

Secretary UDALL. I not only would have no objection, I would think this would be very useful to have a regular—I would say relatively small, do not get it too large so it is unwieldy, but oversight committee that would be Members of Congress who would particularly keep in touch with developments and would be constantly advising with us and making suggestions, and would be sort of the interpreters to the Congress of what we are doing. I think this might be very helpful.

Mr. GRAY. That is a very good suggestion.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GRAY. Again, Mr. Secretary, let us thank you tremendously for your wonderful work in this connection.

I might say, as you leave, that of the hundreds and hundreds of letters and witnesses that have appeared during these hearings, we have not had one single person appear or submit a statement in opposition to the Commission's recommendation, which I think is a great salute to the Commission.

Secretary UDALL. Fine. Thank you.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you very much.

The next witness will be Mr. William J. Powell, executive vice president and general counsel of the American Foundation for World Trade Studies, the U.S. Visitor Center Founding Corp., Washington, D.C.

Mr. Powell will be accompanied by Mr. Cameron Hartwell Pulley, chairman of the boards of directors of the American Foundation for World Trade Studies, Inc., and the U.S. Visitor Center Founding Corp.; Mr. John B. Funk, engineer and former director of the Maryland Roads Commission; Dr. Alvin C. Loewer and Mr. Warren Sargent, of the architect-engineering firm, Loewer, Sargent & Associates, of Kensington and Baltimore, Md.; and Mr. William J. Muth, director of public relations.

Will you just please come forward.

We appreciate your patience in waiting and certainly thank you very much for coming.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM J. POWELL, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE U.S. VISITOR CENTER FOUNDING CORP. AND THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR WORLD TRADE STUDIES, INC., ACCOMPANIED BY CAMERON HARTWELL PULLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; DR. ALVIN C. LOEWER AND WARREN SARGENT, ARCHITECTS; JOHN B. FUNK, ENGINEER; AND WILLIAM J. MUTH, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mr. POWELL. Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I am pleased to appear before your subcommittee today to discuss H.R. 12603, a bill to supplement the purposes of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, by authorizing agreements and leases with respect to certain properties in the District of Columbia, for the purpose of a National Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

I have with me today Mr. Cameron Hartwell Pulley, chairman of the boards of directors of the American Foundation for World Trade Studies, Inc., and the U.S. Visitor Center Founding Corp.