

Watergate Noses Up

Watergate East — first of the five buildings in the \$95 million Watergate complex to be put under construction—is now showing concrete frame above ground.

Motorists and pedestrians in Foggy Bottom now see the unusual lines, a foretaste of things to come.

Progress will be visibly faster. Present schedules call for the frame to be "topped out" (13 stories including ground floor) in the air in January. Watergate East residents will begin taking possession of their new homes next summer.

Concrete has been poured for the second floor. The flowing lines that will be common to all Watergate buildings, and which will make the complex a distinctive landmark in Foggy Bottom, are becoming evident.

Watergate East is a long, thin, curving building — shaped like a boomerang with its long side on Virginia ave. nw. and its short side on New Hampshire ave. It is at one corner of the triangular, 10-acre site.

Italian Architect Luigi Moretti and Washington Architect Milton Fischer designed the Watergate buildings to follow the lines of the Potomac and to give all residents an unobstructed view of the river.

The Watergate project will include three luxury cooperative apartment buildings, an office building and a residential hotel. The 1000 apartments are being sold at prices ranging from \$16,500 for an efficiency to more than \$200,000 for a penthouse.

Sponsor of the Watergate project is Watergate Improvements Inc. General contractor is Magazine Bros. Construction Co., with project supervision by Editecno, S.P.A. Inc. Sales agent is Riverview Realty Corp., 2700 Virginia ave., nw.