

tion. At any later time when our experience indicates to the Congress that there should be more adequate tourist facilities, we can erect the permanent facility in the area north of the temporary structures; at no point would we need to disrupt the tours in order to accomplish the permanent construction.

Dr. DEBUS. But we cannot accomplish this within the present allocation of funds.

Mr. SIEPERT. That's right.

Dr. DEBUS. Not the permanent facility.

Mr. SIEPERT. We can prepare the total site and build the temporary buildings for \$1,096,000.

We appreciate that the committee will want to know how these temporary buildings compare with the permanent construction which was designed for us by Welton Becket Associates of New York City.

This—figure G-4—is a model of the winning Becket design which was chosen as superior to four other designs submitted by competing architects. We will retain the basic site plan intact. The water area or moat is needed for land excavation to build up the proper grade. The full moat, however, will not be dredged on all sides unless we later proceed with the permanent design. Nor would the stone curbing around this water area be installed at this time. The temporary exhibit structure is actually being located to the south of the building site of the permanent visitor information center.

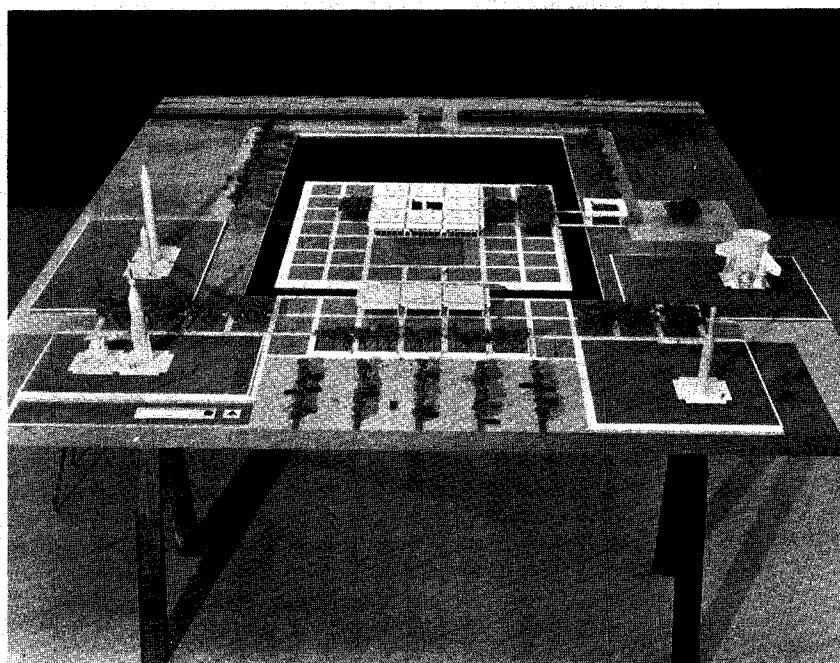


FIGURE G-4.—The design proposed by Welton Becket was selected of five competing designs proposed by nationally known architects.