

12542  
GEOGRAPHIC CENTENNIAL -- In January 1888, 33-public-spirited men met in Washington, D.C. to form a society whose mission was the "increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge." In October 1888, the first National Geographic magazine appeared. One hundred years later, the National Geographic Society is still fulfilling its mission with scientific precision and journalistic genius. The Society, often called the world's largest scientific and educational non-profit organization, is now supported by some 10.5 million loyal members. This wide-angle view shows the Society's headquarters which occupies an entire block in the national capital.

(88-8-C)

