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First Watergate Building Rises on Potomac Water Front

First Watergate Building Nearly Ready

Watergate is on the threshold of becoming a living part of Washington's new in-town apartment facilities.

The first building—Watergate East—is now having its concrete skeleton enclosed with wall panels and windows. Giuseppe Cecchi, head of the project management firm of Editecno, S.P.A., said that all panels and all windows will be in place in June.

After the exterior is enclosed, only the completion of interior finish work will remain, and the building will be ready for dedication and occupancy in the fall.

Watergate East is the first of five buildings that will constitute the \$66 million project in Foggy Bottom. It will contain 238 cooperative apartments, ranging in price from about \$20,000 for efficiencies

to more than \$200,000 for luxury penthouses. A shopping mall and a restaurant also will be provided.

The other four buildings of the project—two cooperative apartment buildings, and an office building and a residential hotel—will share the exterior characteristics that can now be seen at Watergate East.

The gracefully curving buildings have well-defined horizontal lines as a result of the treatment of the windows and balconies. The wall and balcony panels, specially made for this project, are faced with a quartz and marble aggregate and have a distinctive, light beige color.

A look at Watergate East shows that the architects, Luigi Moretti of Rome and Milton Fischer of the Washington

firm of Corning, Moore, Elmore and Fischer, are achieving the graceful lines that they believe are in keeping with the character and function of residential buildings.

Foundation work for two more Watergate buildings—the office building and the residential hotel—has already begun, and they are to be completed next year. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 1968. It will provide Washington with nearly 1000 cooperative apartments, a 200-unit residential

hotel, and 200,000 square feet of office space. There will be four swimming pools and underground parking for more than 1000 cars.

Sales and management agent is Riverview Realty Corp., with offices and exhibit hall at 2700 Virginia ave. ne on the site. General Contractor is Magazine Bros. Construction Corp.