

work with Mr. Ryan, and the World Peace Through Law group, who is now planning to put all of the laws of all of the nations into computers. This is the type of information gathering and storage which we do on the information side. We would also put into the data storage system not only all the laws of the nations, working with other groups in the same field so there would not be a conflict or duplication of effort; we would put administrative regulations, Supreme Court decisions, economic data on every foreign country and the United States, into this computer and make it available on a nominal per inquiry charge, which would be part of the revenues shown there under Electronic Education and Information Center.

Mr. GRAY. Let me ask this, Mr. Powell—we would certainly not want to dilute or take from the National Visitor Center what we propose in the legislation before us—would you or your group have any objection whatsoever if the committee saw fit to add this amendment that you propose on the tax-free bonds, would you have any objection at all that plans on this building would be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval, since it is so close to the Government's proposed center?

Mr. POWELL. We not only would have no objection, we would see no other way than to do so.

We expect the building, first of all, to be architected by top architects. We would expect this building naturally to have to be completely approved and endorsed in design and function by not only the Secretary of the Interior, but also the National Capital Planning Commission and by the Fine Arts Commission and the Congress.

Mr. GRAY. It should be compatible, being this close to the existing facility.

Mr. POWELL. Absolutely. And it certainly can be made compatible, because this property, this area slopes off behind the main building so that you will not have a height detracting from the existing building on the front—with a building—

Mr. GRAY. You are talking now about exclusive air rights? You are not talking about any buildings on the surface at all; you are talking about air rights over the tracks behind the station?

Mr. POWELL. That is all. Only the air rights.

Mr. GRAY. What assurance do you have that the railroads will give you these air rights?

Mr. POWELL. We do not have an indication they will. We will work on the matter if it appears we can get the tax exemption on the bonds.

Mr. GRAY. I would strongly suggest you have negotiations with them, because it would be an exercise in futility for this committee to consider such an amendment and then only find that the railroads were not interested in selling these air rights.

There would be no purpose whatsoever. So I suggest between now and—

Mr. POWELL. Let me put it this way, the railroad would be willing, probably—I am surmising that the railroad would certainly be willing to sell the air rights if they knew that we would get the bond, the tax exemption provision on the bonds, and that this thing was going to be a real project rather than a planned one.

Mr. GRAY. I think we would need some indication from them they would be agreeable if the amendment were adopted, you see.