

■ The center should be planned and developed on a scale sufficiently large to set a high quality of development character for the surrounding area, as well as to insure a prestige setting which will attract foreign governments and international organizations.

Basic Program Objectives

■ The Federal Government should initiate the development of the International Center. Both the conduct of foreign affairs and the interest of the United States in acquiring suitable locations for our own diplomatic missions in foreign capitals will be served by the establishment of a more orderly process for locating the offices of foreign governments and international organizations within Washington. It is clearly a proper function and in the interest of the Federal Government to provide suitable areas for representative offices and to eliminate the friction between operations of chanceries and the citizens of Washington.

SELECTION OF OLD BUREAU OF STANDARDS SITE

The Proposed Comprehensive Plan recommended that the International Center be located in Northwest Washington, north of Washington Circle. As indicated in President Johnson's 1968 District of Columbia Message to Congress, "The Nation's First City", the Bureau of Standards site was selected as an alternative location for the International Center where existing Federally-owned land could be made available to foreign governments and the Organization of American States.

The alternative old Bureau of Standards site for the International Center is consistent with the comprehensive planning objectives for this general area of the city.

The Proposed Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital included the following major proposals for the Northwest section of the city that would have implications on the future use of the Bureau of

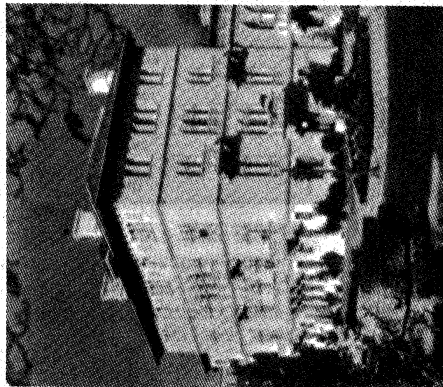
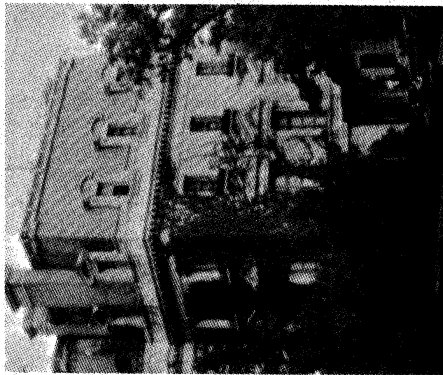
Standards site and the immediate surrounding area:

- Providing rapid rail transit service to the site with a station directly serving the Connecticut Avenue - Van Ness Street area. It is currently estimated that service will begin to this site late in 1974. The station will be the terminus of the initial system authorized by Congress. Ultimately, as part of the adopted regional rapid rail transit system, this line will be extended into Montgomery County as far as Rockville.

- Establishing an "uptown center" in this general location incorporating the existing private commercial, office and high density residential development along Connecticut Avenue (the new Van Ness Center is an example of the intensification of apartment, office and commercial uses in this area) and the proposals for redeveloping the old Bureau of Standards site. An ultimate total of 15,000 private and including perhaps as many as 5,000 Federal employees is projected for this "uptown center".

- Retaining and conserving the basic existing low and moderate density residential character of the areas around the "uptown center".

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. The Pan-American Union, above, and the Inter-American Defense Board, below, are international organizations which, as they outgrow their existing facilities, could relocate near an International Center to be developed.