

The facilities evaluated were: Visitor Center, Downtown Hotels and Motor Hotels, Student Center, Sports Arena and Exhibit Hall, Theme Park, Bowling Alley, Trade Center, Merchandise Mart, Public Ice Rink, Amusement Park, Convention Hall, Science Center, Cultural Center.

Of these, the three considered most appropriate for early location in Downtown are the Visitor Center, additional Hotels and Motor Hotels, and a Student Center.

#### *Visitor Center and Student Center*

Using the 1960 visitor volume estimates as a base, it was estimated that the Visitor Center would have served 1.8 million visitors and the Student Center would have served 400,000 visitors of the total of 15.4 million people who visited the Metropolitan Area in 1960. As the volume of visitors to Washington continues to increase, the potential attendance for these proposed facilities will increase.

#### *Downtown hotels and motor hotels*

The extent of development of new hotels and motor hotels in Downtown will depend upon the interest of developers and the attractiveness of the Downtown environment for these facilities. If Downtown continues to maintain the same share of the Metropolitan Area supply of hotel and motor hotel rooms that it had in 1960, there will be 5,900 rooms for visitors added to the Downtown supply by 1980.

#### *Other facilities*

A new large Convention Hall would attract to Washington 20,000 to 30,000 convention visitors a year who do not now come to Washington because of the lack of a large meeting place.

- NOTE.—A Theme Park would not be a good prospect for location within Downtown because of excessive land requirements, some 75 to 90 acres.  
(The other facilities would serve the local population to a large extent and would serve visitors to a lesser extent.)

