

has outlined this morning, will encompass something like 3 million square feet?

Mr. JENNINGS. Yes. As a matter of fact, I would say it is probably in excess of that, but on the conservative side it would be 3 million square feet.

Mr. GRAY. The Union Station is just in excess of 300,000?

Mr. JENNINGS. Yes, it is a large project.

Mr. GRAY. Very large project.

Mr. JENNINGS. Eight floors. I might say that we, at our own expense, have had some architects, possibly this will come out of statements made by my colleagues, but architects have done some preliminary work, and at one time, while it was considered it would be 5 million square feet, but this is a very large project.

(Extended remarks follow:)

EXTENDED REMARKS TO THE STATEMENT OF LLEWELYN A. JENNINGS, CHAIRMAN
OF THE FEDERAL CITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the Federal City Council, I wish to thank the committee for the courtesy and interest given me during my testimony on September 13, 1967. I am most pleased to avail myself of their unanimous consent to extend my remarks, as follows:

The site selected for the Exposition and Transportation Center has a very small residential population and contains a considerable number of transients. In one of the blocks there is no occupied housing. In a very considerable portion of the site, houses have already been demolished and the land is used for surface parking. Since this is one of the older portions of Washington, the great percentage of remaining houses date from 1885 or earlier. Under such circumstances the relocation problem will be minimal. As the committee is aware, ordinarily this becomes a major factor when an area is rehabilitated by a major undertaking.

The areas adjacent to the site, particularly east and north, across Mt. Vernon Square, are low cost housing. The project will require several thousand employees. This will enable those living in these areas to walk to work, a matter of considerable importance to those with lower incomes.

At present, 7th Street near Mt. Vernon Square is considered unsafe, particularly after dark. The Exposition and Transportation Center will be ablaze with light and active until midnight. This will radically improve the whole area as well as the nearby business district.

The library at Mt. Vernon Square is a beautiful building. A new library is being built downtown and this one will be abandoned. It would be my hope that this building could be retained and possibly turned over to the Smithsonian, so that historical exhibits could be shown from time to time, in conjunction with special displays by various industries in the Exposition Center.

Mr. GRAY. I might say in that connection that I am very familiar with Hellmuth, O'Bata & Kassabaum, and they do very good work. They are designing the air museum here on the Mall, and they designed the maximum security Federal prison in my congressional district. They do very fine work.

All right. General Prentiss, we are glad to see you this morning. You may proceed in your own fashion.

STATEMENT OF MAJ. GEN. LOUIS W. PRENTISS, CHAIRMAN,
PROJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE, FEDERAL CITY COUNCIL

General PRENTISS. Mr. Chairman, gentlemen, my name is Louis W. Prentiss and I am chairman of the Project Planning Committee of the Federal City Council. H.R. 12603, setting up a Visitors Center in Washington, is a great step forward and I can but confirm the