

That is Mrs. Spellman's statement.

I would like to add that the county, at its own expense has spent a considerable amount of time and money making feasibility studies for location of this station, and we have completed plans for the grading and construction of a 2-acre parking lot adjacent to the proposed station, the construction of this work can be advertised for bids immediately and construction could be completed in 60 days.

We have entered into an agreement with the Maryland State Roads Commission for a 15-acre parcel of land, if that much is necessary for parking facilities, and all arrangements have been made for access roads. In other words, Prince Georges County is ready to go.

I understand that there has been some difficulty about the station platform being erected on railroad property, and then reverting to the railroad at the end of the demonstration period. I sincerely hope that this problem can be speedily resolved, and that this very needed project can get on its way. We believe that this station at Lanham will serve the people, not only of Prince Georges County, but the people of southern Maryland in St. Marys, Calvert, and Anne Arundel Counties because it would be so easy to get to because of the beltway, and we certainly would like to see this project on its way.

Mr. FRIEDEL. I am very familiar with that.

Mr. MARBURGER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. FRIEDEL. I want to thank you for your statement. I am very familiar with the site and extend my best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Spellman.

Mr. MARBURGER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Just a little bit about Lanham: You made a statement there was a little legal problem about building the platform in the station. Can you elaborate on that a little bit?

Mr. MARBURGER. This I have been informed by the Department of Transportation people. We, of course, have all the necessary facilities ready to go or rather planned for the parking lot itself.

Now, of course, the station platform would be on the railroad property, and I am certain that Dr. Nelson can expand on this.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Now, this parking lot that you are speaking of, will that cost the Government any money?

Mr. MARBURGER. The county government; yes, sir.

Mr. FRIEDEL. The Federal Government?

Mr. MARBURGER. No, sir. Only the county government, and we have already spent approximately \$20,000 for feasibility studies and plans and we are prepared to spend approximately \$160,000 to develop the first portion of this. We have an agreement with the State roads commission, this was surplus land that the State roads commission had, and they have given us an option, a 3-year option, on this land, for 2 acres at this time and the remainder if we need it for this project.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Well, I want to compliment the people of Prince Georges County for being so farsighted.

Mr. MARBURGER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. FRIEDEL. And looking ahead, and as I said earlier I believe a lot of passengers will come back to the trains if they can provide park-