



Lincoln Memorial, symbol of Union

Washington

OF COURSE, WASHINGTON must be included in your diplomat's tour of the U.S. Of all the places to see in our Capital, I consider the Lincoln Memorial one of the most important. This edifice is so familiar to Americans that I fear we tend to merely glance at it in passing when in Washington. But a few minutes there will help you understand why foreign diplomats consider a visit to the Lincoln Memorial a high spot in any tour through the United States.

The great brooding statue of Abraham Lincoln, seated under the soaring ceiling of the white granite memorial building, speaks for itself. Here is the most impressive evidence of this country's esteem for the man who believed no nation could remain half slave and half free. This monument has the most marvelous effect on visitors, especially those from Africa. We walk in, and suddenly everyone falls silent. The hush becomes almost tangible. We just stand there. I don't have to say a thing. It's an exciting and moving moment.

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