



Figure 5–56. Photograph of damage on the south face of WTC 7, shot looking down Vesey Street between the Verizon Building (left) and WTC 6 (right), shortly after 1:30 p.m.
The intensity levels have been adjusted.

The smoke near the base of WTC 7 had momentarily cleared at this time, and it is possible to observe a damaged area on the lower part of the south face. An opening in the building spanning several floors is apparent. This part of the image has been enlarged in Figure 5–57. A row of several windows with some columns visible can be seen near the top of the visible damage. Closer inspection reveals that there is another row of windows immediately below. A single window is visible just to the right of the curved damage section. Lower down a single rectangular opening is present to the left of the opening in the face. This opening is much taller than the windows visible above. Its shape indicates that it is one of the vents that spanned the 5th and 6th floors. Thus, the damage visible in the image spans the 5th to 8th floors.

There is insufficient information in the image to identify the exact horizontal location of the damage on the face. However, it is likely that the damage area is a downward extension of the opening visible in Figure 5–47 and Figure 5–49 to the immediate left of Column 20. If this is correct, the opening in this area extends from at least the 5th floor to the 15th floor.