



Construction work has begun on this \$10 million, two-building complex in the Watergate project in Foggy Bottom. The Watergate office building (left) is joined to the residential hotel by a service core and walkways.

### Next to Apartments

## Watergate Starts Hotel, Offices

Construction of the \$10 million Watergate project has gone into its second phase — the building of a \$30 million office building and a residential hotel — while the first phase is still under way.

The five-building complex, located in Foggy Bottom on the Potomac River, began construction early in 1966 with Watergate East, a building with 222 cooperative apartments. Watergate East will be ready for occupancy in the late summer or early fall.

The office building and hotel is scheduled for completion in May, 1970. Two more buildings, containing cooperative apartments, will make up the last two phases of the project.

Excavation for the 15-story office building and 13-story hotel began this month. The two buildings will be linked together to form a curving "U" in the middle of the 16-acre Watergate site, and will provide 220,000 square feet of

office space and more than 200 hotel units with kitchens. The top floor of the office building will be a restaurant.

The office building will be linked to occupancy by professionals and nonprofit organizations. It and the hotel are vital elements in the plan of the developers, Watergate Improvements Associates, and the architect, Louis Heschel of Heschel and Milton Fleisher of Washington, to provide a nearly self-sufficient, multi-purpose "town within a city."

In addition to apartments, offices, and a hotel, Watergate will provide for its residents and others a number of restaurants, shops, stores, and recreational facilities. There will be four swimming pools, one of them a year-round pool as part of a health club.

All of the Watergate buildings have similar lines. The office building-hotel complex, while it is less curving than

the other buildings, will still unmistakably be "Watergate" in appearance. The top of the "U" will be the office building. It will front on Virginia Avenue. The hotel is the bottom of the "U."

Like the Watergate apartment buildings, the hotel will have large balconies wrapping around it. Nearly all the hotel units will have a balcony. The office building, however, will be more business-like, with balconies only at top floor — a setback. The first floor also will be set back to form a walkway around the building.

The office building and the hotel will be linked by a service core and walkways.

Harold A. Levin, president of Riverside Realty Corp., sales and management agents for all the Watergate buildings, pointed out that the location of an office building of this type in Watergate is in keeping with the character of the development.

"By having an office building linked in occupancy, we can provide great convenience, without crowding, to our residents," he said. "This office building will be linked to other buildings on each side, as well as to the hotel, so that a guest will be able to walk from his apartment to his work, quickly and comfortably. The hotel can be used by businessmen to house their guests, as well as to provide for the personal guests of our apartment owners."

General contractor for Watergate East and the office building complex is Hagopian Bros., Washington, D.C. Constructive supervision is by Edickman, Watergate Planning is by John Blumock, Mutual Life Insurance Co., arranged by Donald H. Richardson Co. of Washington. Offices and exhibit hall of Riverside Realty are located at 2200 Virginia Ave., N.W.