

certainly commend him for this and I did not have the background when we were meeting here yesterday and I would like to ask Mr. Redington, was the thought ever given in the planning of the committee and the thought discussed of possibly using the Bureau of Standards site purely for OAS and forget the other countries?

Section 1 refers to the foreign governments and the second section refers to donating the site of 8 acres to OAS.

Now, this bill could be marked up so that you would have OAS out there and let the others work out some kind of a plan for foreign chanceries.

Mr. REDINGTON. I think it is unquestionable that the primary interest of the OAS, including the Secretariat and the Building Committee, is a site for its headquarters in an appropriate location. The location of the chanceries would be secondary in the OAS view. Its interest is to have as promptly as possible an adequate site offered to it.

Mr. DENNEY. It would be acceptable to OAS to delete the provisions about selling the balance of the property to foreign governments as long as they got their eight acres?

Mr. REDINGTON. I think that is so. The OAS is interested in a site in appropriate surroundings. What is done with the rest of the area I think the OAS considers is up to the U.S. Government to determine.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Grover?

Mr. GROVER. I might state for the record I have just been looking over the minutes of the hearing on a related proposal of 1966 which was not acted on I guess in the House and I am reading from page 20 of these minutes, read into the dialog between our chairman and Mr. Symington the fact that the OAS and the State Department have for some time indicated its interest in locating the OAS in the International Center. I just point that out, it cannot be incorporated by reference, but for the interest of the members who would like to refer back, it is obvious there is no incompatibility considered at that time which may shed a little light on the suggestion of Mr. Blatnik that perhaps they had merely explored that.

Mr. GRAY. Any further questions of any of the witnesses?

Mr. BLATNIK. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman, but I do hope you will lay it over at least a week and we in the meantime would like to have a better preparation to find out who with authority can speak with expertise, and no reflection on any of the witnesses, but to find out who made that decision.

I am puzzled why you wait to come out with the traffic problem. Why do you say the traffic is impossible to accommodate this, to have the inflow of 2,000 employees day in and day out? Why is it a problem?

Mr. BOZARTH. The adjacent residential development, the Commission felt was incompatible use.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Schadeberg?

Mr. SCHADEBERG. Is there any question of the ultimate cost for the development of the land and the tearing down of all the buildings?

Mr. GRAY. I can answer that. We covered that yesterday and again today.

These buildings that you see in the light brown around the perimeter in the location are substandard and will have to be torn down in any event.