

Now, as I pointed out a little while ago, this facility could be placed one floor lower than it appears here inasmuch as the roof of this mail-handling building is at the same level as the ground of the esplanade and the floor of the concourse, and of course one floor lower than the track level in this area [indicating]; hence, if it were put one floor lower [slide] you would simply have that entire space as the first part of the addition to the Visitor Center which we are proposing.

Of course, it would be much larger than this. It would run all the way down to L Street and we would build this floor only after consultation and approval by the Secretary of the Interior and whoever would be setting up exhibits. Because oftentimes certain exhibits require changes in the height of the ceiling in various areas and so forth; so it would have to be—

Mr. GRAY. Please give for the record the number of square footage of floor space you would envision giving to the Visitor Center. Did you say 1.7 million?

Mr. POWELL. 1.6 million. That is gross, however. That has to be reduced.

Mr. GRAY. That would be a sizable area. The entire building we see there in the Union Station is only 330,000 square feet.

Mr. POWELL. That is correct. You would be able to have as much or more than 10,000 square feet of exhibits for each State, possession, and the District of Columbia, which would be spaces 100 feet by 100 feet, and still only use up a half million square feet of the 1.6 million.

Mr. GRAY. When you say give the space, are you envisioning any type of admission fee to get into this facility?

Mr. POWELL. No, sir. No admission fee at all.

I have a schedule of economic analysis of how the finances of it would work, so you can see that—

Mr. GRAY. I would like to have all that submitted for the record. We certainly do not have time to go into details concerning all of it today, but I would like to put it all in the record so all the members will have a chance to study the economic aspects of the proposal.

Mr. POWELL. I will ask, then, that that material in the printed statement simply be included in the record. It is all spelled out with cash flow.

Mr. GRAY. We will print your entire statement, including the economic justifications, in the record in full.

(The document follows:)

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM J. POWELL, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE UNITED STATES VISITOR CENTER FOUNDING CORPORATION AND THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR WORLD TRADE STUDIES, INC.

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 (73 Stat. 479), 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 Mr. Cameron Hartwell Pulley, Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the American Foundation for World Trade Studies, Incorporated and the United States Visitor Center Founding Corporation. I also have with me Dr. Alvin C. Loewer and Mr. Warren Sargent of the Architect Engineering Firm, Loewer, Sargent and Associates of Kensington and Baltimore, Maryland.