

The ones that are dark shaded are useable buildings and there is an educational group that is housed in seven of them for 3 years, and so there will not be any problem there.

Then the open space you see bordering on Connecticut Avenue would be the OAS headquarters and only one building would have to be torn down, possibly one and one-half buildings would have to be torn down.

That is a problem that GSA is going to have to face, razing those.

Recapping, one thing Mr. Moody, you would propose that we change this limitation on expenditures from \$250,000 to \$500,000?

Mr. SULLIVAN. How much is demolition, Mr. Moody?

Mr. MOODY. We have it figured at 40 cents a square foot. That comes up to about \$240,000, so it is possible to include \$750,000 to include demolition to be on the safe side.

Mr. DENNEY. There is no provision in the bill that we have to do the demolition.

Mr. GRAY. That is right. It is part of the construction cost, and the bill says OAS is going to construct it, so as far as I am concerned, throw it in the construction cost.

Mr. LYERLY. We will get for you immediately who made the decision in the State Department to locate the OAS and the chanceries on the Bureau of Standards site. My recollection is that after several meetings with the interested people in the State Department, the NCPC, the Bureau of the Budget, the General Services Administration, and others, it was agreed that this site should be recommended to the Secretary. I think we can say for the record that the Secretary of State made the decision or approved the proposal that this site be used for these purposes.

(The following information was subsequently received:)

The decision to make available approximately 34 acres of the Bureau of Standards site for use by the Organization of American States as a headquarters site and by a limited number of foreign governments for chanceries was made by the Secretary of State. This decision was concurred in by the United States Representative to the Organization of American States, the deputy Under Secretary for Administration, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, the Chief of Protocol, the Office of the Legal Adviser, and the Administrator of General Services Administration, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission and the Mayor of the City of Washington.

Mr. GRAY. I think that is accurate, but what Mr. Blatnik is raising and if you were here yesterday I raised it also, whether or not OAS really had a free choice or whether they were told by the State Department that you would go here. I think this is what all of us would like to know and we are not accusing you of any coercion or intimidation or anything of that nature, but we must face the facts of life.

The Department is reluctant to ask for an expenditure that calls for several millions of dollars. They will have to say frankly that that is so, and then ask for an appropriation. So these are the things Mr. Blatnik wants answered and all of us are entitled to and I ask this. You will recall the Ambassador yesterday, knowing this was pertinent to these hearings, said that we have this six-member committee, and they unanimously selected the Bureau of Standards site. I did not feel it within my province to go beyond that and ask how did you come to that, did you have them all stand up and swear on the Bible.