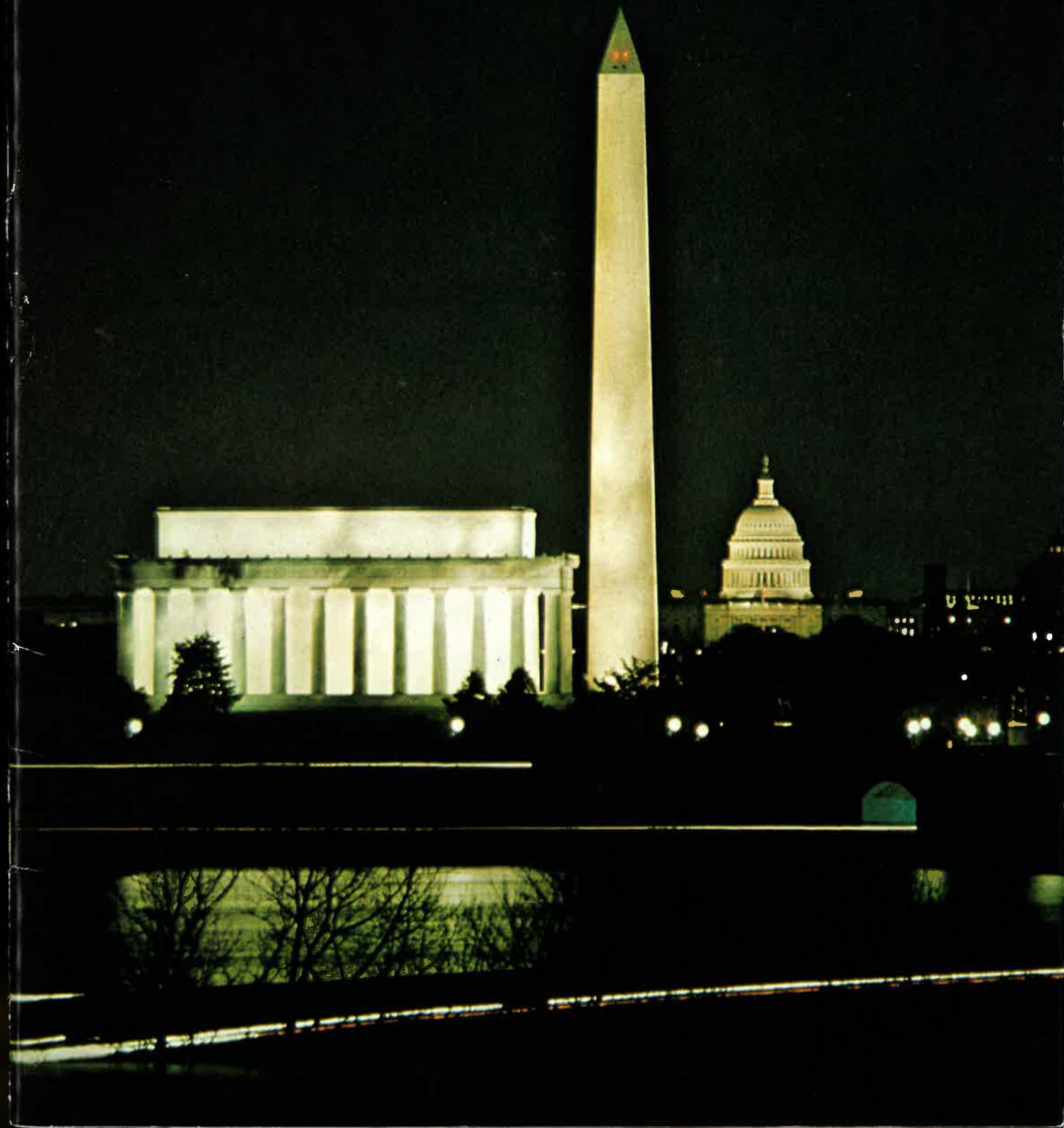
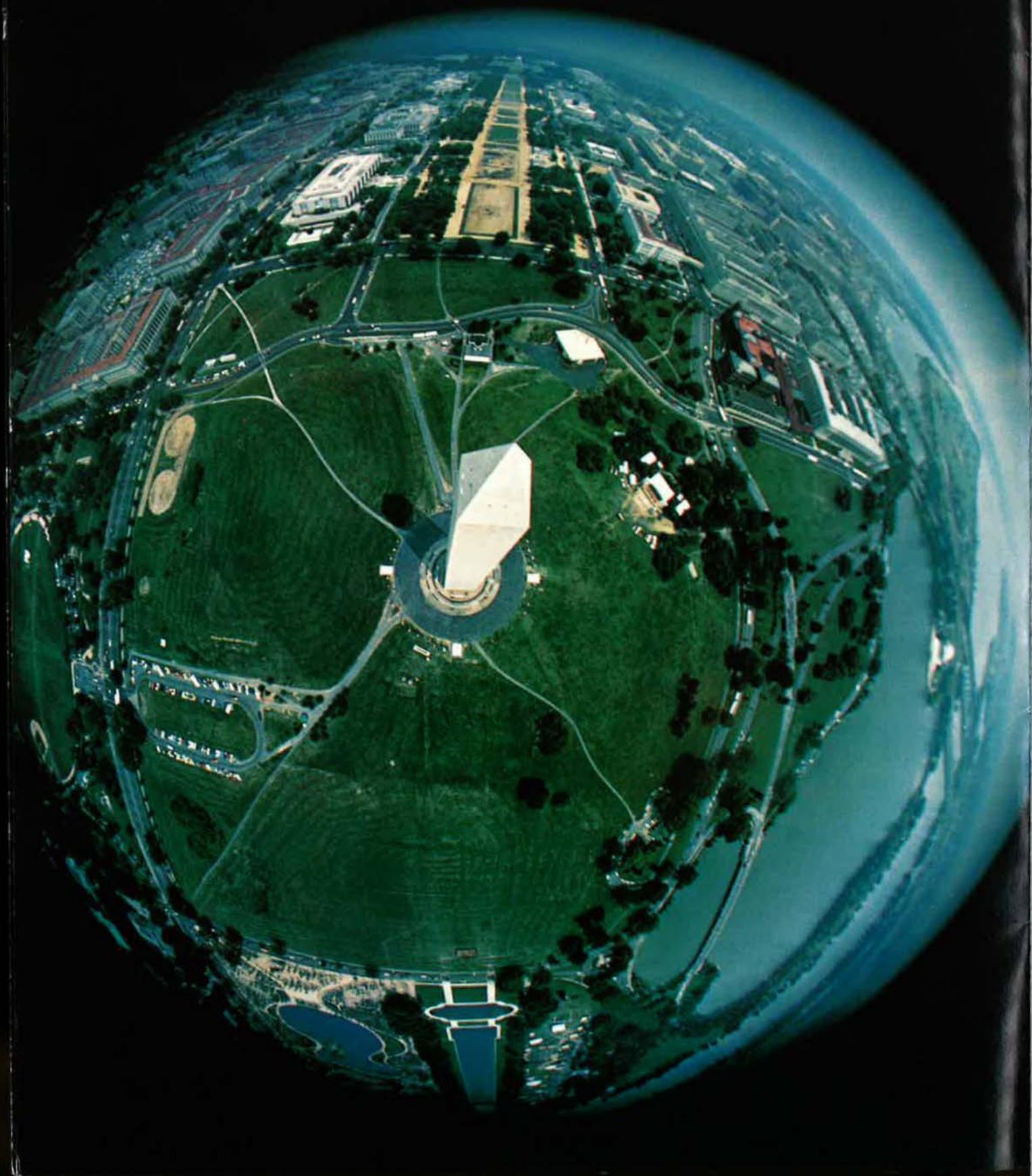


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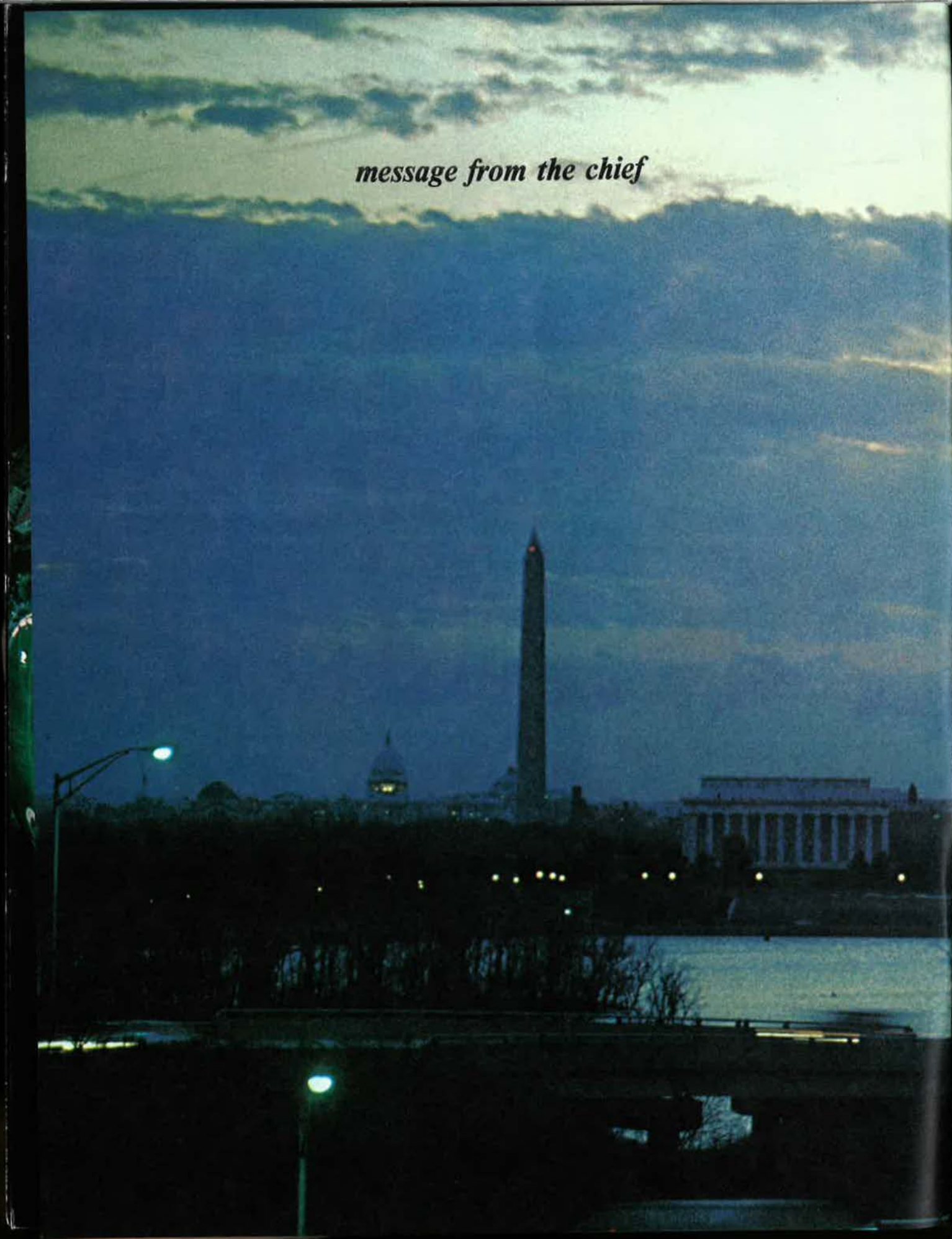
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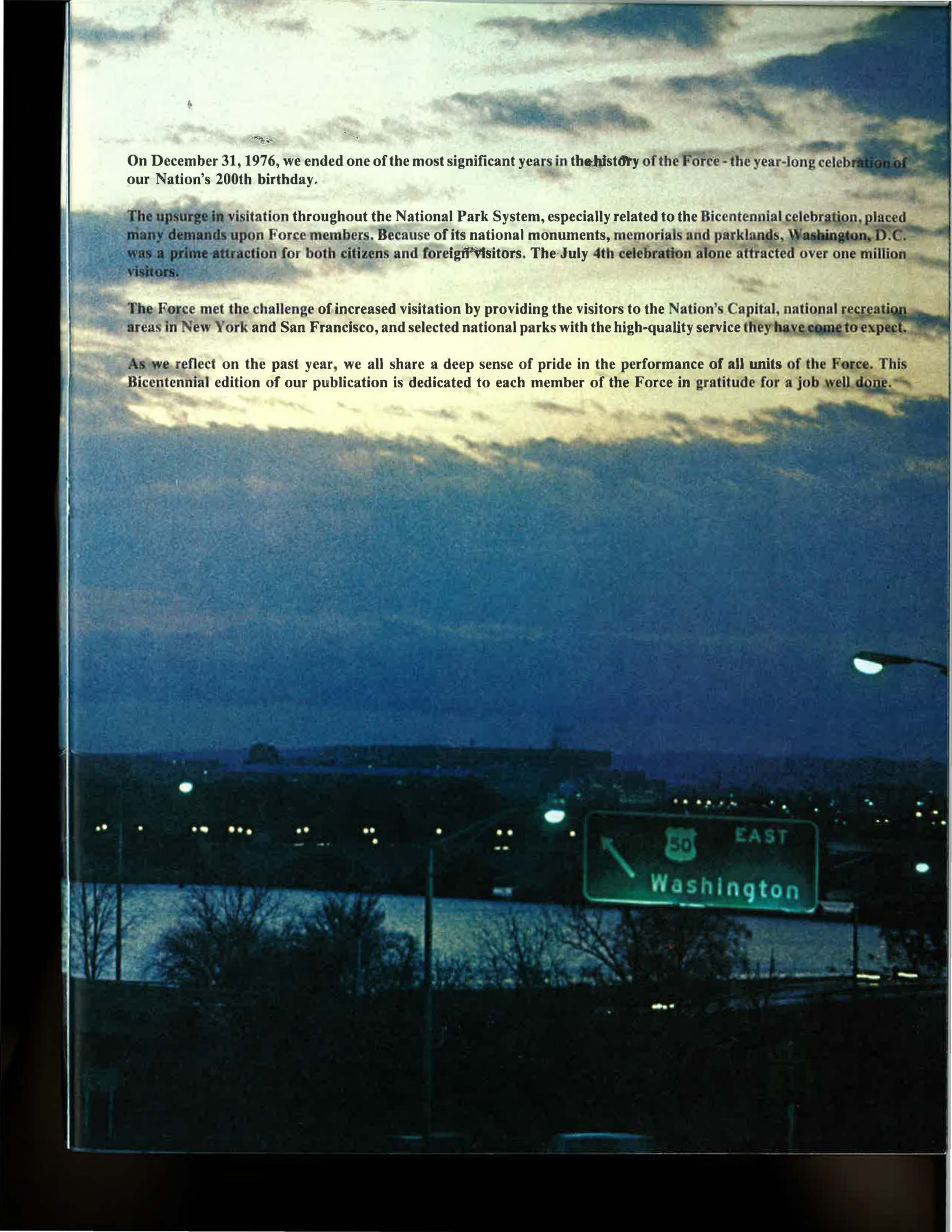
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*message from the chief*





A photograph of a highway interchange at night. In the foreground, a green directional sign is illuminated, pointing left towards Washington. The sign features a shield with the number 50 and the word "EAST" above it. The background shows a multi-level highway interchange with various lights and structures under a dark sky with some clouds.

On December 31, 1976, we ended one of the most significant years in the history of the Force - the year-long celebration of our Nation's 200th birthday.

The upsurge in visitation throughout the National Park System, especially related to the Bicentennial celebration, placed many demands upon Force members. Because of its national monuments, memorials and parklands, Washington, D.C. was a prime attraction for both citizens and foreign visitors. The July 4th celebration alone attracted over one million visitors.

The Force met the challenge of increased visitation by providing the visitors to the Nation's Capital, national recreation areas in New York and San Francisco, and selected national parks with the high-quality service they have come to expect.

As we reflect on the past year, we all share a deep sense of pride in the performance of all units of the Force. This Bicentennial edition of our publication is dedicated to each member of the Force in gratitude for a job well done.







**An expanded Aide program freed officers from many routine duties**

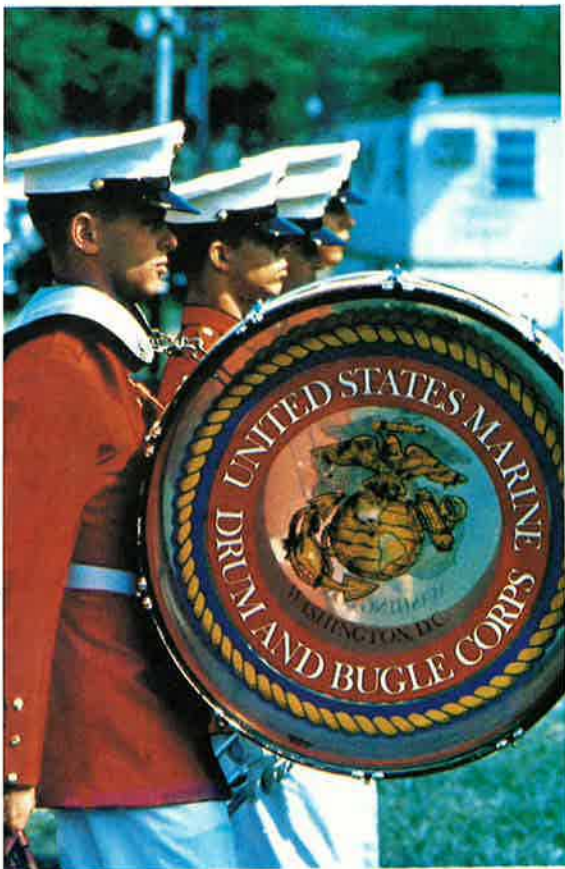
..... *President Ford's visit to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts* .....





Annual parades emphasized the Bicentennial theme - the July 3rd parade was one of the largest ever









**Freedom of speech was reaffirmed in many ways during the Bicentennial**

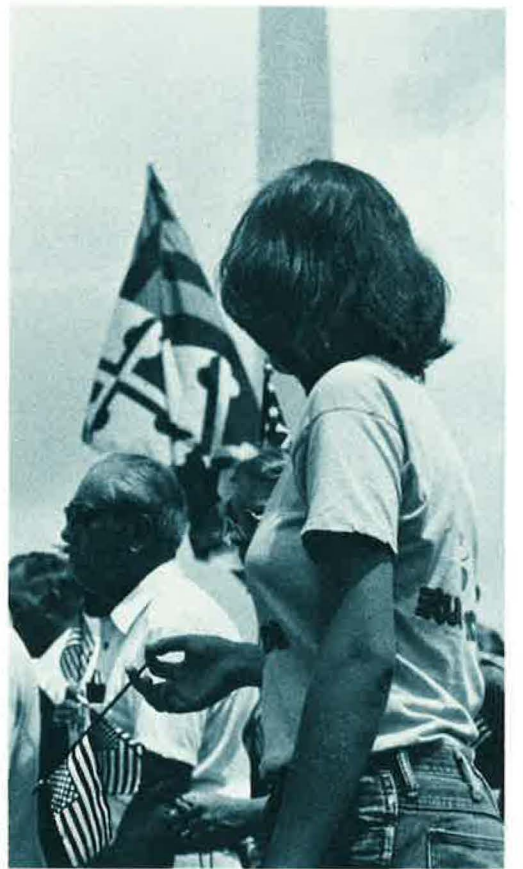
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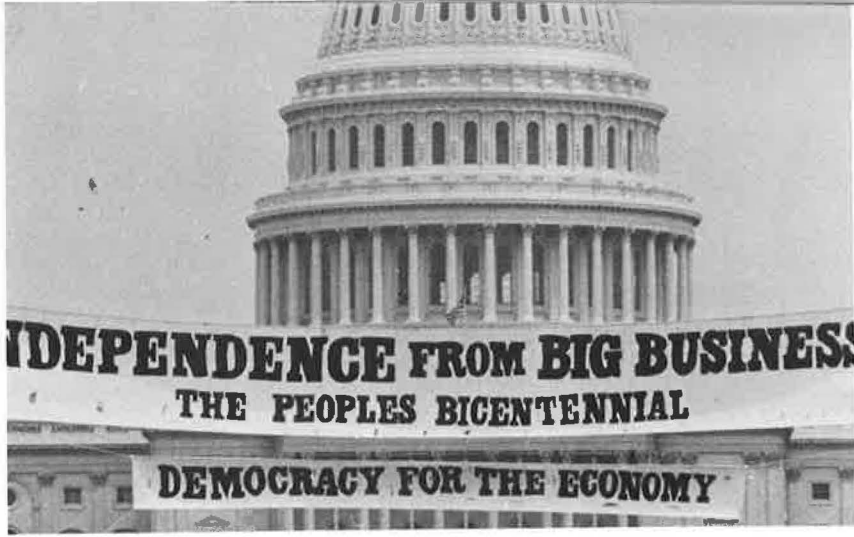


.....Demonstrations on Saturday, April 3, and Sunday, April 4, 1976 .....











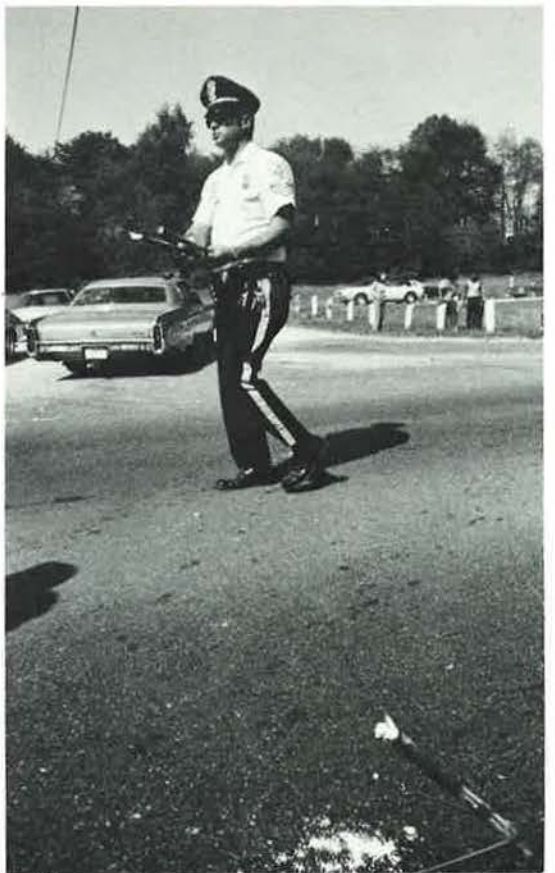


The Festival of American Folklife - entertainment, education, cultural heritage









Visitor assistance continues to be foremost in Force activities





.....President Ford's visit to Armed Forces Week display .....





Foreign leaders participate in the celebration



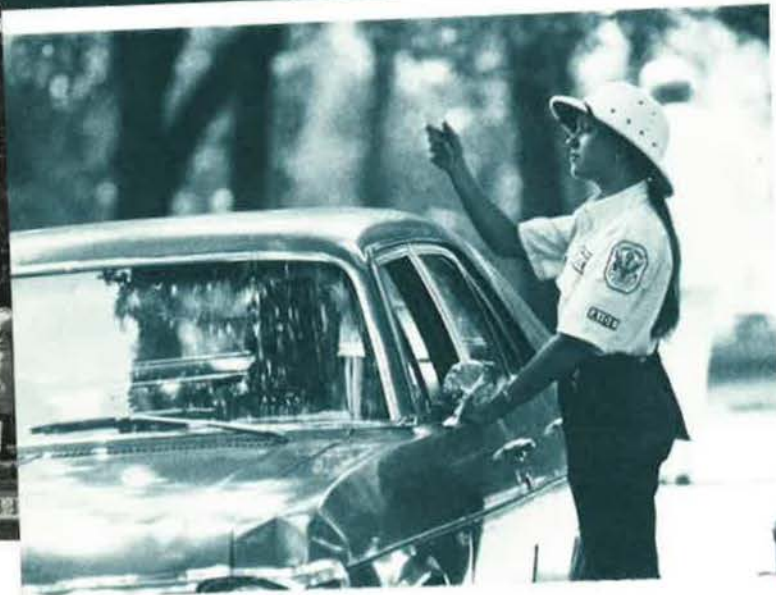


.....*The visit of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel* .....

.....*The visit of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain* .....

.....*Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Boston National Historical Park* .....





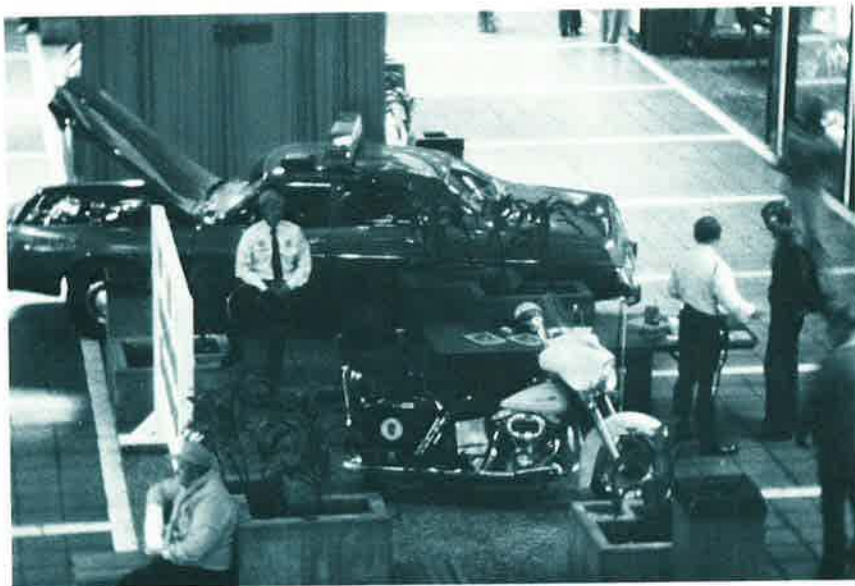
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### Short duration special events for visitors

.....The official visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh





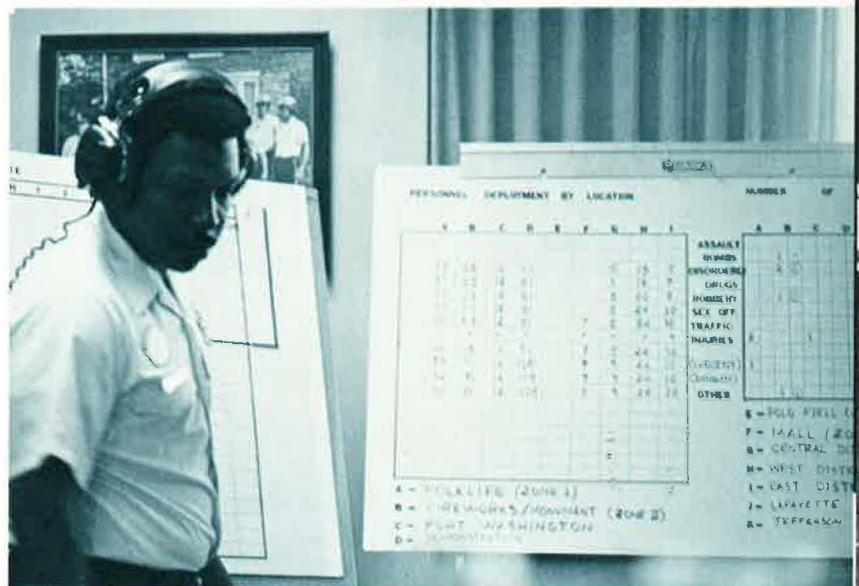
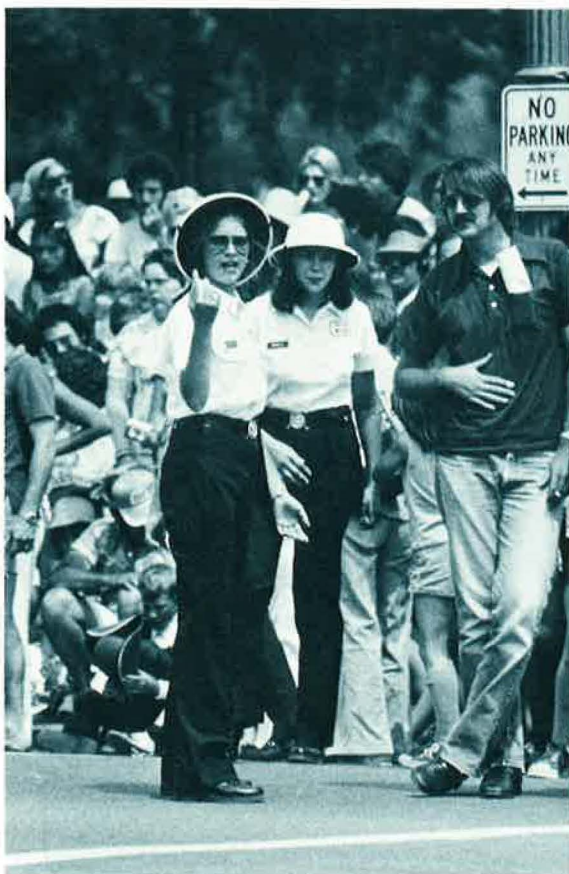
**Local Force and community activities**





July 4th celebration - Washington Monument grounds





..... Bicentennial activities within the Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Park Service .....





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.....The fireworks display at the Capitol Reflecting Pool .....









After the celebration, the return to normal





..... Demonstrations, Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September 18, 1976 .....



