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WATERGATE PROJECT BEGINS CONSTRUCTION

The digging going on at the intersection of Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues -- southwest corner -- is the beginning of Foggy Bottom's newest and most plush residential project: Watergate, pictured here. Ground was broken last week for the first of a complex of five buildings to be erected on the triangular ten-acre site. The first building is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 1965 and it will contain approximately 300 residential units. Also contained within this "city within a city", on a beautiful, well-designed colonnade, will be a beauty salon, florist, cleaners, pharmacy, gourmet restaurant, and exclusive clothiers and specialty shops -- plus underground parking.

After almost three years of hearings and revisions, final revised plans in accordance with the Fine Arts Commission requests will be reviewed February 18 and approval is expected.

With the revised plans, the buildings will contain thirteen floors instead of the originally planned fourteen. Also, the charming villas in the internationally acclaimed design have been eliminated.

When completed -- in about five years -- the buildings will occupy only 31% of the land area, leaving 69% of the area for beautifully landscaped grounds.. which is probably one of the reasons that approximately twenty percent of the building has already been sold in the short time that the sales program has been under way.

Private financing for the Watergate project has been arranged with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts through the offices of the Donald H. Richardson Company of Washington.

Architect Luigi Moretti, and the firm of Corning, Moore, Elmore and Fischer -- the local consultants -- have provided in their plans for the residents of Watergate many elegant and distinctive features.

Besides the private penthouse terraces there will be four landscaped terraces for all residents...two of which may be reserved for private use.

These beautiful terraces are made possible by the use of "built-in" air conditioning units and the ingenious application of landscaped elevator shafts on top of the building.

The apartments will be almost custom-made for the residents of Watergate...there's almost 200 different floor plans from which to choose: studio efficiencies; one, two, three and four bedroom apartments; duplexes with up to three bedrooms; and the penthouses. Prices for these luxurious quarters start at a little over \$100,000 and go downward to \$16,000. The prices include, where applicable, the breath-taking cathedral-domed ceilings, panoramic views of the City, servant's quarters, balconies, de-

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE Bernice Teuteberg, Chairman

The Program for our February meeting will be, as indicated on the first page of the NEWS, the pro and con of Home Rule. It was the concensus of the Program Committee that the interest shown at the last meeting over Home Rule warranted a change in the scheduled date for that topic. Consequently, Home Rule was scheduled for this month and the previously announced topics are planned for later meetings.

We feel that we have obtained extremely well qualified speakers for the discussion of Home Rule. The "pro" side will be taken by Mrs. Richard Simonson, Member of the Board of Directors of the Home Rule Committee and former President of the League of Women Voters for the District of Columbia. The "con" side will be taken by an eminent attorney who is also the Vice President of the Washington Board of Trade, Mr. Elwood Davis. It promises to be an interesting meeting and the speakers will attempt to answer your questions following their discussion.

Bob Wood, owner of 2527 Queen Anne's Lane, and a member of our Program Committee, recently left the Foggy Bottom area for a new teaching assignment in Texas. Bob is joining the staff of the University of Texas in Galveston, where he will teach in the Department of Microbiology.

Two other members of the Program Committee also left the Bottom for similar reasons; as announced at our last meeting. They are Joyce and Bill Everett, who are now living in Johnsville, Pennsylvania, site of the Naval Air Development Center, where Bill is working in the Office of the Patent Counsel as Patent Advisor. Joyce left a teaching position at Beauvoir School here in Washington to be with her husband -- and she hopes to obtain a new teaching assignment in or near Johnsville.

We wish all of our former neighbors and friends the best, and hope that we shall have them back with us again, at some early future date.

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luxe built-in kitchens, wood-burning fireplaces, and many other elegant appointments.

If this article reads like a sales pitch for Watergate our apologies are extended to Mr. Harold A. Lewis, President of Riverview Realty Corporation (a member of the Foggy Bottom Association), the exclusive Sales Agent for the Rome-based principals.

The genial Mr. Lewis invites Bottomites to come to Watergate and browse through the exhibit area and examine the models of the buildings. Hours, seven days a week, are from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The "Caroling Mystery Solved" article in January's NEWS has brought forth another answer to our little problem of to whom we should express thanks for the caroling during the Christmas Season. We gave credit and thanks to Jan Graham and Pat McMahon who, indeed, were deserving of it. However, there was another group caroling on December 18 and we wish to extend thanks and appreciation to them also.

Organized by Bill Coltellaro and Arthur Salmon (940 25th Street) this group made its way from Pennsylvania Avenue to Virginia Avenue, 26th Street to 18th Street, and all the streets in between. Again, our thanks are extended to both groups.

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