

He is our Ambassador and this was his public statement on the record. I did not go into it any further, but Mr. Blatnik would like to know some of the decisions and who made them.

We will hold this matter in abeyance until Thursday next, May 16, and we will at 10 a.m. hear this in executive session in this room. So, I make this announcement: If you want to supply any additional information for the record, we will have between today and next Thursday, which is a full week and we hope that we could come to some resolution on this and several other pending bills and for the benefit of the members of the subcommittee it is our purpose, next Thursday, to go into executive session and consider this bill, also S. 2484, which passed the Senate on April 30, 1968, a bill to authorize the extension of the additional Senate Office Building site; House Joint Resolution 914 and Senate Joint Resolution 74, passed by the Senate on May 18, 1967, to provide for the formulation, adoption, administration, and periodic updating of a comprehensive plan for the U.S. Capitol grounds and contiguous related areas; H.R. 6589 and S. 222, passed by the Senate on August 25, 1967, to insure that public buildings financed with Federal funds are so designed and constructed as to be accessible to the physically handicapped; and H.R. 16358, by Mr. Fallon and Mr. Gray, relating to the National Gallery of Art; and of course this bill, H.R. 16175, which we have been discussing today.

I merely wanted to put the subcommittee members on notice checking any additional background or data on any of these bills that we do hope to discuss them in executive session on Thursday next.

With that, if there are no further comments we will stand adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

(Thereupon, at 12:05 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)

(The following were received for the hearing record:)

May 14, 1968.

ION. KENNETH J. GRAY,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: It has come to my attention that there is concern on the part of members of your Subcommittee as to the acceptability of the Bureau of Standards site for an OAS headquarters building as presently covered in House Resolution 16175.

Please let me assure you and all the members of the Committee that I have personally seen the Bureau of Standards site and feel that it is very well suited for OAS purposes.

It is my personal hope that this legislation can be approved expeditiously so that the OAS can look forward to proceeding with plans for the construction of its new headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

JOSÉ A. MORA,
Secretary General.

May 13, 1968.

ION. KENNETH J. GRAY,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds,
Committee on Public Works, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: It is the overwhelming view, and sentiment of the property owners in the Washington Circle area, as well as the homeowners and taxpayers affected by the international center proposal at Washington Circle, that H.R. 16175 is an excellent bill, and should be favorably reported by your Subcommittee in time for the Congress to complete work on this vital measure in this Congress.