

Of course, with the growth that occurs after that, we are going to need all the facilities that we can provide.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Secretary, that is a very good point.

You may proceed, Mr. Auerbach.

Mr. AUERBACH. Thank you.

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From the concourse, the visitor then proceeds through to what is now the main waiting room. We named it the main hall. Again it is a grand space designed by Mr. Burnham which we think should not be encumbered by foreign sort of architecture.

What we propose is that a screen be placed in the floor, and this will be a screen which is a moving map of the District and its environment. It can zoom in on Hains Point or the Capitol area, showing where Congressmen have their offices—most people think they have them in the Capitol Building. It can describe various interpretative tours around the city. It might evolve into a little helicopter ride around a particular area, to really show the visitor, as his last stop in the building before he goes out, let him avail himself of the various transportation facilities, that he is here and it is easy to get there, and again it is photographically done and should be exciting.

Again it is permissive; if someone wishes to avoid it, he can go around it. I think this is important.

Besides that, there are a variety of necessary information booths and tour booths, and whatnot, scattered around the building in the hall: lounge off to this end, a space which is presently the ticketing area, which will in the future be the link between this building and the D.C. Rapid Transit, which station will be at the end of the building [indicating].

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Wright of Texas.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Chairman, what I am suggesting at this point gets into the next phase of the operation rather than planning. I think perhaps it is well to take this into consideration.

I believe it would be very useful to have a separate time or system of buses for these tourists, whether it is operated by Transit or the Interior Department, or by whom they are operated. Drivers of the buses should be importuned to be extremely patient, allowing the people who are using this to see the Capital. Sometimes visitors are utterly baffled, lost, and do not know where they are. I feel sure they would not get off at the right point.

Take the situation where buses are operated on a frequency of the transit system, where people do not get a transfer if they do not ask for it and drivers rather dislike to answer questions. I think we have to recognize that either they have a driver who is as patient as a school bus driver, or have a hostess aboard, or someone of this nature, who could take time and be patient with them, and not hurry them or give the impression they are stupid because they do not know where they are.

I just throw that out right now because I think it will come to that eventually.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Mr. Wright, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WRIGHT. Yes, sir.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Here again we can benefit from Williamsburg where they have facilities to plan these trips ahead of time with school principals or instructors, or tour guides, or organizations.