

large stand of oak trees at the corner of Tilden Street and Connecticut Avenue, as well as extensive frontage along Connecticut Avenue.

Set back from this area and oriented toward the downtown, the new OAS complex could be an impressive focal point for the international center. The sketch indicates three major buildings in this complex: The tallest for major offices, a low curved building for supporting functions, and a circular assembly hall for conferences and meetings. These buildings would be in scale with private development across Connecticut Avenue.

On the second perspective, exhibit No. 7 (see exhibit No. 7, p. 50), an open pedestrian mall is shown along the crest of the hill which could lead from OAS headquarters to a small central park. The mall could be designed to preserve many existing trees and to provide a distinctive setting for a number of small chanceries. Each chancery would have a separate site. Individual architecture treatment within the larger design framework would give each a sense of identity.

These studies indicate just one way in which this site could be developed. They illustrate the potential of this site and how it could be developed in a manner consistent with adjacent private developments.

The development of the entire international center will undoubtedly take several years. The planning, design, and construction of the large OAS headquarters building will itself probably take 3 or 4 years.

In view of the potential number of foreign governments involved, it also will take some time for all of the various chanceries to begin and complete their building programs on the proposed site.

The demolition of existing buildings and the construction of new site improvements, roads, and utilities necessarily will have to precede other construction activities.

In view of this situation, an agreement has been reached between the Public Buildings Service of the General Services Administration and the Washington Technical Institute under which the Institute will be able to use up to seven existing buildings for an interim period not to exceed 5 years.

The Institute is currently seeking a permanent site in other areas that will meet its space needs at other locations within the District of Columbia.

The development of the OAS building and the chanceries will therefore be carried out in several stages. Illustrated on the last exhibit, exhibit 8 (see exhibit 8, p. 55) are four possible stages by which it would be possible to schedule the completion of the international center plan.

Stage 1 would permit a few chanceries to be constructed on the western edge of this site while the Washington Technical Institute occupies the central portions of the site and the OAS headquarters building was being designed; stage 2 would see the beginning of the construction of the OAS building and the second group of chanceries as the Washington Technical Institute begins phasing out its use of three of the seven buildings.

In stages 3 and 4, the OAS building would be completed, and the third group of chanceries would be developed adjacent to Van Ness Street and the internal road system would be completed.