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THE VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) broadcasts to the world from its home in the Cohen Building (pictured above) located just off the National Mall—a short distance to the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court, popular Smithsonian museums, major federal agencies, and

other government entities. VOA headquarters has 51 radio studios, ten television studios, a satellite uplink facility, the largest radio audio production system in the world, and one of the largest television production systems in the world.

OUR 45 LANGUAGES

AFRICA

Afan Oromo
Amharic
Bambara
French
Hausa
Kinyarwanda
Kirundi
Ndebele
Portuguese
Shona
Somali
Songhai
Swahili
Tigrigna

EURASIA

Albanian
Armenian
Bosnian
Georgian
Greek
Macedonian
Russian
Serbian
Ukrainian

LATIN
AMERICA
Creole
Spanish

EAST ASIA

Burmese
Cantonese
Mandarin
Indonesian
Khmer
Korean
Lao
Thai
Tibetan
Vietnamese

VOA
PERSIAN

SOUTH & CENTRAL ASIA

Azerbaijani
Bangla
Dari
Kurdish
Pashto
Turkish
Urdu
Uzbek

ENGLISH
WORLDWIDE

COVER PHOTO: THE U.S. CAPITOL is the meeting place of the U.S. Congress—both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Sitting atop Capitol Hill at the eastern end of the National Mall, the Capitol's white dome has become a symbol of America's government. Inside, a central rotunda, hundreds of rooms, and kilometers of corridors feature artwork depicting America's history. In 1793, George Washington laid the cornerstone of the original building, which expanded over the years to accommodate the needs of a growing country. The newest addition, in 2008, was an underground visitor center, where visitors can dine, view films and exhibits, and take tours.



VOA CHARTER

President Gerald Ford signed the VOA Charter into law in 1976. It protects the independence and integrity of VOA programming.

- 1. VOA will serve as a consistently reliable and authoritative source of news. VOA news will be accurate, objective, and comprehensive.**
- 2. VOA will represent America, not any single segment of American society, and will therefore present a balanced and comprehensive projection of significant American thought and institutions.**
- 3. VOA will present the policies of the United States clearly and effectively, and will also present responsible discussion and opinion on these policies.**

Dear Friends,

We hope you will enjoy our 2014 calendar, which highlights some of the vibrant sights and beautiful architecture from right here in Washington, D.C., where VOA's radio and television studios are located.

From the iconic images of the U.S. Capitol and the Jefferson Memorial, to street scenes from around the city, this year's calendar offers a sample of the sights that attract more than 16 million visitors to Washington every year.

Every week, more than 164 million people also turn to the Voice of America for the latest news and information from around the world. VOA continues to expand the number of ways it delivers programs, which are now available in 45 languages.

This past year, we introduced dynamic new mobile apps that work on Apple and Android phones and tablets. The growing use of mobile technology represents an exciting way for audiences to get the news they want, when and where they want it. These apps also let you quickly and easily share your stories with us, something we want to encourage.

VOA journalists have been honored with a number of awards in the past year and many new shows have been added to the lineup. Powerful documentaries, including *Fire in the Land of Snow: Self Immolations in Tibet*, have won critical acclaim.

I hope that you will continue to rely on VOA for quality programs that provide the latest news and information. From everyone at VOA, best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David B. Ensor'.

David B. Ensor
Director
Voice of America





CHINATOWN GARDEN

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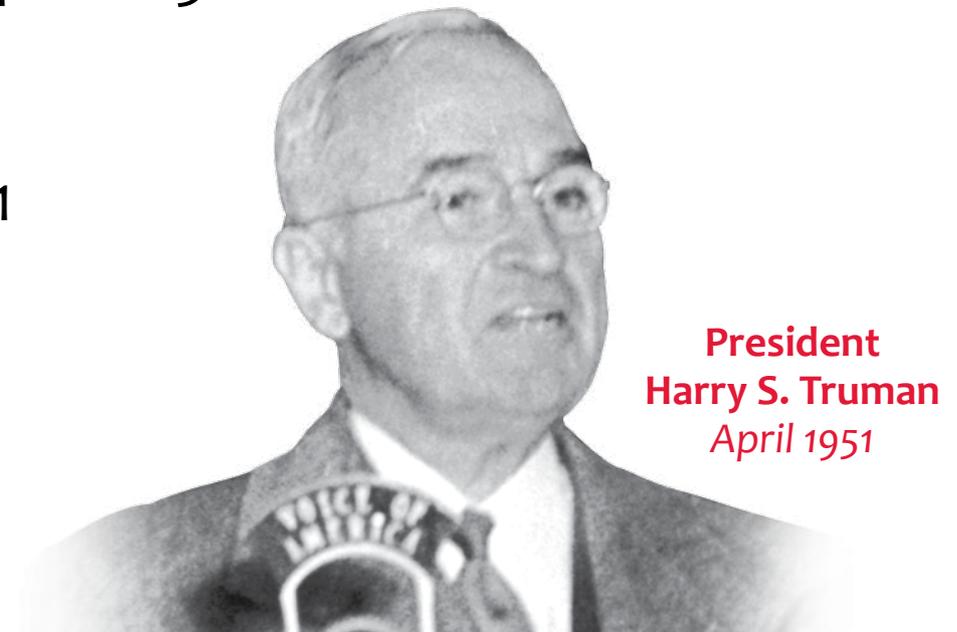
CHINATOWN in Washington is a small, historic neighborhood consisting of approximately 20 ethnic Chinese and other Asian restaurants and small businesses. Although there are many non-Asian restaurants in this popular area, the city requires that they too must display their names in Chinese characters. The neighborhood was established when Chinese immigrants began moving there in the 1930s. It is known for its elaborate and colorful Chinese gate, named Friendship Archway, and for its annual Chinese New Year festival and parade, pictured above.



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[The expansion of VOA's radio facilities] is necessary to ensure the delivery by radio of our campaign of truth to the people behind the Iron Curtain.

JANUARY



**President
Harry S. Truman**
April 1951



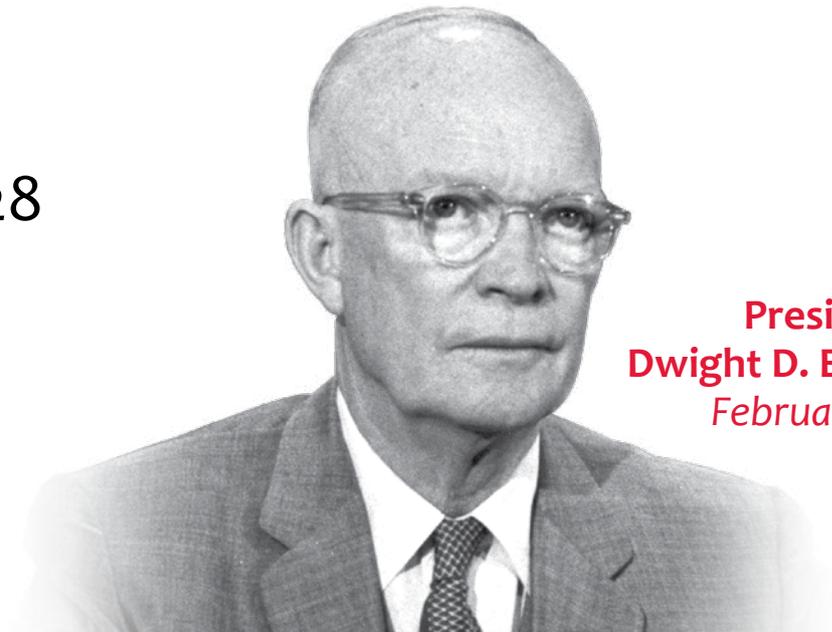
THE THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL honors America's third President and author of its Declaration of Independence. The memorial is located on the Tidal Basin amid the famous pink and white cherry trees that bloom there each spring. Dedicated in 1943, it is modeled after both the Pantheon in Rome and Monticello, the home that Jefferson designed for himself in Virginia. Inside, a 5.79-meter-tall bronze statue of Jefferson stands facing north toward the White House, and quotations from Jefferson's writings are chiseled into the surrounding walls. (Photo: Carol M. Highsmith)



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*For fifteen years now
the Voice of America
has been bringing to
people everywhere
the facts about
world events.*

FEBRUARY



**President
Dwight D. Eisenhower**
February 1957



MOON ROCK

HERBERT A. ...

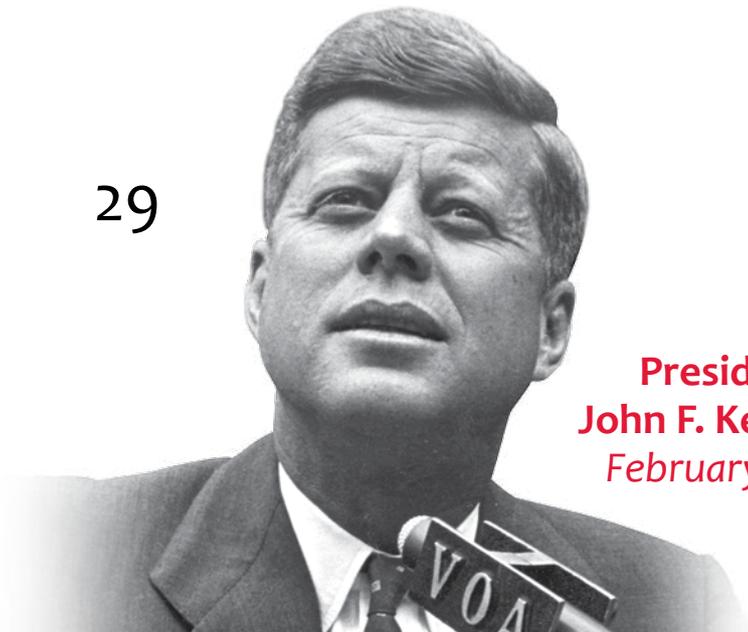
THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM has the largest collection of historic aviation and space artifacts in the world—some 60,000—ranging in size from jetliners to microchips, including aircraft, spacecraft, rockets, spacesuits, and balloons. It has 23 galleries of exhibits, a planetarium, theater, and public observatory. Notables on display are the 1903 Wright Flyer, Charles Lindbergh’s Spirit of St. Louis, the Apollo 11 Command Module Columbia, and a lunar rock, which you can touch. (Photo: Eric Long, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution)



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This is the code of the Voice of America. We welcome the views of others. We seek a free flow of information across national boundaries and oceans, across iron curtains and stone walls.

MARCH



President John F. Kennedy
February 1962



THE AUDACITY TO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLES EVERYWHERE CAN
HAVE THREE MEALS A DAY FOR THEIR BODIES, EDUCATION AND
CULTURE FOR THEIR MINDS, AND DIGNITY, EQUALITY,
AND FREEDOM FOR THEIR SPIRITS.

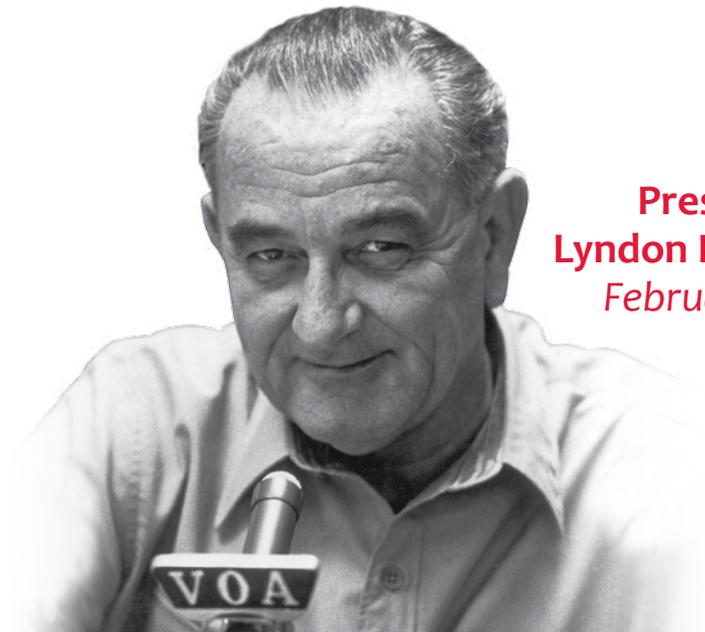
IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO
GIVE PEACE AND
NEEDY ON
THE POOR

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL was dedicated in 2011 in memory of African-American civil rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 9.14-meter-high, solid-granite memorial depicts Dr. King sculpted out of a symbolic Stone of Hope, standing beyond a Mountain of Despair. A wall of quotes from Dr. King encircles the Stone of Hope. Located on the Tidal Basin, the memorial is surrounded by cherry trees, which bloom each year near the anniversary of Dr. King's April 1968 assassination.



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*The Voice of America
...will long contribute
significantly to this
country's furtherance
of better relations
among the nations
of the earth.*



**President
Lyndon B. Johnson**
February 1967

APRIL



THIS ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATUE stands in front of President Lincoln's Cottage, a national monument 4.82 kilometers north of the White House on the grounds of the former Old Soldiers' Home. In summers during the Civil War, the President and his family lived there to escape the heat and wartime congestion of Washington. Every day he rode to the White House to conduct official business and rode back at day's end—sometimes all alone. This bronze, life-size statue is a highly accurate depiction of the 1.93-meter-tall president and his horse, Old Bob. (Photo: Carol M. Highsmith)



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Day after day, the VOA brings its audience a reliable account of what is happening throughout the world, and direct insights into life and thought in the United States.



**President
Richard M. Nixon**
February 1972

MAY



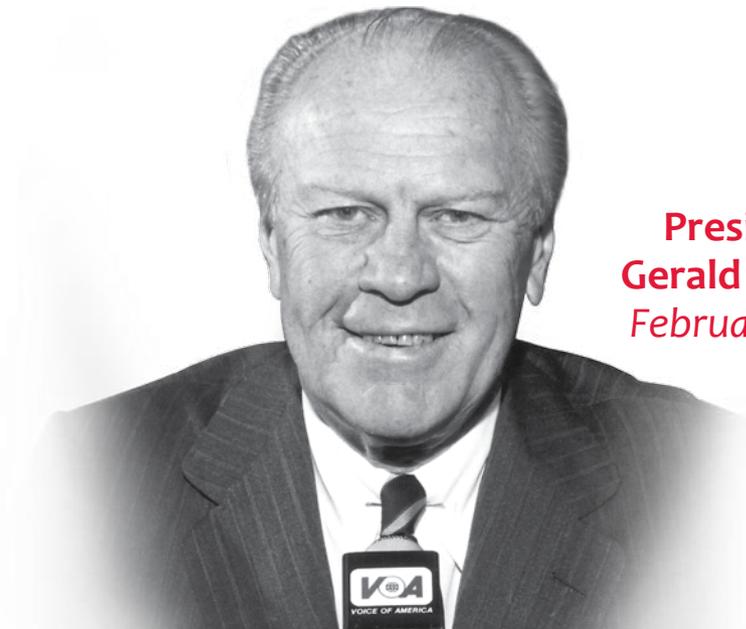
ROW HOUSES are a common type of home on Capitol Hill and in other Washington, D.C., neighborhoods. Each home is one of a row of similarly styled houses built side by side and connected by common sidewalls. Although these homes are built on narrow lots, many are fairly large inside. Styles range from small frame dwellings to Federal-style townhouses to ornate Italianate houses, among others. While many home fronts are of plain brick or stone, many homeowners choose to paint their houses, sometimes in bright colors, like the ones shown here.



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Now 200 years after our Declaration of Independence, the Voice of America symbolizes the commitment of the American People to maintain 'a decent respect to the opinions of mankind.'

JUNE



**President
Gerald R. Ford**
February 1976



THE WHITE HOUSE, at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, has been the official residence and principal workplace of the President of the United States since 1800. The central Executive Residence contains the First Family's living quarters and rooms for official ceremonies and entertaining. The President's office—known as the Oval Office—is located in the West Wing. Every President and First Lady have made changes to the private living quarters, but a special committee must approve changes to any of the state rooms to ensure that historical integrity is maintained.



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VOA performs a vital task, communicating to listeners important facts about American life and our government.



President Jimmy Carter
February 1977

JULY



M
Eastern Market Station

THE WASHINGTON METRO is familiar to most visitors to Washington, who use it along with local residents to travel around the area. The above- and below-ground rapid transit system has 86 stations and 170.59 kilometers of track in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Large brown columns with a prominent “M” identify the station entrances, and colored lines around the columns show which of the red, orange, blue, yellow, and green lines serve each station. Above are pedestrians outside the Eastern Market station near Washington’s popular public market on Capitol Hill.



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The truth is mankind’s best hope for a better world. That’s why in times like this, few assets are more important than the Voice of America.



**President
Ronald W. Reagan**
September 1983

AUGUST



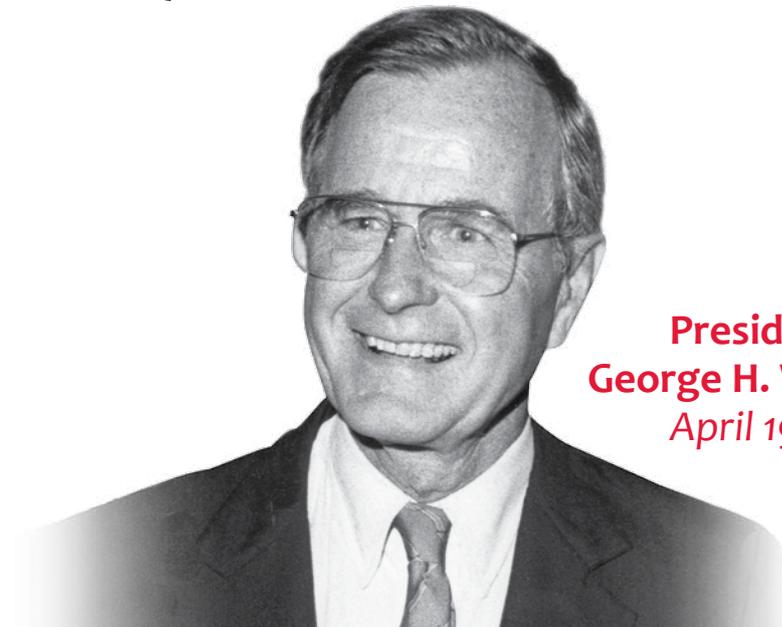
THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION was founded in 1846 with funds from wealthy British scientist James Smithson. It is the world's largest museum and research complex with 19 museums, the National Zoo, and nine research facilities. Its collection includes 137 million artifacts, works of art, and specimens. Many of the major museums are located on the National Mall. One of them is The Castle (pictured here), the institution's original building and longtime symbol. Most Smithsonian museums are free and open to the public every day except December 25. (Photo: Jackson Whitt)



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*I am determined
that America will
continue to bear
witness to the truth.
America must never
lose its voice.*

SEPTEMBER



**President
George H. W. Bush**
April 1990

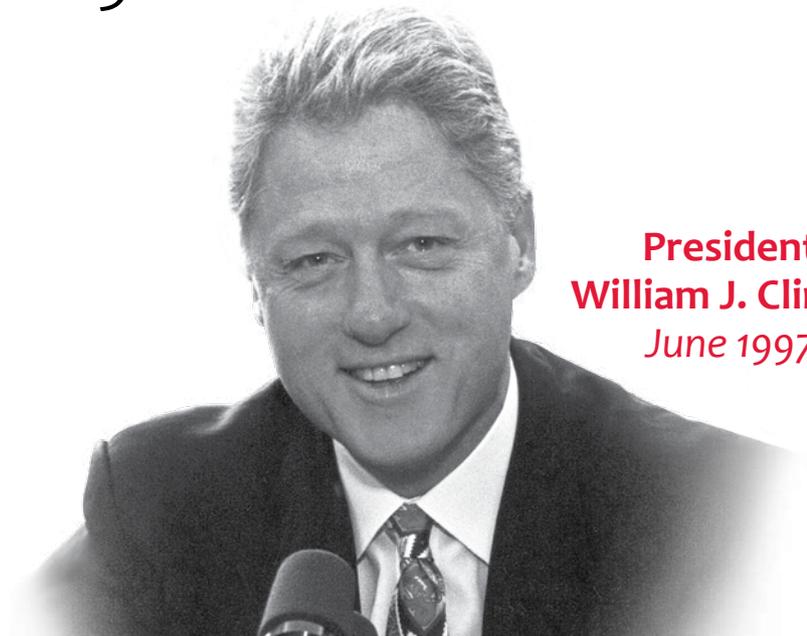


ROCK CREEK PARK is a 688-hectare park of meadows, streams, and forests running north and south within the city. Run by the National Park Service, the park has a nature center and planetarium, historic buildings, hiking/biking trails, picnic areas, and tennis courts. Pictured is historic Boulder Bridge, built in 1902 over Rock Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River. President Teddy Roosevelt, an avid outdoorsman, made frequent outings to the park where he sometimes led cabinet members and foreign diplomats on vigorous cross-country hikes. (Photo: National Park Service)



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I believe it is critical that we encourage initiatives to promote the free exchange of ideas and information.



President William J. Clinton
June 1997

OCTOBER



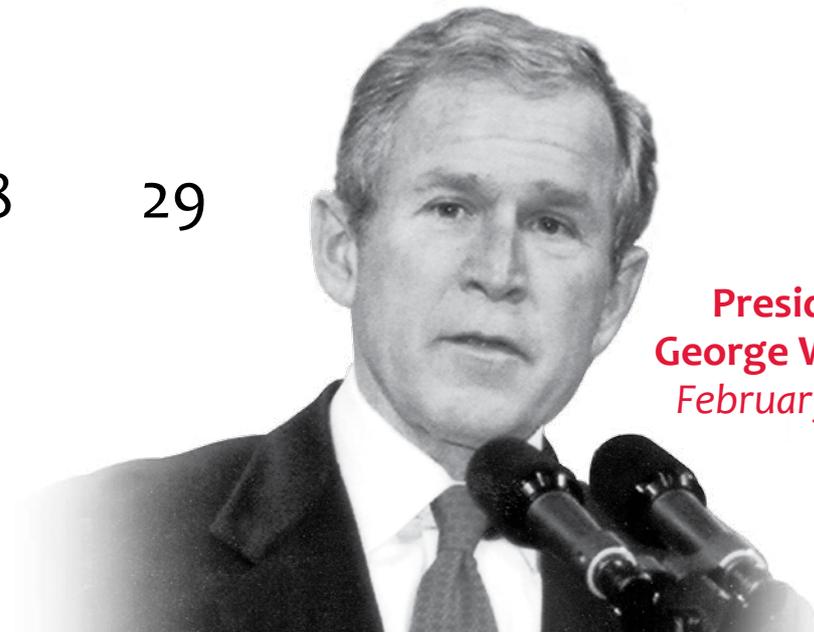
THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT, the nation's tribute to founding father George Washington, is the most prominent feature in the city. It is an over-169-meter-tall, Egyptian-style obelisk made of marble blocks and is surrounded by 50 American flags, one for each state. The tallest structure in Washington, D.C., it is also the tallest stone structure in the world and the tallest obelisk in the world. Visitors may climb the 896 steps, or take an elevator, to the observation level for a clear view over the city. Shown above is the Monument at night over the waters of the Reflecting Pool.



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Many are listening right now, exercising their God-given right to freedom, free access of information. And their numbers are growing every day.

NOVEMBER



**President
George W. Bush**
February 2002



THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS is one of the two largest libraries in the world by shelf space and number of books, with over 32 million books and other printed materials in 470 languages. Its primary mission is to research inquiries by members of Congress, but library staff will also assist scholars and the American people. Above is the Main Reading Room in the Thomas Jefferson Building, built in 1897, one of the Library's three buildings on Capitol Hill. Members of the public may come here to research and read, but may not check out anything on loan. (Photo: Carol M. Highsmith)



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From that very first broadcast during World War II—and ever since—the Voice of America has been the voice of freedom.

DECEMBER



**President
Barack H. Obama**
March 2012



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