

STAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The development of the entire International Center undoubtedly will take several years. The planning, design, and construction of the large OAS headquarters building will itself probably take three to four 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 (indicated on the "Existing Conditions" Map) for an interim period not to exceed five years. The Institute is currently seeking a permanent site 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 following page are four stages by which it would be possible to schedule the completion of the International Center Plan.