

By this coming summer, the present improvised facility will be completely inadequate to handle the crowds who will come to see KSC. These facilities were put up hurriedly in order to meet great pressures to start public tours without waiting some 18 months before a permanent center could be made ready. The idea was that we would use it for a year or two until we had acquired some tour experience plus a permanent visitor information center. Concurrently, design work had been undertaken by Welton Becket Associates of New York City. However, when the permanent design work was finally completed last fall, it was evident that the cost of constructing and equipping that design was substantially above that which the architect had originally programmed. The estimated price had risen so much—to an estimated \$2,487,000—that it appeared useless to proceed with the full construction, at least with the limited resources we had available. So, we have proceeded with an alternative approach which gives most of what we need, without raising the costs beyond our current availability of \$1,122,000.

Figure G-3 shows a proposed temporary facility to be erected on the permanent visitor information center site. This facility is to be placed midway between the permanent visitor information center location and the parking lots in the rear. Under this plan, the site can be substantially developed with utilities, proper grade, adequate roadways, full electrical and sewer connections, and other improvements in line with the master site plan which was a part of the permanent visitor information center design by Welton Becket Associates. We are installing in the present program all site development features which would continue to be used in any subsequent permanent opera-

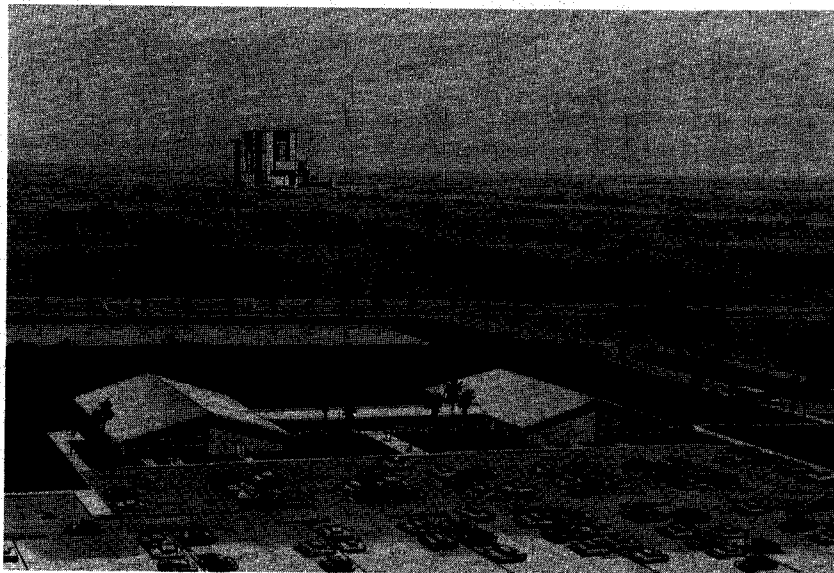


FIGURE G-3. Proposed visitor information center at Kennedy Space Center