conditions referenced, the top riser of the stair serving the *mezzanine* is the reference point of egress for the *mezzanine* (this is viewed on the same basis as a door representing the reference point of egress from a room [see Article 3.3.1.5 and Interpretation 98-0001]). The stair serving the *mezzanine* [conforming to Sentence 3.4.2.2.(2)] may be an "open" egress stair.



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