

tries of the OAS to get them to agree to this site? As you know, several other sites were under consideration and we have heard of some grumblings here and there that the people were not really happy with this particular site.

Mr. LINOWITZ. On the contrary, Mr. Chairman. It is true that several other sites had been under consideration and it is true that one or two have met with the approval of members of the OAS Council.

One of the biggest problems was that as the plans for the future of the OAS began to unfold it became clear that 6 acres which might have been available in another site would not suffice. When it was realized the Bureau of Standards property was available and that 8 acres on that site might be forthcoming for the OAS, there was a general recognition that this was probably the most desirable of any site that could be made available today and both the members of the Council's Building Committee inspected it, and the members of the Secretariat and agreed it would be ideally suited for the OAS purposes.

Mr. GRAY. The OAS Council's Building Committee consists of Peru, Mexico, Argentina, Columbia, El Salvador, Venezuela and the United States. Of this particular building committee was this the unanimous choice? Was there any dissent among these countries?

Mr. LINOWITZ. No, sir, this was the unanimous opinion.

Mr. GRAY. As you recall, the State Department itself at one time recommended the so-called Sealtest site which is very near Foggy Bottom and this brought on an avalanche of protest from the Dupont Circle Association and many others I could name.

In looking back now if you could get, let us say the Sealtest site today and if it were adequate in size, 6 acres compared to 8, do you now believe this would be a better site even if you had a free choice to take the Sealtest site and if no citizens groups were protesting?

Mr. LINOWITZ. I have absolutely no question that if both were available to the OAS, there would be an overwhelming vote of support for the Bureau of Standards site.

Mr. GRAY. In preference to the Sealtest site which was the State Department's original choice?

Mr. LINOWITZ. Because the Bureau of Standards site had not been considered.

Mr. GRAY. I am saying if you had a choice now do you think this would be the best site of the two?

Mr. LINOWITZ. There is no question about that, not only for the reasons stated, but the transportation facilities will be better, and the general location will be better for the purposes of the OAS.

Mr. GRAY. In further comparing various locations how does this compare with Tregaron and some of the other places?

Mr. LINOWITZ. Today, the Bureau of Standards seems to be the favorite site. There was a sentiment on the part of some persons for Tregaron. Some of them did feel that for OAS purposes it might be a very useful and very commendable property.

Mr. GRAY. I do not think OAS really envisioned putting any chances in the particular area, did they?

Mr. LINOWITZ. I could say if there were not going to be an international center, it is entirely likely OAS would feel Tregaron would be a good place to go.