

At a certain point in time, I am not quite sure exactly when, some years ago the responsibility for handling this within the State Department was shifted to the Chief of Protocol and we have been working with Mr. Symington and his staff and now with Mr. Duke and his staff.

I might add that the planning was done then.

Mr. BLATNIK. Did you work directly with Mr. Symington and Mr. Duke?

Mr. BOZARTH. We worked directly with Mr. Symington and his staff. I have had no contact with Mr. Duke since he took office. We worked independently with the OAS. They came to the Commission asking for help in finding a site.

Mr. BLATNIK. When was this?

Mr. BOZARTH. I would guess, and I can check the record if you like, but I would guess it was some 2 to 3 years ago. The staff members came to the Commission's offices and asked the Commission since it is not the city and deals with developments in the city, to give them some help in finding a site and we went through over a period of months, probably 15 to 20 possible locations for the OAS building which were given consideration and we have been working with them all this time. Eventually, there was an agreement that the OAS and the chancery would be up here.

Mr. BLATNIK. Did OAS select and recommend the Washington Circle site?

Mr. BOZARTH. Well, in all the time we have worked with both the OAS and the State Department, we never heard either agency or any of their representatives refer to this being incompatible. It seems to be a judgment of those concerned that this was a natural linkage.

Mr. BLATNIK. The reason I asked the question, you said you worked directly with OAS for a number of years and went over about 15 sites and settled on Washington Circle. OAS never directly told you we like this site and we hope it will be possible to arrange things, make arrangements through the State Department so we can locate it here. Did they ever say that?

Mr. BOZARTH. I think our information was the same that Ambassador Linowitz testified to yesterday. I believe he said, and the record will reflect this, that as long as there are going to be a group of chanceries as part of the package, they are very desirous of locating on the Bureau of Standards site, or a portion of it.

Mr. BLATNIK. Who made that statement?

Mr. BOZARTH. Ambassador Linowitz.

Mr. BLATNIK. I am asking did OAS ever make any statement? After reviewing the sites and you have been very helpful to them, did they ever indicate what their preference would be?

Mr. BOZARTH. They have indicated to us at times that they would like the Tregaron site, but they have also indicated to us that they very much liked the Bureau of Standards site, and they like the idea of being together with other representatives of foreign governments, some of which may be Latin American and some not.

Mr. BLATNIK. OAS said they preferred to be with these other governments that were listed for this site?

Mr. BOZARTH. I believe the Ambassador was quite clear yesterday on that.