

the principal action office, was the one which coordinated the international center and the bill as a whole. Our office was involved with respect to the OAS aspect and, of course agreed with the previous bill and with the present bill which has the OAS and the chanceries in the same area.

Mr. BLATNIK. Who is the key person that you worked with that had supervision above you in the Office of Protocol on this international center?

Mr. REDINGTON. In the Office of Protocol?

Mr. BLATNIK. You said the Office of Protocol.

Mr. REDINGTON. The Chief of Protocol was Ambassador Symington and now it is Ambassador Duke.

Mr. BLATNIK. What person? Who actually worked on this?

Mr. GRAY. Whose idea was it?

Mr. REDINGTON. I would ask the Office of the Legal Adviser, or the Office of Protocol.

Mr. BLATNIK. You do not know who made the decision?

Mr. REDINGTON. This decision I imagine was made back in 1965 when I was not in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. I believe it was the Protocol Office which probably originated the idea, but I cannot speak for the Office of Protocol.

Mr. BLATNIK. I do not expect you to but you are making a recommendation. You are a specialist in the field of OAS. You are in direct contact with OAS representatives.

I do not wish to press the point.

Mr. GRAY. It is a legitimate question.

Mr. BLATNIK. That is what I want to find out. There is a mysterious and shadowy figure somewhere making important decisions and we cannot get simple answers to simple questions.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Bozarth from the National Capital Planning Commission, will you please come forward?

Mr. BOZARTH. I have been personally involved on the so-called international center since 1965. As I understand it there was a special committee established by the Secretary of State, within the State Department, to consider this question as to whether a grouping of chanceries was or was not in the interest of the Federal Government and in the interest of the foreign government and a decision came out of that process that it would be desirable to think in terms of getting an area where this could be done for a number of foreign governments.

Mr. SULLIVAN. May I interrupt? You talk of a special committee. Who were the members of the special committee?

Mr. BOZARTH. I have no personal knowledge who was involved at the time. I believe it was strictly within the State Department. The Planning Commission did not become involved in helping them find a site for this center until this decision was made.

Mr. GRAY. They came to you and asked for your assistance?

Mr. BOZARTH. Yes; we have been working with the State Department for about 3 years on this.

Mr. BLATNIK. With who in the State Department?

Mr. BOZARTH. The matter was first handled I believe by the Deputy Under Secretary for Administration. Mr. Crockett was then responsible for this.