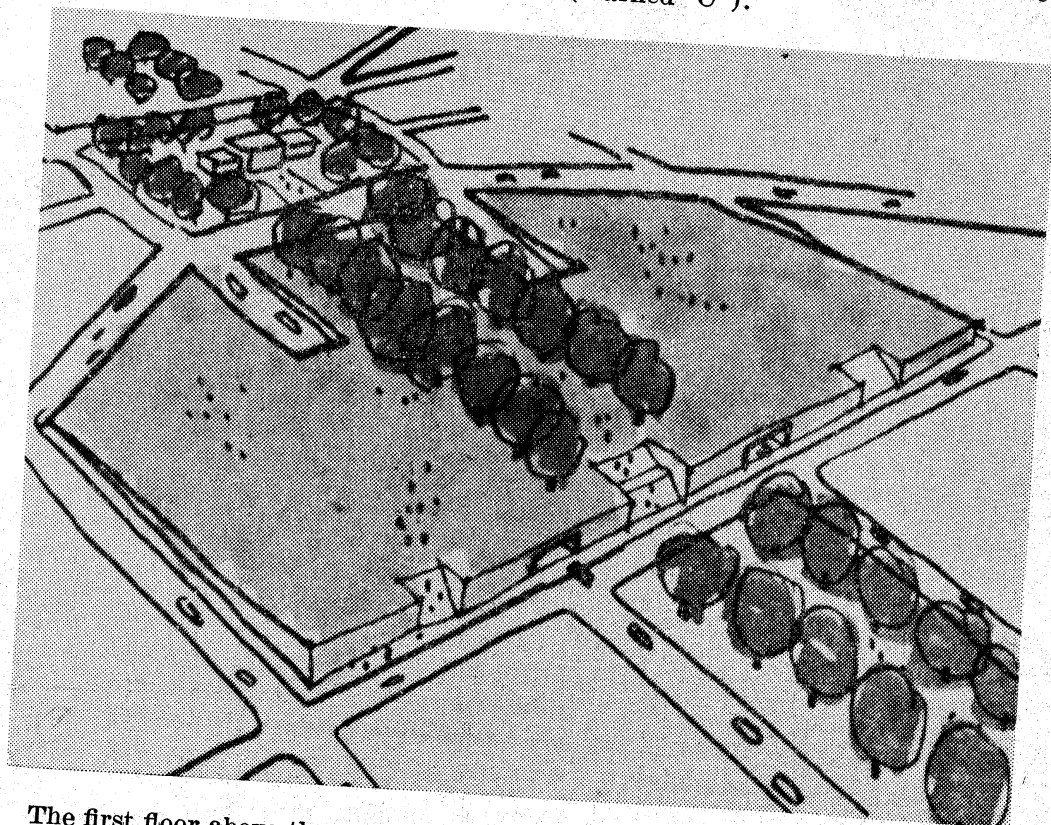


Both interstate bus, suburban bus, and parking levels connect with the center leg of the inner loop by tunnels under I Street.

Above ground we have been able to take advantage of the land contour which is some fifteen feet lower at H Street than at Mt. Vernon Square. A pedestrian level, completely separate from any vehicular traffic, will cover the area, at street level at the Square, and with escalators and stairs at H Street. Seventh and Ninth Streets will run through short tunnels under the pedestrian level. These, due to the land elevations, will be short, daylight tunnels, and the local buses will have cut-back loading platforms in the project to avoid traffic congestion. Attached is a sketch showing the pedestrian level (marked "C").



The first floor above the pedestrian level will be for retail stores with accesses by elevators to the industrial exposition on five floors above. Above the 3,700,000 sq. feet of exposition area will be approximately 1,580,000 sq. feet of office space on two floors. Originally some interest was expressed by the government in leasing this space; however, as our discussions with industry continue, we find that they are most interested in office space above their exhibits. The preliminary architectural concept visualizes a huge arcade over 8th Street with fountains, grass, benches, and bushes—in short, a pleasant place for people to come for relaxation. Attached is a sketch of this arcade (marked "D"). This carries out the general plan of Washington using 8th Street as a pedestrian mall from Pennsylvania Avenue to Mt. Vernon Square. Attached is a sketch of this plan (marked "E"). Particular attention is being given to the appearance of the above-ground structure in order that they will add to the beauty and dignity of Washington.