

matching and one that happened to be out in the country to get 50 percent. I would hope that perhaps this committee and the Interior Committee, Mr. Chairman, could work these bills out together. After all, we have done that in matters like the area redevelopment program of the House Committee on Public Works. And it might even be sound to combine the two bills somehow into one, I would hope with the approval of both these committees. However, I am delighted that at least for 1966 you are doing what I wish we had done many years ago and there would be many a fine building, including some in Milwaukee, that would still be standing that are bulldozed down.

Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you very much.

Mr. Widnall has one or two questions that he may desire to ask you, Mr. Gray.

Mr. WIDNALL. This goes to both Mr. Gray and Mr. Rains.

The committee on its trips visited several of the Communist countries. We all know that ever since the 1920's the Communists have been very anxious to rewrite history and have it begin from the time they took power. Is it not true that they are showing a great zealotness in preserving the tradition of history of their country in many instances? Did you not find that?

Mr. GRAY. Yes. It is interesting that those countries—bear in mind everything that is done there is done by the government. But for the governments to have done what they have done is very interesting.

As you know, Warsaw was 85 percent rubble when the Germans finally got out of there. The Communist government chose not to replace all of these rubble with new structures, but in the old city, in the heart of Warsaw, from architectural drawings and photographs they have reproduced the city as it was, even to the point of sagging roofs, and leaning chimneys. The photographs before and after, you can hardly tell the difference.

That is reconstruction that is less desirable than preservation, and restoration is less desirable than rehabilitation. But when things are flat to the ground, if you are going to have it look as it did, you have to completely rebuild.

Mr. WIDNALL. In other words, they completely recognize the value to the country in having preservation of historic places and also the great attractions it is for foreign visitors coming there?

Mr. GRAY. Both of these. They recognize that the people demand roots and no matter what kind of government they live under they take pride in the past and their traditions and ancestry.

Mr. WIDNALL. I certainly would like to commend you again for your unselfish devotion and great attention to something that is most important in America and as head of the National Trust you have exhibited great leadership and you and the groups working with you deserve a lot of credit for what has been done in this field now.

We have had a prohibition placed on us with respect to Mr. Rains. I would like to ask Mr. Rains one question.

I know that you would like to answer no questions on a subject other than historic preservation. But in view of your own work on this committee, the type of committee it was and producing the fine reports produced by the committee, I wonder if you have an opinion