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REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

At the 59th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Director presented Document CE59/6, Report on Buildings and Installations concerning the progress made on the future space needs for the Organization and the problems that were confronting the Organization in the attempt to obtain properties in the immediate vicinity of the present Headquarters Building. He also referred to the purchase of office space in Guatemala City for the Zone III Office establishment for \$90,000, which provided 748 square meters of office space.

The Executive Committee after considering the Director's report approved the following:

RESOLUTION XVII

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the Report of the Director on Buildings and Installations (Document CE59/6); and

Noting that the Director with the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations has been studying the problem of future development of the physical facilities for Headquarters,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Report of the Director on Buildings and Installations.
2. To commend the action taken by the Director and the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations in connection with additional space for the Headquarters.
3. To urge him to continue the study of advanced planning for the Headquarters to meet future needs.

4. To express its appreciation to the Members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations for their assistance and advice.

5. To note with approval the progress made in acquiring adequate installations for Zone offices, including the purchase of space in Guatemala for the PAHO Zone III Office."

Since Document CE59/6 was prepared the Government of the United States has replied to the Director's letter and copies of the correspondence are attached. Although no specific progress can be assumed at this time on the additional space for Headquarters, the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations and the Secretariat continue to pursue this matter and will continue to report to the Governing Bodies.

Annexes



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C O P Y

1 May 1968

Dear Secretary Rusk:

At its meeting of Tuesday, 30 April 1968, the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization requested that I communicate with the Government of the United States concerning the possibility of obtaining additional land in close proximity to the present Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization for future expansion requirements.

This action followed discussion at the 56th Meeting of our Executive Committee in April 1967, and the XVIIth Directing Council of October 1967, in which report was made by us to the Member States on long range needs for the physical plant for the Organization. It was indicated that prudent management required an alert to the Governments approximately ten years in advance of anticipated occupancy in order to permit action from the obtaining of site through construction. It was noted that given recent experience, and making adjustment for future growth rate, the present Headquarters building would provide adequate space until 1975/76.

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 Secretary of State  
 Dean Rusk  
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cc: Dr. William H. Stewart  
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 Social Affairs

With the members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, we have undertaken studies of available sites in the immediate community. The square of land bound by 23rd St., F St., 22nd St., and Virginia Avenue Northwest, which is held by private ownership, and the land now occupied by the Government of the United States on which is located the soon to be demolished Department of State Annex No. 1, have been established as the best sites in the immediate vicinity for locating the new building. The latter site, particularly if air space rights over the E Street underpass could be obtained would, according to the Permanent Subcommittee, be especially of interest because of the possibility of relating the present and the proposed structures into a single aesthetic unit.

With expressions of my highest regards

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Abraham Horwitz  
Director



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ANNEX II

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Washington, D.C. 20520

June 13, 1968

Dr. Abraham Horwitz  
Director  
Pan American Sanitary Bureau  
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Dear Dr. Horwitz:

I refer to your letter of May 1 in which you express interest in the possibility of obtaining for PAHO the land now occupied by State Department Annex 1. You stated that the site might be of potential use to PAHO for expansion of its physical plant some time after 1975.

As you are aware, State Annex 1 will be razed. However, it is our understanding that most of the area currently occupied by the building will be used to enlarge the E Street Expressway, according to the original plans for that road.

Concerning the question of air rights in this area, it is our impression that the Fine Arts Commission would be loathe to consider granting such rights when and if appropriate legislation is passed. Currently the area occupied by the old Navy Hospital is scheduled for conversion into a park at some future date, and we believe that the Fine Arts Commission would not favor any type of building which conceivably could affect the natural beauty of the setting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. McDonald, Jr.", written in dark ink.

John W. McDonald, Jr.  
Deputy Director  
Office of International  
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C O P Y

8 July 1968

Dear Secretary Rusk:

This is in reference to your letter of 13 June 1968 in connection with the future space needs of the Pan American Health Organization Headquarters. It is regretted that the ground which will be free when the Department of State Annex 1 is demolished will not be available for possible expansion of the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization.

I should like to refer to the 3rd paragraph of my letter of 1 May 1968 in which mention also was made of the request by the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations of the Pan American Health Organization that consideration be given to the acquisition of another possibility for the site of the proposed annex to the Pan American Health Organization building, the square of land bound by 23rd Street, F Street, 22nd Street, N. W.

This subject will be an agenda item on the forthcoming 59th Executive Committee Meeting, 24 July-2 August 1968; it would be helpful if we could obtain the reaction of the U.S. Government

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in connection with initial steps for the acquisition of the above-mentioned property. Early action is essential on site selection if occupancy of a finished building is to be realized by 1976, the estimated date of requirement of a new building.

With expressions of my highest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Abraham Horwitz  
Director

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ANNEX IV

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July 19, 1968

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Dear Dr. Horwitz:

I refer to your letter of July 8 in which you seek the reaction of the United States Government with respect to the possibility of acquisition by PAHO of the land bounded by 22nd, 23rd, E and F Streets. The site would be used to provide additional office space by PAHO sometime after 1975.

This Government as a member of the Organization has no objection to PAHO undertaking initial exploration into the availability and possible cost of the proposed site. It is assumed such exploration would be undertaken solely as a feasibility study without any commitment on the part of the Organization, and that neither the Organization nor any member would be committed to any major expense. Any proposal actually to proceed with the purchase of land and the subsequent construction of additional facilities would, of course, require very detailed study by the members of the Organization.

These observations should not be construed as a commitment on the part of the U.S. to become involved as a party in the acquisition of any realty. Our observations are made in the role of a Member of the Organization as well as the host nation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Stibravy".

William J. Stibravy  
Director

Office of International  
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C O P Y

5 August 1968

Dear Mr. Stibravy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19 July relative to the matter of additional space for the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization.

I have noted your comment concerning the concurrence of the Government of the United States to efforts by PAHO to undertake additional exploration into the availability and possible cost of proposed sites. We propose to continue these efforts, under the instructions of the Governing Bodies and should be grateful for the assistance of such experts as your Government may make available to cooperate with us in this endeavor.

We appreciate your reference to acquisition of realty, but it is hoped that your Government may be in a position to consider, at the appropriate time, the possibility of an offer of realty as you so generously did in the case of the property now occupied by the Pan American Health Organization Headquarters.

I know you will be interested in the reaction of the members of the 59th Executive Committee to the current efforts to obtain additional space for the Headquarters. Attached hereto is a copy of Resolution XVII of the recent Executive Committee Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Abraham Horwitz  
Director

Mr. William J. Stibravy  
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