

# WASHINGTON, DC



2014





# THE Voice of America IN WASHINGTON

## 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

**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.

**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

OPEN

CHINESE



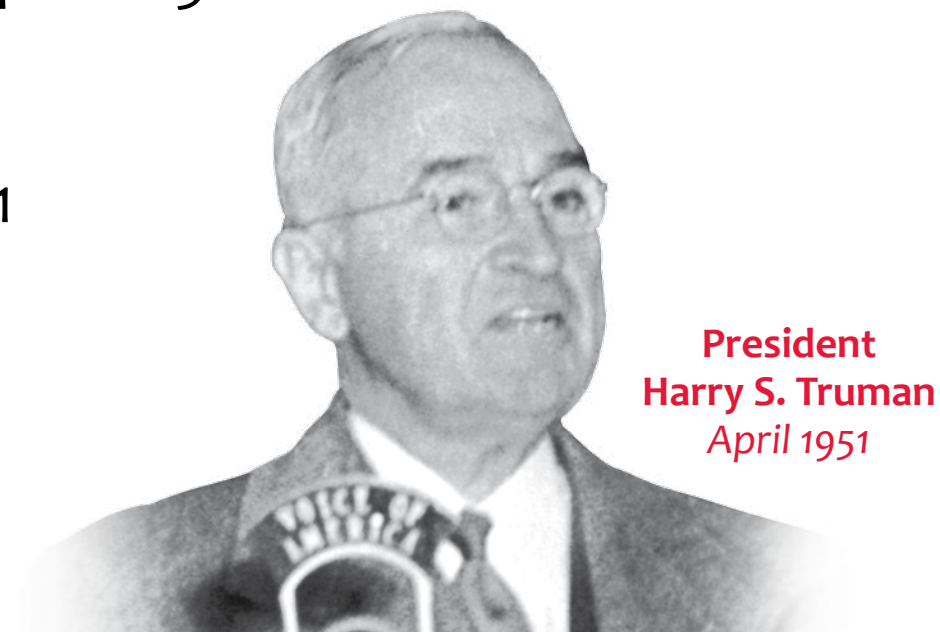
**CHINATOWN** in Washington is a small, historic neighborhood consisting of approximately 20 ethnic Chinese and other Asian restaurants and small businesses. Although there are many non-Asian restaurants in this popular area, the city requires that they too must display their names in Chinese characters. 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



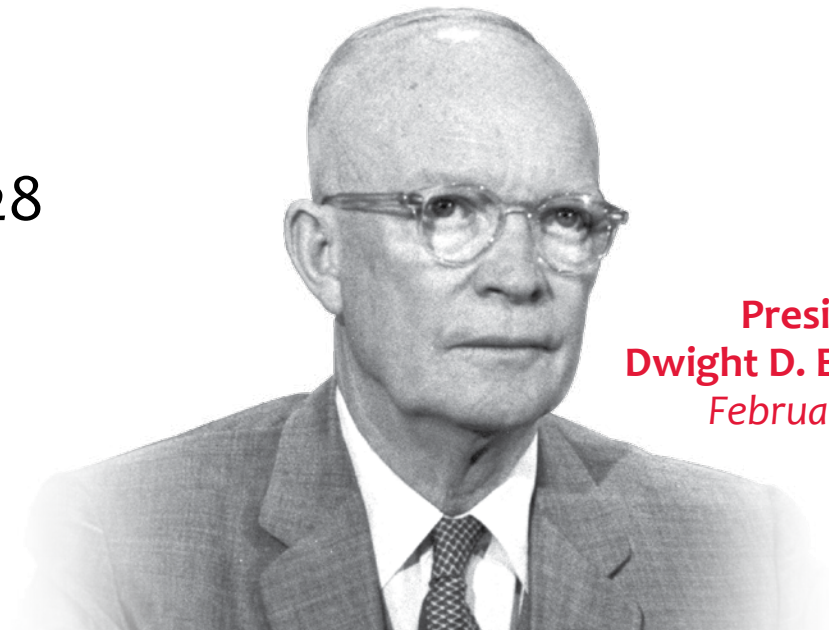
**THE THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL** honors America's third President and author of its Declaration of Independence. The memorial is located on the Tidal Basin amid the famous pink and white cherry trees that bloom there each spring. Dedicated in 1943, it is modeled after both the Pantheon in Rome and Monticello, 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



**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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MARCH

*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.*



**President  
John F. Kennedy**  
February 1962







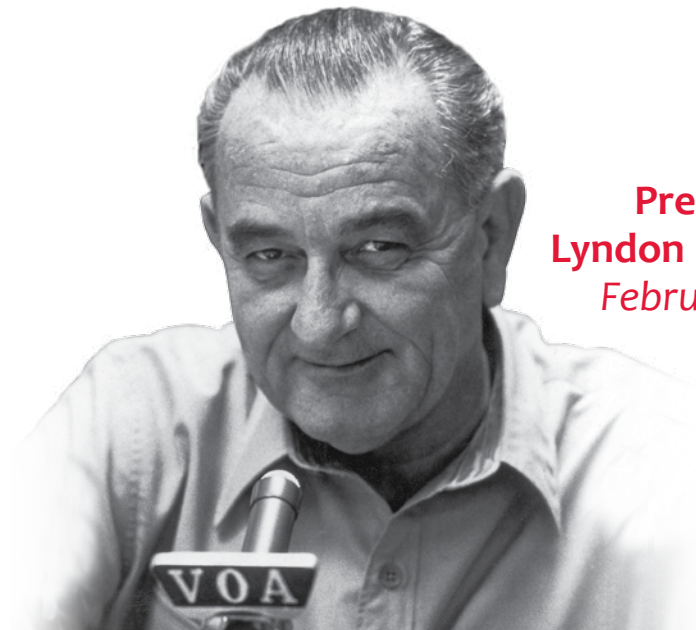
**THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL** was dedicated in 2011 in memory of African-American civil rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 9.14-meter-high, solid-granite memorial depicts Dr. King sculpted out of a symbolic Stone of Hope, standing beyond a Mountain of Despair. A wall of 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.*

# APRIL



**President  
Lyndon B. Johnson**  
February 1967





**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.*

MAY



**President  
Richard M. Nixon**  
February 1972







**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.

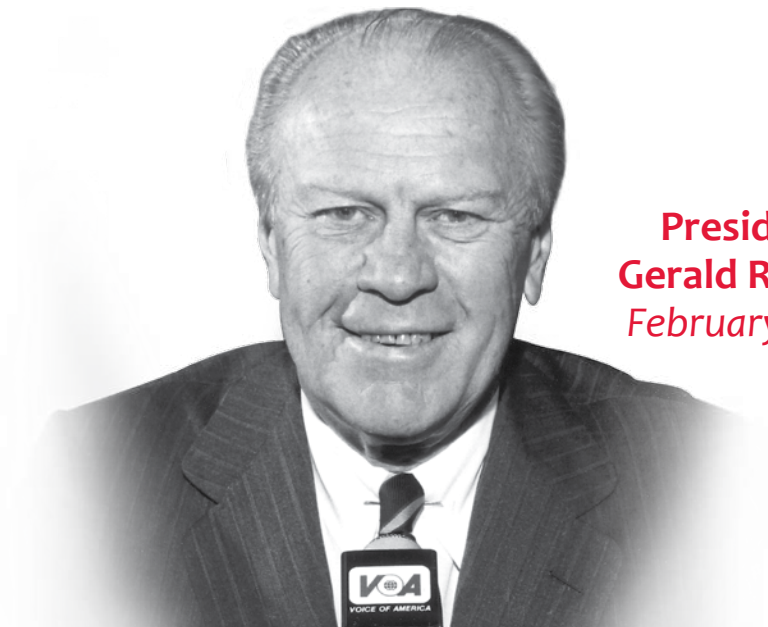


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*Now 200 years after  
our Declaration of  
Independence, the Voice  
of America symbolizes  
the commitment of  
the American People  
to maintain 'a decent  
respect to the opinions  
of mankind.'*

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# JUNE



**President  
Gerald R. Ford**  
February 1976







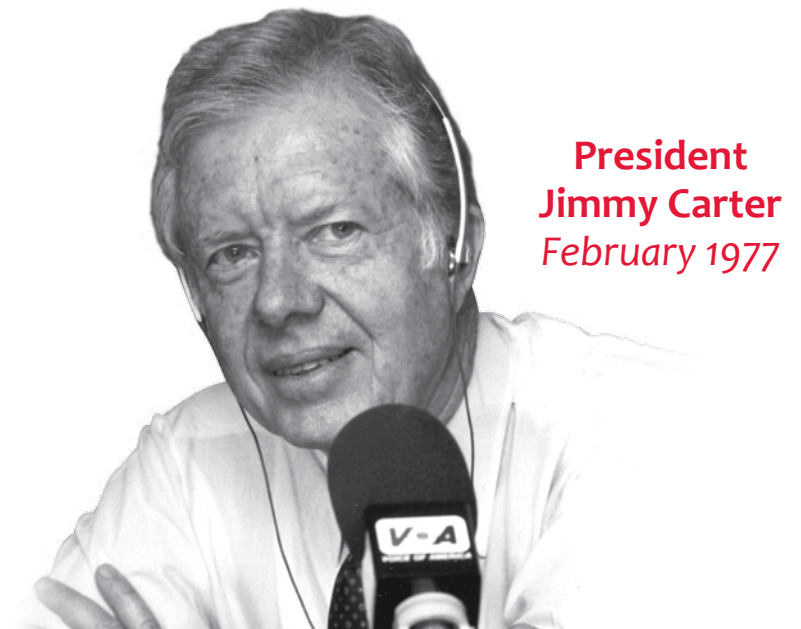
**THE WHITE HOUSE**, at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, has been the official residence and principal workplace of the President of the United States since 1800. The central Executive Residence contains the First Family's living quarters and rooms for official ceremonies and entertaining. The President's office—known 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.*

# JULY



**President  
Jimmy Carter**  
February 1977





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.*

# AUGUST



**President  
Ronald W. Reagan**  
September 1983







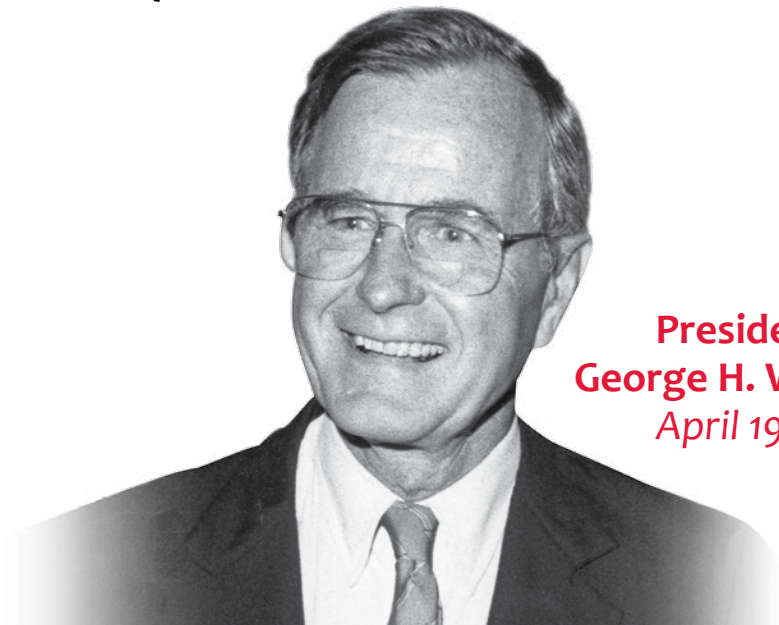
**THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION** was founded in 1846 with funds from wealthy British scientist James Smithson. It is the world's largest museum and research complex with 19 museums, the National Zoo, and nine research facilities. Its collection includes 137 million artifacts, works of art, and specimens. 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*





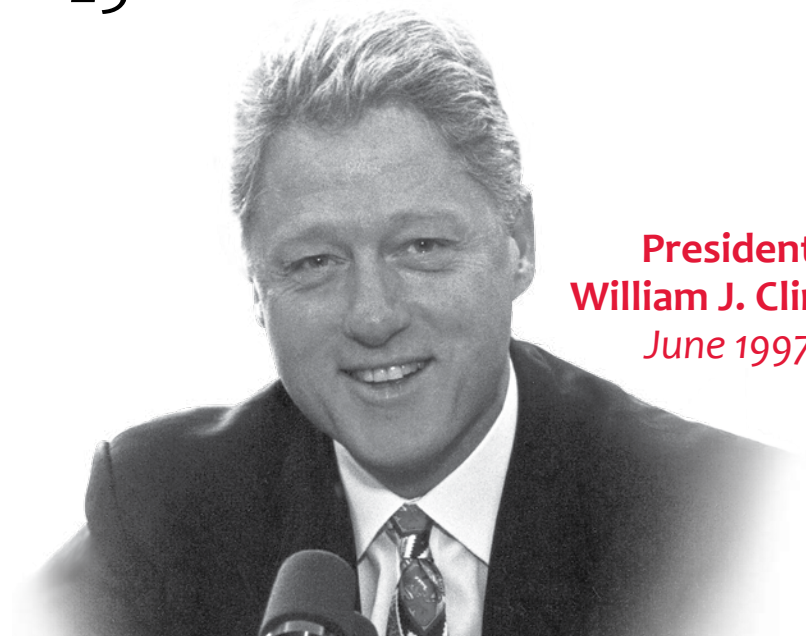


**ROCK CREEK PARK** is a 688-hectare park of meadows, streams, and forests running north and south within the city. Run by the National Park Service, the park has a nature center and planetarium, historic buildings, hiking/biking trails, picnic areas, and tennis courts. Pictured is historic Boulder Bridge, 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







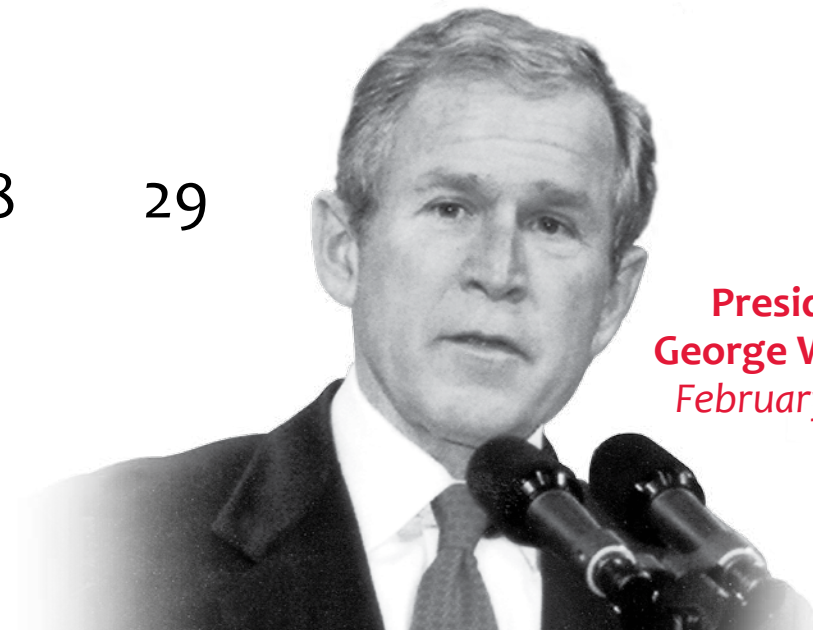
**THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT**, the nation's tribute to founding father George Washington, is the most prominent feature in the city. It is an over-169-meter-tall, Egyptian-style obelisk made of marble blocks and is surrounded by 50 American flags, one for each state. The tallest structure in Washington, 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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