

Mr. BLATNIK. I am asking in your dealings with them, did you work directly with them for a number of years? Did you examine and look over these 15 proposed sites and OAS indicated they would prefer to be at Tregaron but would not mind going here? Did OAS say they would like to be with the other embassies?

Mr. BOZARTH. May I back up in answer to your question? Initially, after the process of going to various sites, the OAS told the committee, and the committee agreed upon what the chairman referred to yesterday as the "Sealtest site," and that was part of the proposed national center in the Washington Circle area.

As a result of the legislative history on that, a decision was made in conjunction with the State Department and the Presidential Adviser on National Capital Affairs that alternative sites would be studied, and it was out of that process and restudy that the southern portion of the Bureau of Standards was selected and it was again during this period of restudy where the OAS staff people represented to us and we were on the Tregaron site that very day, that the Tregaron site was of interest to them, but they also felt the Bureau of Standards site was an exceptional site and they would like to be a part of a center.

Mr. BLATNIK. OAS expressed their preference?

Mr. BOZARTH. These are staff members of OAS. I cannot speak for the view of the legislative body of the OAS. There are others here who can perhaps speak about the position of the OAS at that level. We were dealing at the technical level with the OAS.

Mr. BLATNIK. You are assisting technical specialists. They think the area would be compatible, not only to the OAS, but for the general planning of the area; is that right?

Mr. BOZARTH. Yes; and Mrs. Rowe testified yesterday that this proposal before the subcommittee today is considered to be most appropriate and completely consistent with the Commission's long-range plans for the city of Washington.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Chairman, I would like to have just a little more time and not today, but to find out who in the State Department made a decision, because from what information I have, and it may be limited, it is certainly subject to review and to challenge.

I do submit much of this is authoritative, but there is just too much fuzz in this, as we noticed trying to find out who made what decision for what purpose.

My understanding is that on this OAS very much prefers to go to Tregaron. I do not urge or advocate any given location. I do respect the wishes of a very important body and try to give autonomy and great responsibility, and they further come up with the argument not only would Tregaron suit them more, but it would be done at one-third the cost and $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the space.

The final clincher, the building which OAS would not give up is located at 19th and Constitution Avenue. I understand this figure can be checked for the committee's accuracy, but the building they would give up is worth a tentative appraisal value in excess of \$2.5 million which approximates what Tregaron would cost. You could make a trade and here a valuable piece of land can be used for other purposes, but we are willing to pay the price.