

Mr. SULLIVAN. Once again for the benefit of the committee could you give us your best estimate of the cost of the property per square foot in those 34 acres?

Mr. MOODY. Mr. Sullivan if I may, I would prefer to answer that question off the record. We will be involved in negotiations with these foreign countries for these properties.

Mr. SULLIVAN. You say you would like to give this information in executive session?

Mr. MOODY. I prefer it, if we could. I can give it off the record. I do not know whether there are representatives of the media here or not.

Mr. GRAY. I see the Post and Star are here.

Mr. BLATNIK. Were there not some cost estimates given yesterday?

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Grover reminds me that in yesterday's testimony the estimate was given as \$20 to \$30 per square foot. This is for your information at this time.

Mr. MOODY. It is my understanding that that figure applied to the eight acres for the OAS site only.

Mr. SULLIVAN. I see.

Mr. GRAY. We can go into executive session on that question.

Mr. BLATNIK. The question actually should be directed at the State Department people.

Are there any State Department people here?

Mr. GRAY. We have some representatives here and also from the National Capital Planning Commission and I think they possibly would be in a better position to answer the question.

Mr. BLATNIK. Who wants to volunteer to come forward?

**STATEMENT OF J. EDWARD LYERLY, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER,
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Mr. LYERLY. My name is J. Edward Lyerly, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Blatnik could not be here yesterday and he wanted to ask you some questions.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Chairman, I am sorry I was not here yesterday. I had another committee downstairs, but I should have been here and I did want to be here. I will not take too much time.

Mr. GRAY. Take all the time you need.

Mr. BLATNIK. I will not duplicate items already covered. This thorough background and investigative work that the chairman always does for the committee is, and always has been exemplary.

In this case I have a lot of questions and a great deal of doubt in my mind. Whose concept was this for an international center for the Nation's Capital? Who conceived of that within the State Department? They had the brochure, did they not, yesterday, calling this an international center for the Nation's Capital?

Mr. LYERLY. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. You do not really have to answer questions if they are not within your purview, but I would like to find out who is responsible and who worked on this concept.

Mr. LYERLY. Primarily, in the State Department it is our Office of