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TAKE A DIPLOMAT'S TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES by Angier Biddle Duke, Chief of Protocol of the U.S.

"Key world leaders and diplomats who visit the U.S. ask to see a cross section of the people and places that make up this country," writes Mr. Duke. "As Chief of Protocol, it is part of my job to suggest to them those areas that will give a clearer idea of this country's ideals and sincerity of purpose, to the end that they will understand us better." Mr. Duke lists ten of the places he most often recommends and tells why he selects them. (Editor's Note: This picture story has been cleared for republication in English and in translation by USIS and by the local press outside the U.S. and Canada provided the following copyright notice appears on page one of the reprint: Adapted from THIS WEEK MAGAZINE.

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II-II WASHINGTON, in the District of Columbia: Of course Washington must be included in your diplomat's tour of the U.S. Of all places to see in our Capital, I consider the Lincoln Memorial one of the most important. The great brooding statue of Abraham Lincoln, scated under the ceiling of the white granite memorial building, speaks for itself. But cut into the interior walls on either side of the statue are the words of his famous Gettysburg Address and his second Presidential inaugural address. Here is the most impressive evidence of this country's esteem for the man who believed that no nation could remain half slave and half free. The monument has the most marvelous effect on all visitors, American or foreign, especially those from the new nations of Africa. We walk in and everyone falls silent. We just stand there. I don't have to say anything. It is an exciting and moving monument.

The statue of Abraham Lincoln in Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. (62-2991)

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