

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Bozarth, you may proceed.

Mr. BOZARTH. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I would like to briefly describe the Commission's study of the old Bureau of Standards site or at least the southern portion of it and illustrate how this may be developed on a stage basis by foreign governments and the Organization of American States.

You have before you a copy of a brochure describing the proposal and I would like to highlight this and Mr. Stephen Kloss is the gentleman responsible for this study and will be relating the exhibits before you.

As shown on the first exhibit, (see exhibit No. 1, p. 42) the proposed site in Northwest Washington is well located in relation to the major concentrations of embassies, chanceries and international organizations along Connecticut and Massachusetts Avenues, northwest of the White House. It is well situated on top of a hill overlooking Melvin Hazen Park and would provide a very attractive setting for the new headquarters of the Organization of the American States and for chanceries of foreign governments.

In fact, they hope to relocate this into the Naval Ordnance Laboratory at White Oak, Md.

Mr. GRAY. Even if they do not, that would not affect this proposal here before us today?

Mr. BOZARTH. No, sir.

Mr. GRAY. That is Van Ness Street, the top dark line?

Mr. BOZARTH. Yes, sir. Strategically located along Connecticut Avenue Northwest, one of the "special streets" in the National Capitol and a principal radial avenue extending from the White House to the District line, this site is now well served by bus and is to be served by the initial rapid rail subway system authorized by Congress. A subway station is planned at Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street, immediately adjacent to this site. The Connecticut Avenue line, as shown on this exhibit, is currently being designed and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority expects service to begin late in 1974.

This site itself and existing development in the immediately surrounding area is shown on exhibit No. 2 (see exhibit No. 2, p. 46) an aerial photograph of this part of Northwest Washington. You will note Connecticut Avenue and the relatively intensive existing residential and commercial developments along this part of the avenue.

The recently constructed Van Ness Center is an example of the type of private development taking place in what the proposed comprehensive plan and Mrs. Rowe previously referred to as an uptown center.

On the west side of Connecticut Avenue is the old Bureau of Standards site. That portion south of Van Ness Street and north of Tilden Street is proposed for the international center.

Exhibit No. 3 (see exhibit No. 3, p. 53) shows the existing building development on the site in more detail. For many years, the old Bureau of Standards property has been under the control of the Department of Commerce. It has been occupied by several activities of the Bureau and by the Harry Diamond Laboratories of the Department of Defense.

The Bureau of Standards activities are, as you know, in the process of moving to new quarters at Gaithersburg, Md. The Harry Diamond