

ACTUALITY -- APRIL 19, 1973

"I met this morning with Mr. Eldon Erickson, Assistant Director of the Office of Economic Adjustment, and Colonel Cletus Kresge, Assistant to the Director of the Office of Economic Adjustment, to discuss general plans for the initial meeting in Topeka on April 27.

"I reported to them that the attitude of those I have talked to in Topeka was very positive and that they believe many real opportunities lie ahead for the Forbes facilities.

"It is interesting to note that Colonel Kresge, who will be the project officer, was stationed at Forbes for nearly 11 years, and has a broad acquaintance in the area. I know Mr. Erickson, the assistant director, well as he worked in my office for six months as a Government intern.

The meeting scheduled for the 27 and 28 of this month is an orientation meeting. There will be a second meeting at the end of May and a third meeting involving a full Federal Survey team sometime later in the summer.

In reference to the new Federal Office Building, favorable action by the Public Works Committees of the House and Senate is the final remaining step in the approval process. I have personally contacted key members of both the House and Senate committees requesting early consideration of the building proposal.