

A COMMEMORATIVE WORK FOR GOLD STAR MOTHERS

SITE SELECTION ANALYSIS

NCMAC INTRODUCTORY SITE SELECTION MEETING

12 December 2013

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- PURPOSE OF THE MONUMENT
- OBJECTIVES FOR MONUMENT
- PRELIMINARY SITE SELECTION CRITERIA
- ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED SITES

PURPOSE OF THE MONUMENT

HONOR GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO OUR NATION

. . . express the gratitude of a nation for family life that fosters caring and generous adults willing to pursue a life of service . . . commemorate the selflessness that almost inevitably occurs when Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families turn their grief outward into actions of kindness and concern for others . . . and, by doing these things, create an atmosphere that enables healing and well-being among those commemorated.

OBJECTIVES FOR MONUMENT

- Express the gratitude of our nation to families who teach that military service is a worthy endeavor;
- Recognize the sense of loss shared by Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families;
- Allow Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families an opportunity to have a moment of reflection and contemplation;
- Serve as a focal point for Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families to feel kinship and emotional support;
- Commemorate the history of service of Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families; and,
- Provide the opportunity for visitors to gather and take part in commemorative events.

PRELIMINARY SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

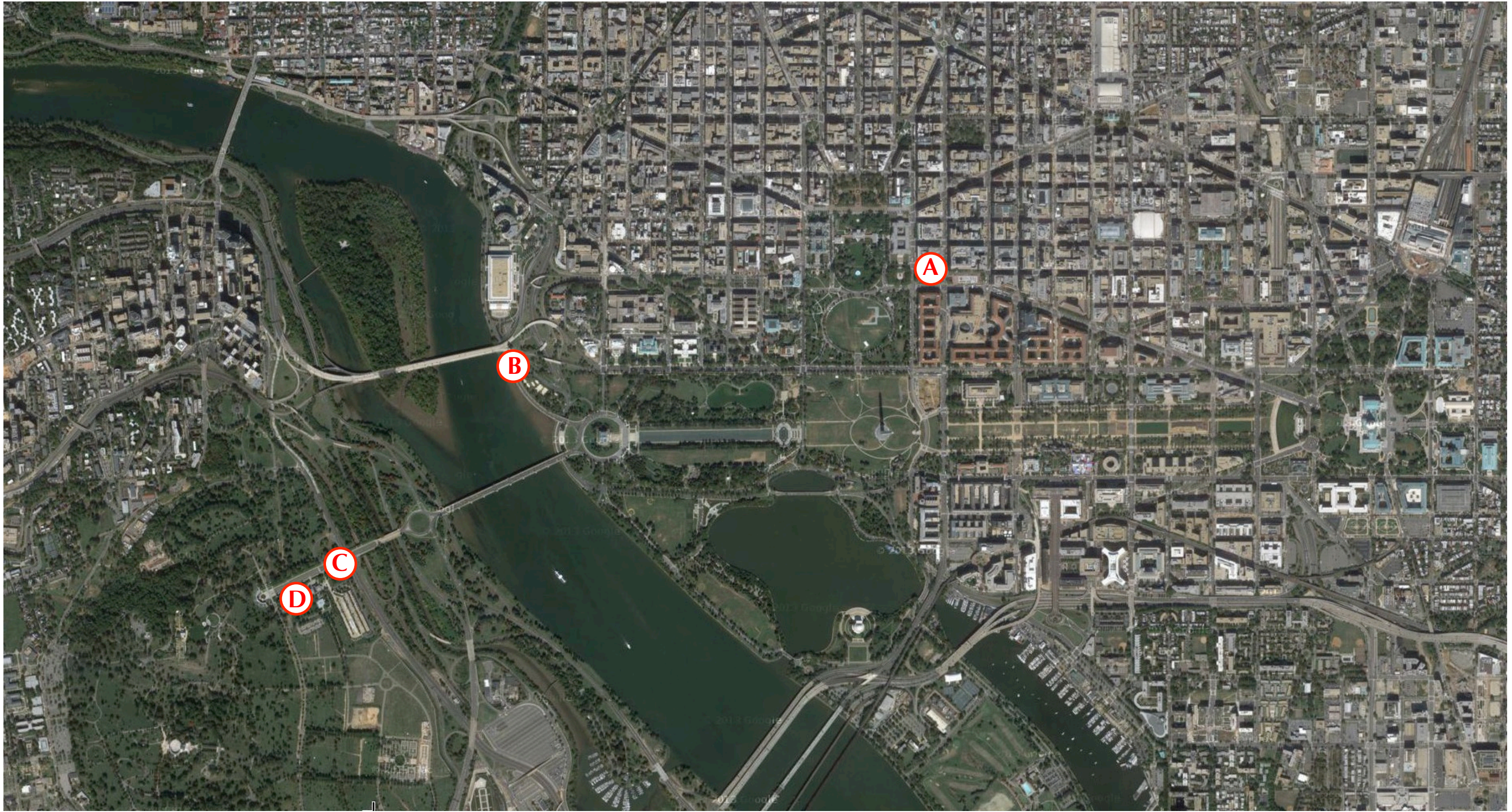
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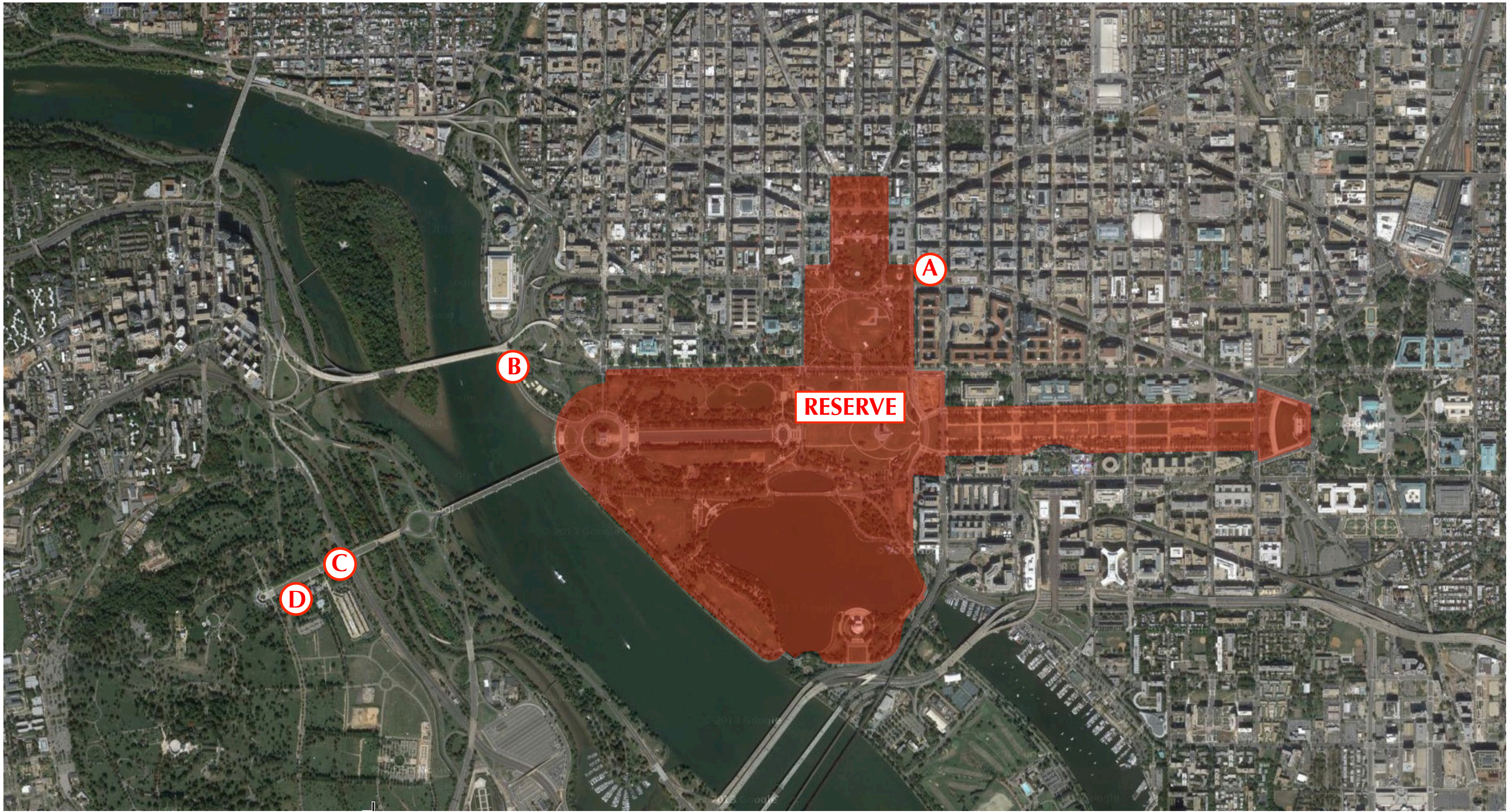
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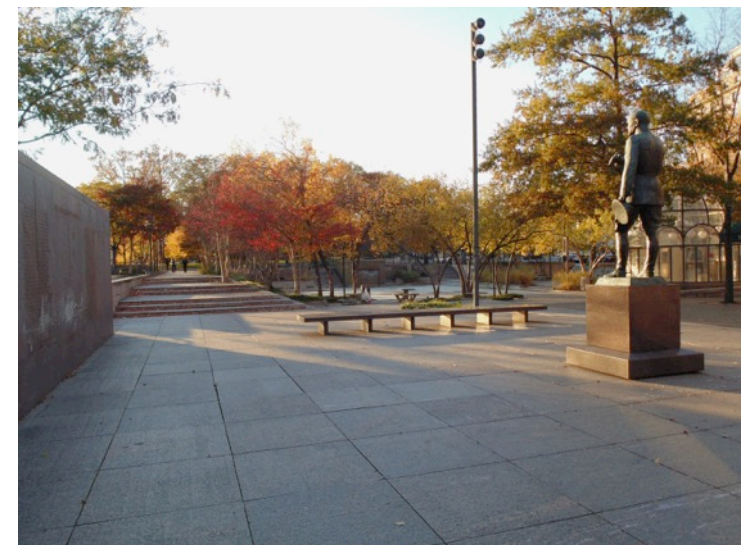
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John J. Pershing Memorial



John J. Pershing Memorial dominates plaza

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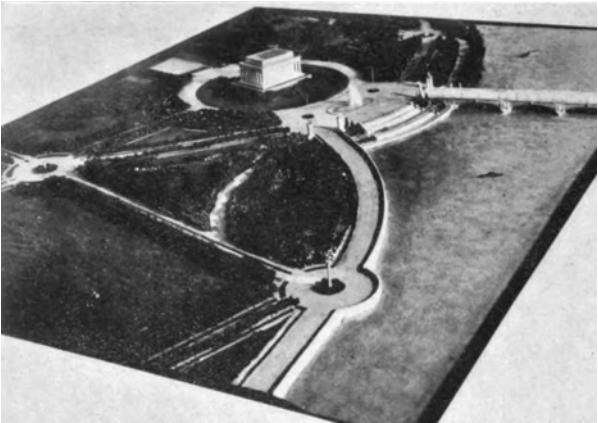
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Original concept for belvedere showing Constitution Avenue extension



Fast-moving traffic surrounding belvedere

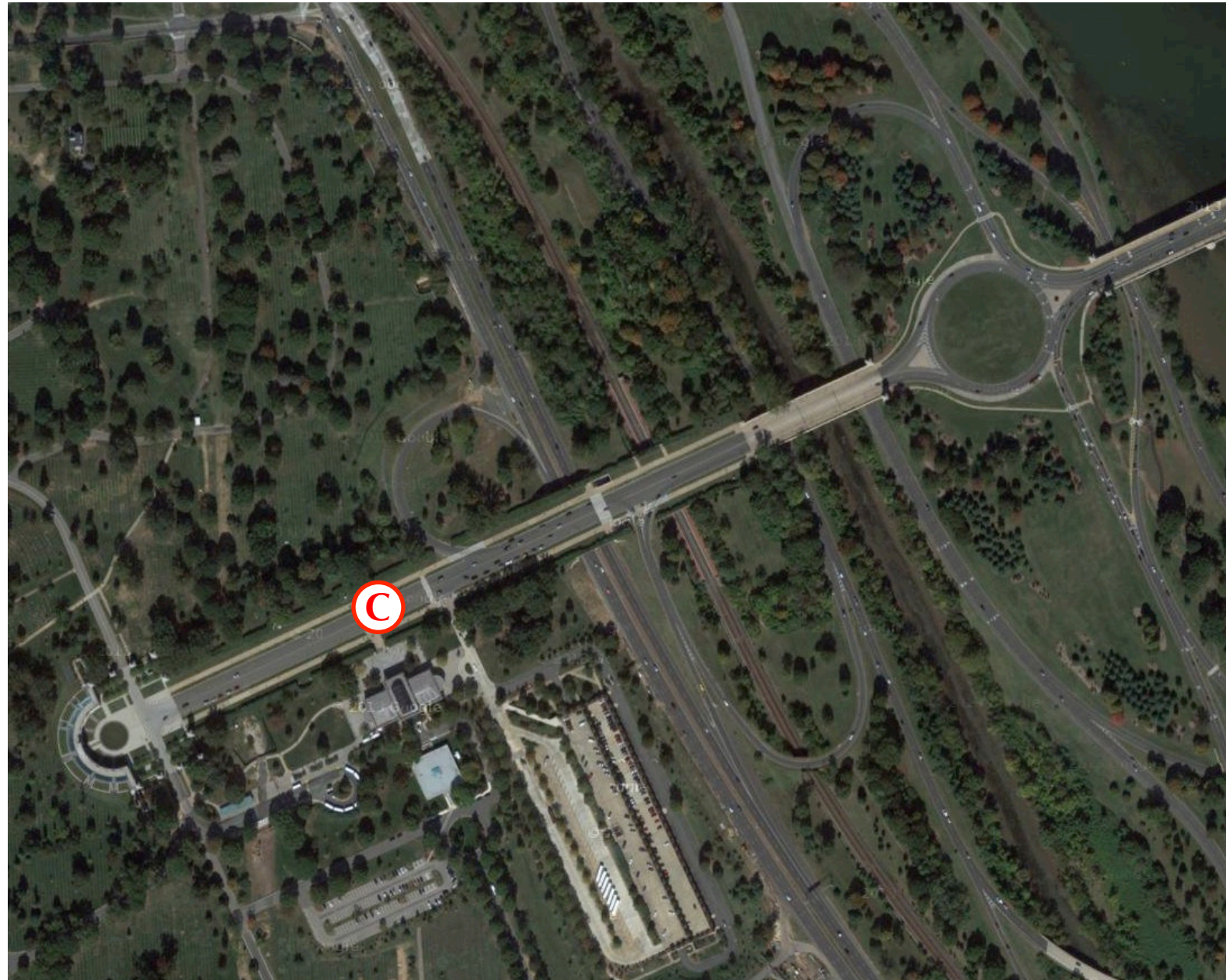


View of Arlington House from belvedere

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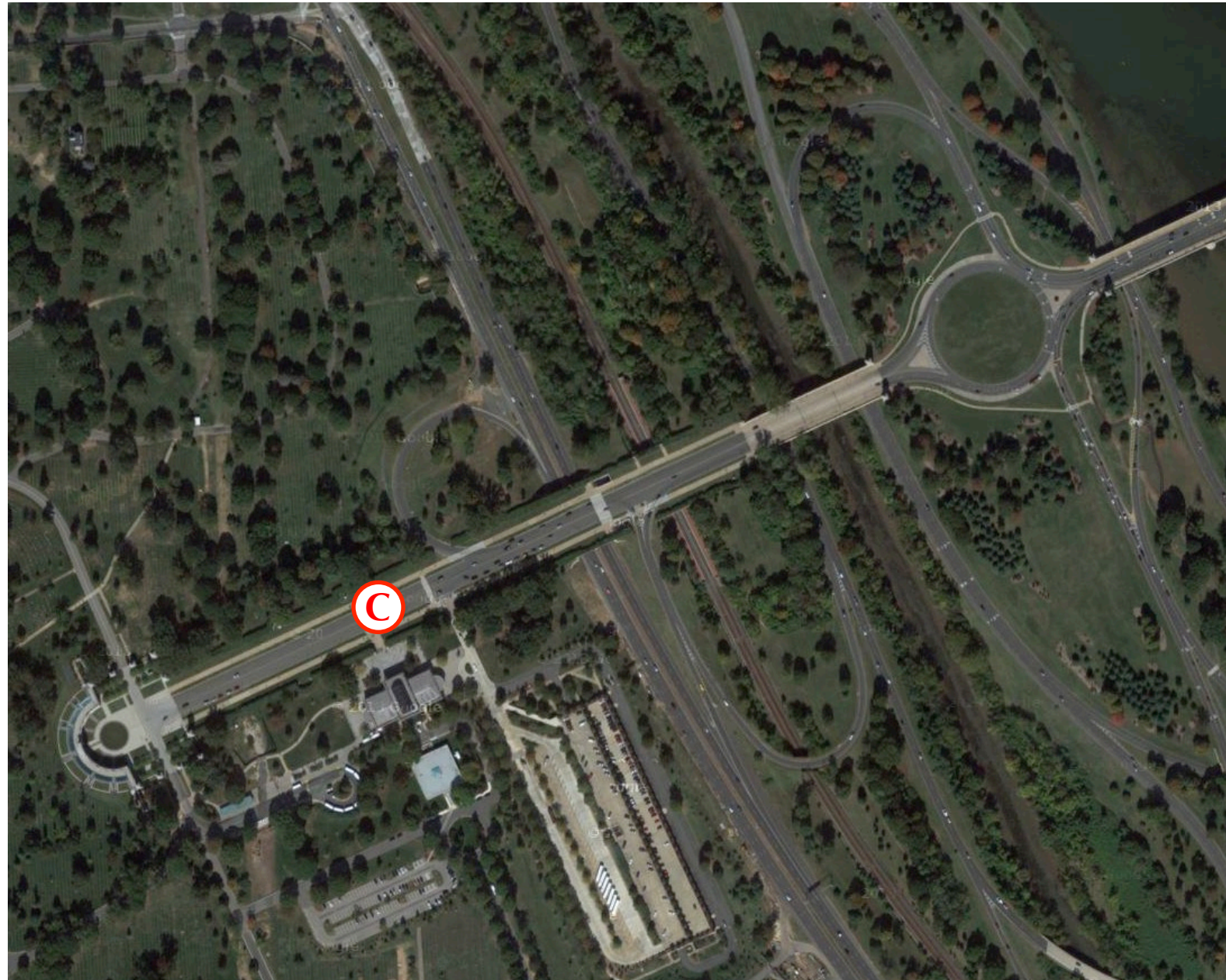


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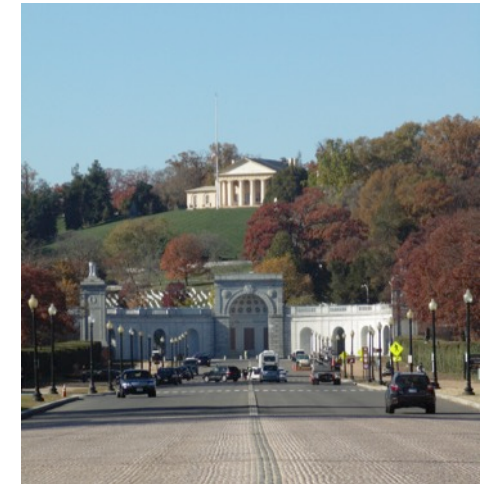
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West view down Memorial Drive



Example niche; Armored Forces Memorial

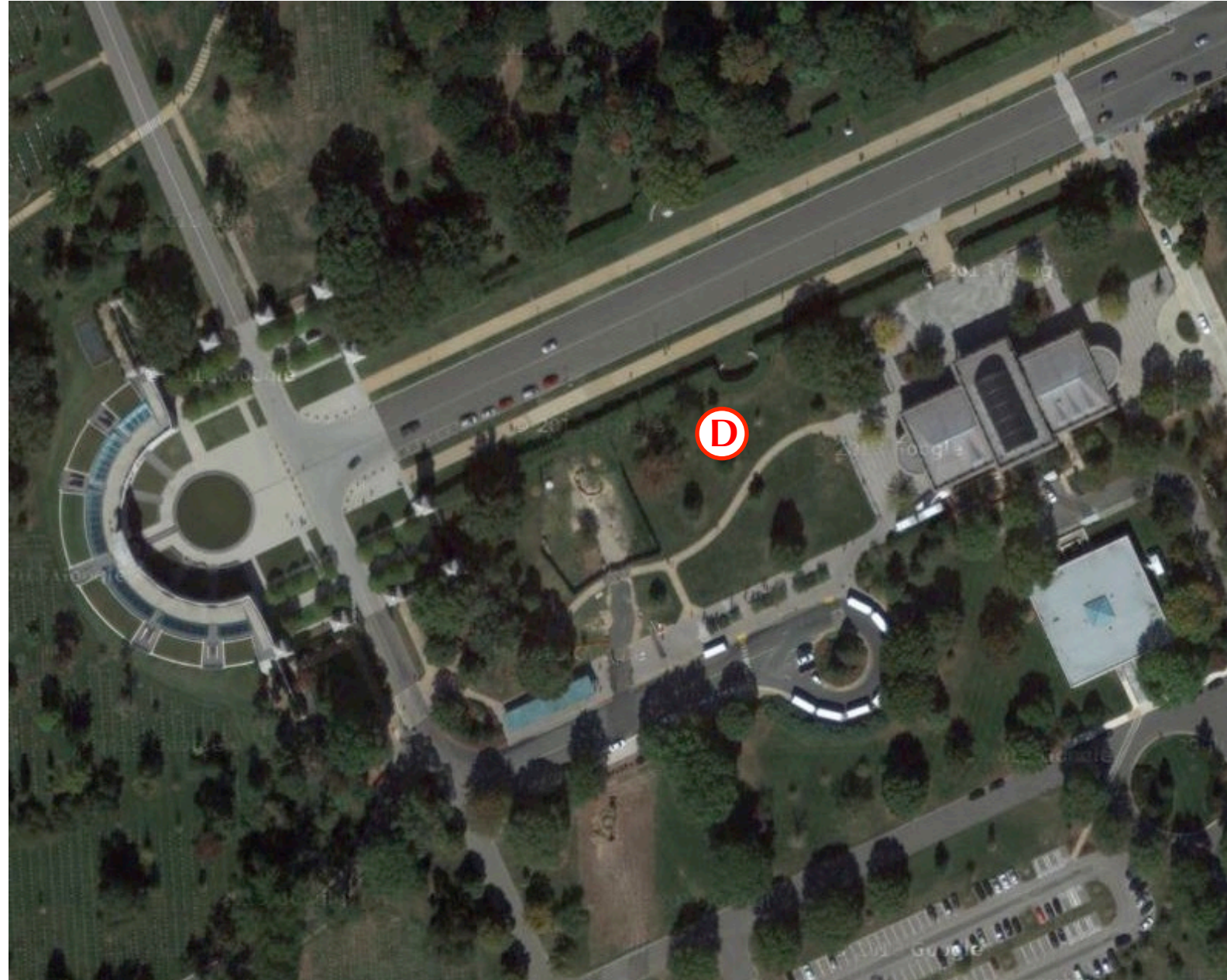


Example niche; National Seabees Memorial

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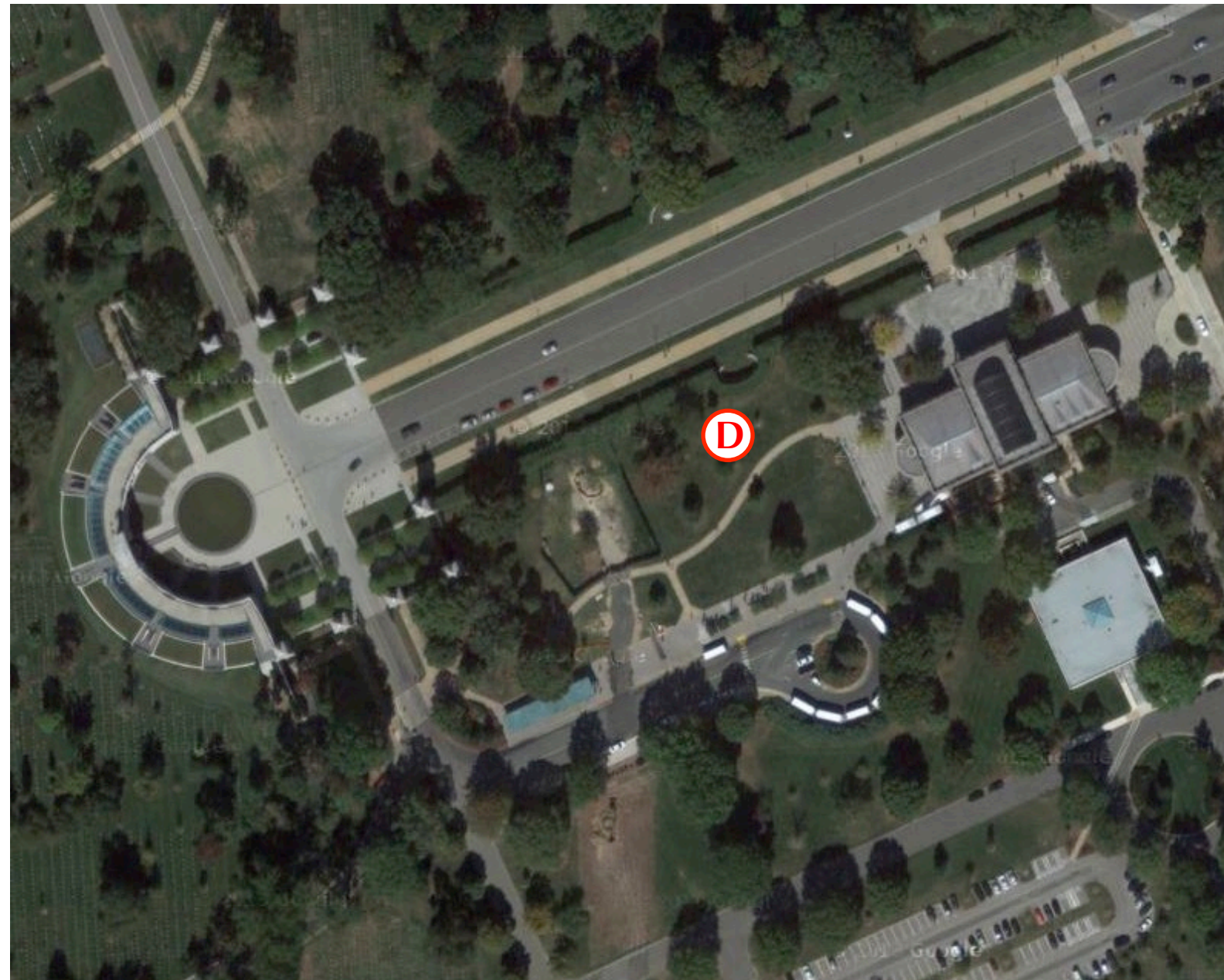


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Level, open park



Arlington House is not visible from Site D

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Sites A, B, C, and D

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