

American adventures on Amtrak- Part 3 Washington DC

We're just waiting at Washington Union Station to board our next Amtrak train, this time taking us to "The Windy City" (Chicago) on an overnight sleeper train service. We are very excited about the prospect of sleeping on a train, fingers crossed we will enjoy it! Our first experience of Amtrak on the journey from NY was good- loads of leg room, comfy seats, free wifi that allowed us to stream Spotify well, plus it ran on time (which we've been warned is a rarity!)

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On arrival to our hotel, The Phoenix Park hotel, we were once again treated to a warm welcome.

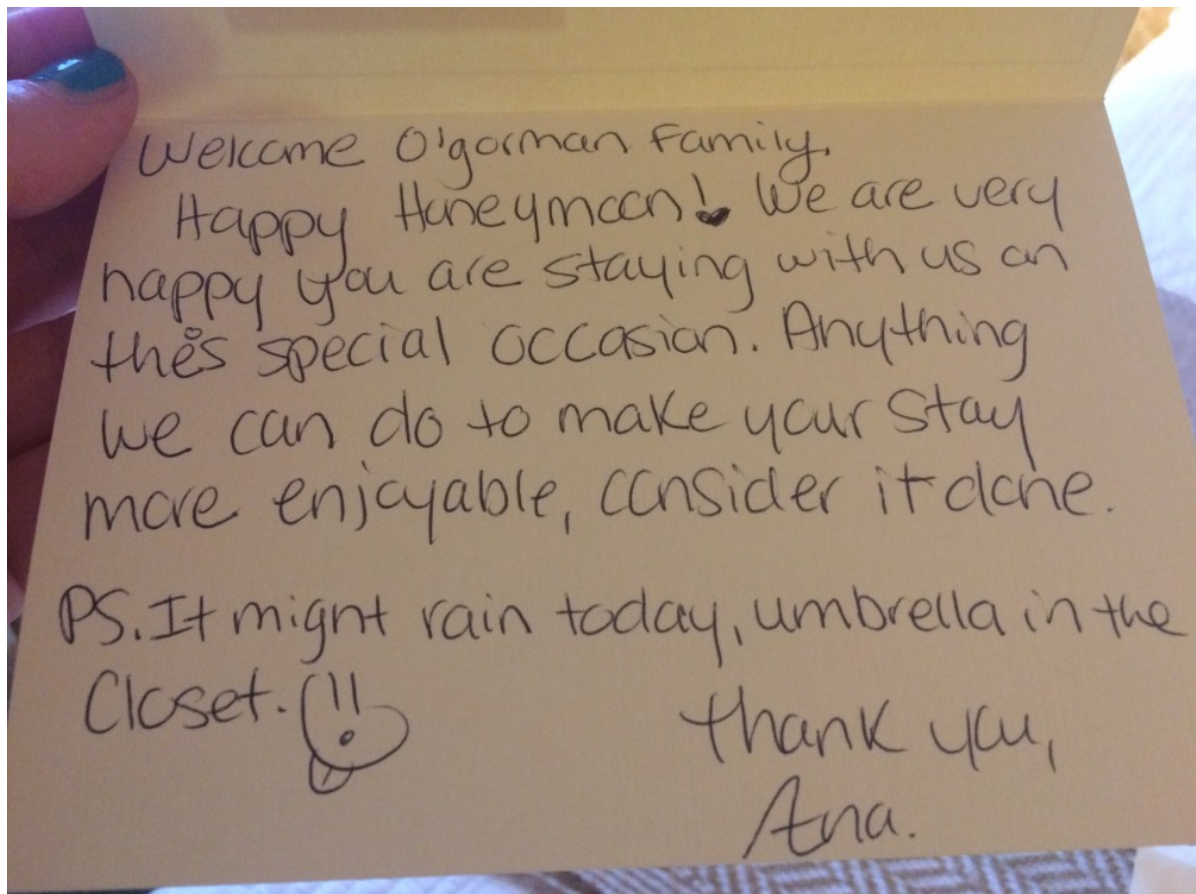
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We've had 2.5 days in Washington and have had a great time seeing the sights here. Fun-
nily enough, we've spent the entire time feel-
ing a sense of de ja vu as there are SO many
films that we've watched that have been
filmed around these streets. It's been a qui-
eter pace of life and cheaper for drinks and
food. Impressively most of the memorials
and museums are free to enter, and so our 2
days were spent trying to cram as much in
as poss! The transport here is also good, with
circular buses running between all the main
attractions, plus a service from Union Sta-
tion, where our hotel is, to Georgetown for
\$1 pp.

Highlights:

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First view of The White House



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^(Do you like our tee shirts?! Couldn't resist!)^

Martin Luther King Memorial

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Washington Memorial



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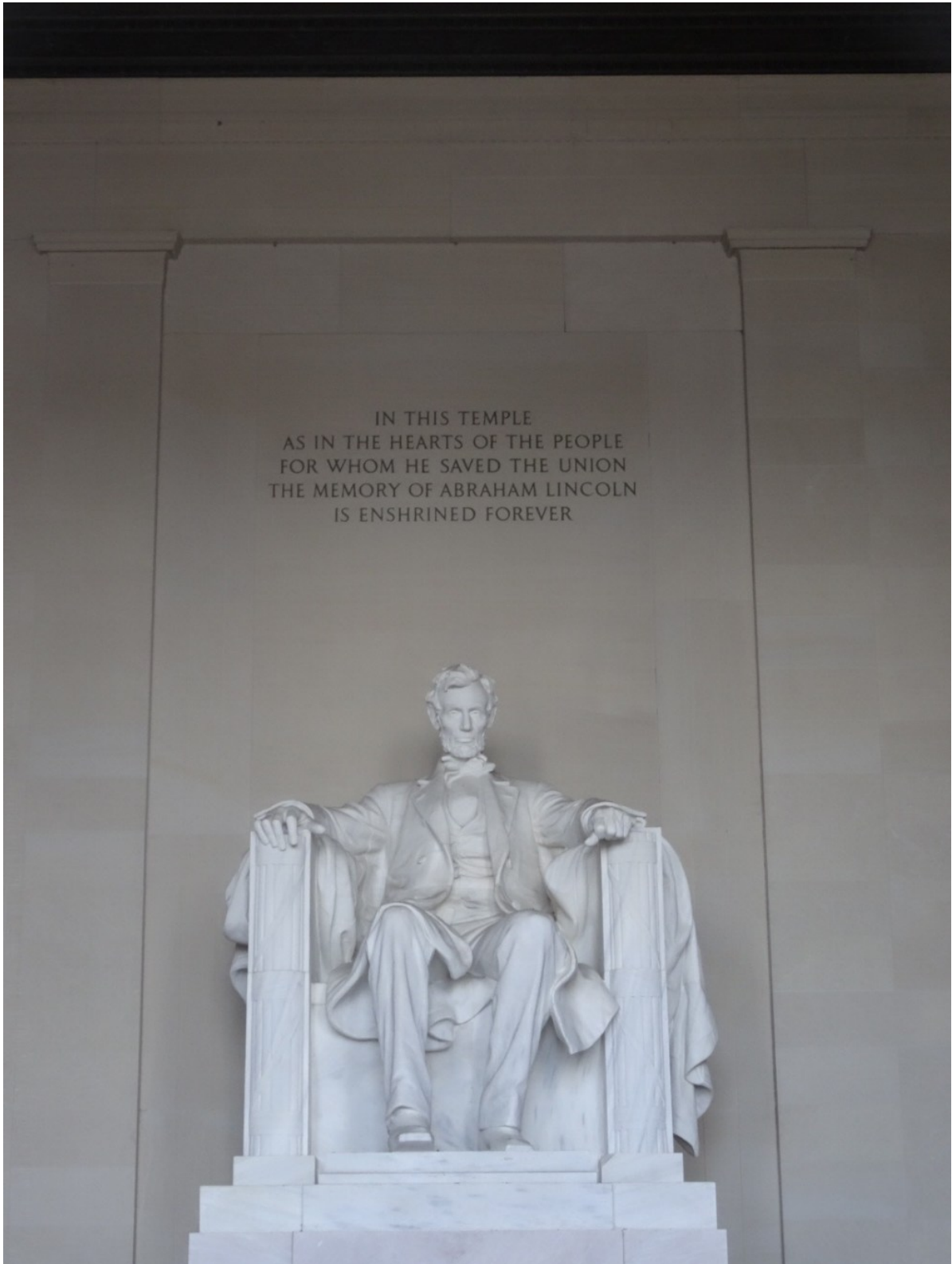
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Lincoln Monument

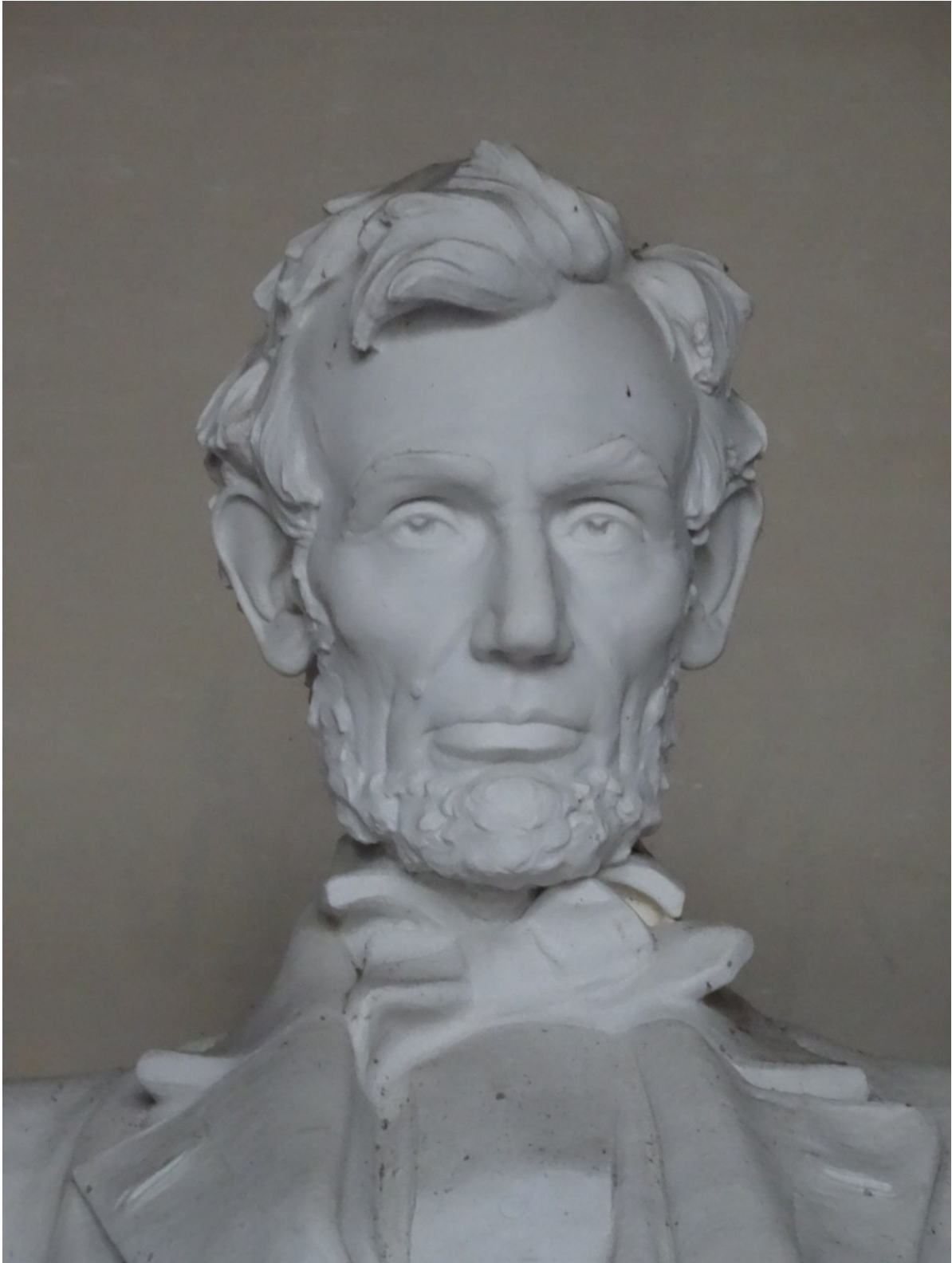
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Washington by night



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Cheeky unofficial photoshoot “inside the
White House” ☐

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National Archives home to The original Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and Constitution

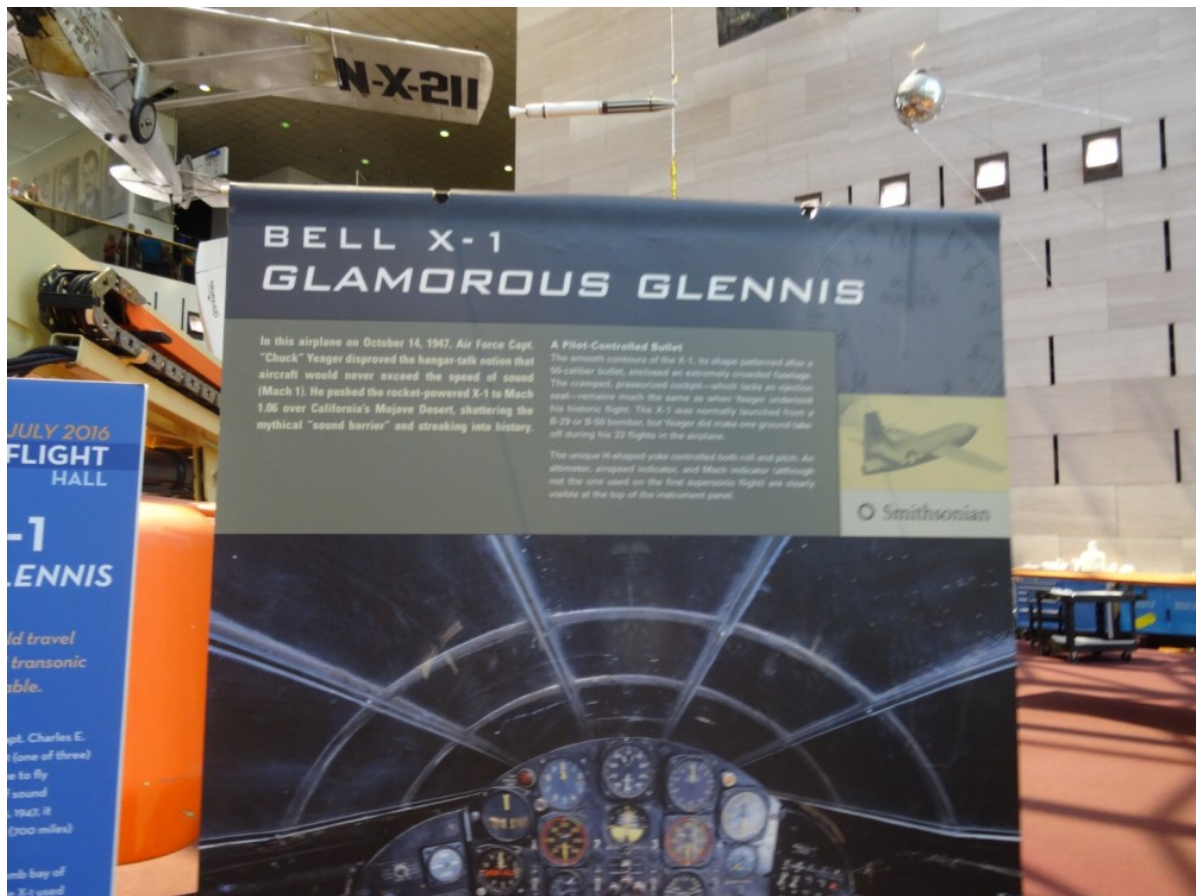


National Museum of Air and space (FAB)

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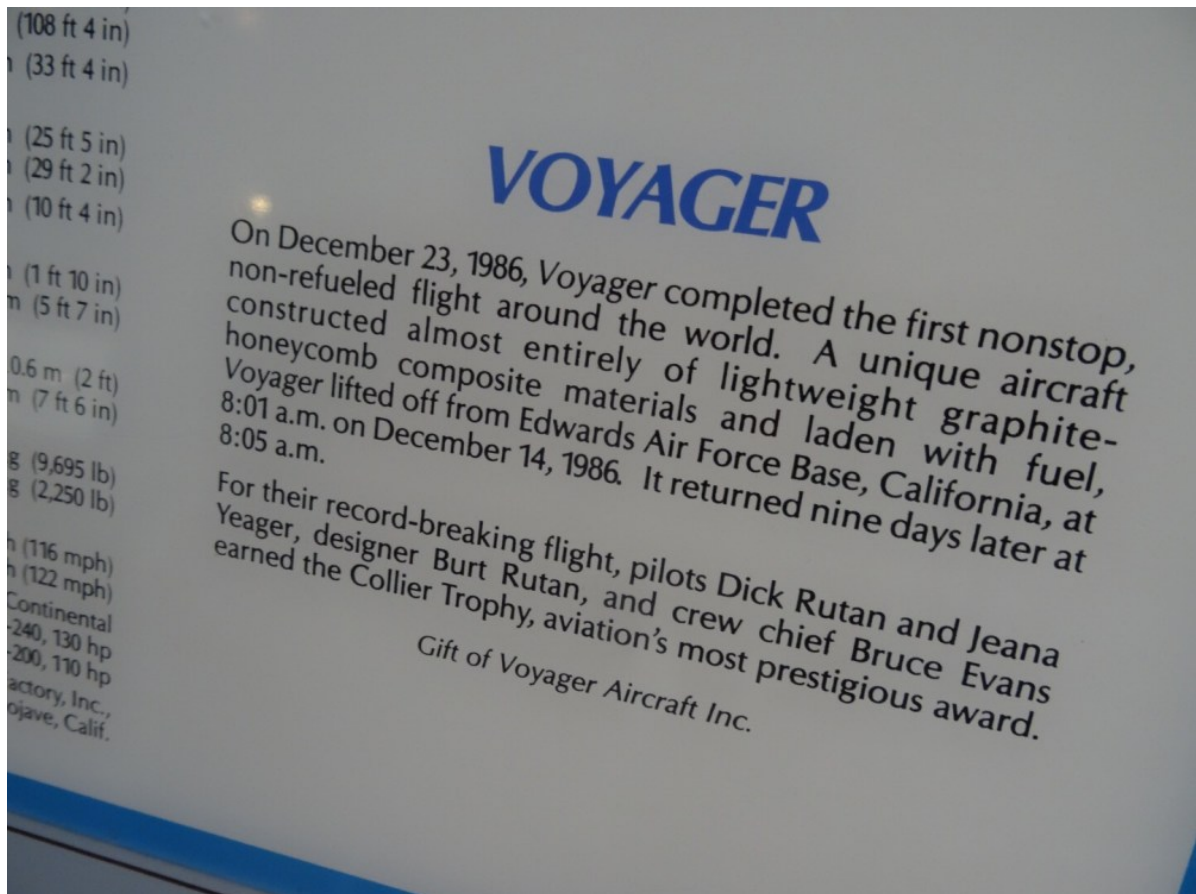
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Hubble Space Telescope Structural Dynamic Test Vehicle

This full-size test vehicle was used from 1972 to 1985 at the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale, California, during the development of the Hubble Space Telescope. It resembles the actual telescope in size and basic structure, but it is not intended for use in space. The test telescope was used to develop handling equipment and checkout procedures. It was also subjected to heat, cold, noise and vibration tests, and became a test bed to lay out wiring harnesses and evaluate features for servicing in orbit.

The test vehicle has been refurbished twice. For an earlier exhibit, the Museum restored its configuration for structural dynamic tests. In 1996 thermal blankets, antennas, and other features were added to depict the telescope's appearance in space.

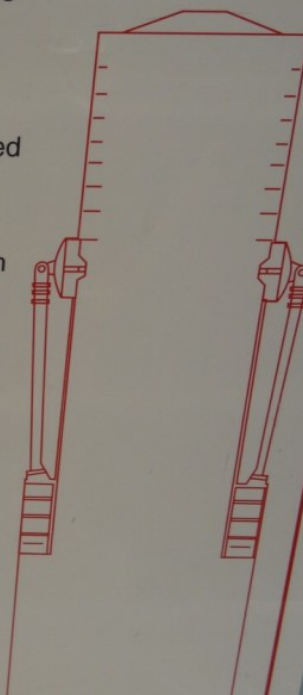
*Reconstructed test vehicle transferred from
Lockheed Missiles and Space Company*

Hubble Space Telescope

Length:	13.3 m (43 ft 6 in)
Diameter:	3.1–4.3 m (10–14 ft)
Weight:	11,600 kg (25,500 lb)
Manufacturer:	Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.

Test Vehicle

Length:	12.9 m (42 ft 4 in)
Diameter:	3.1–4.3 m (10–14 ft)



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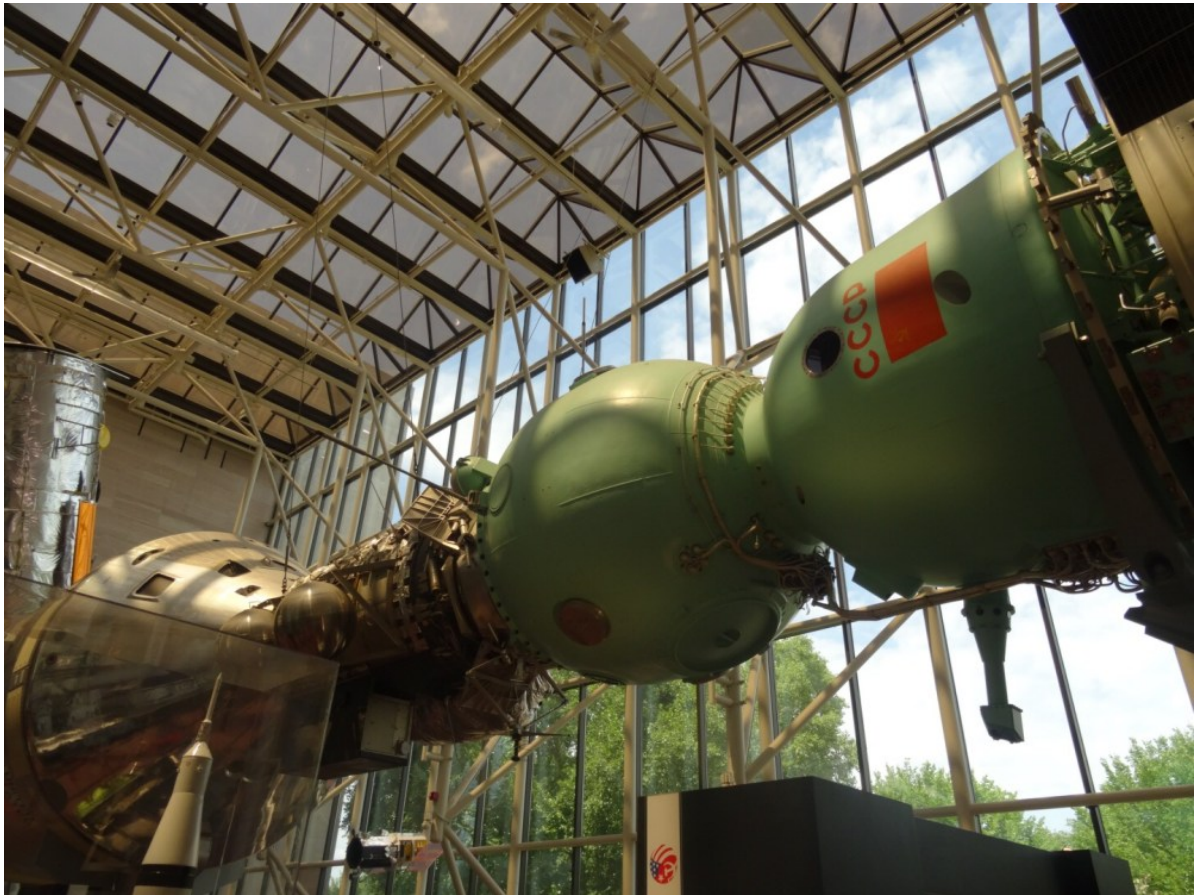


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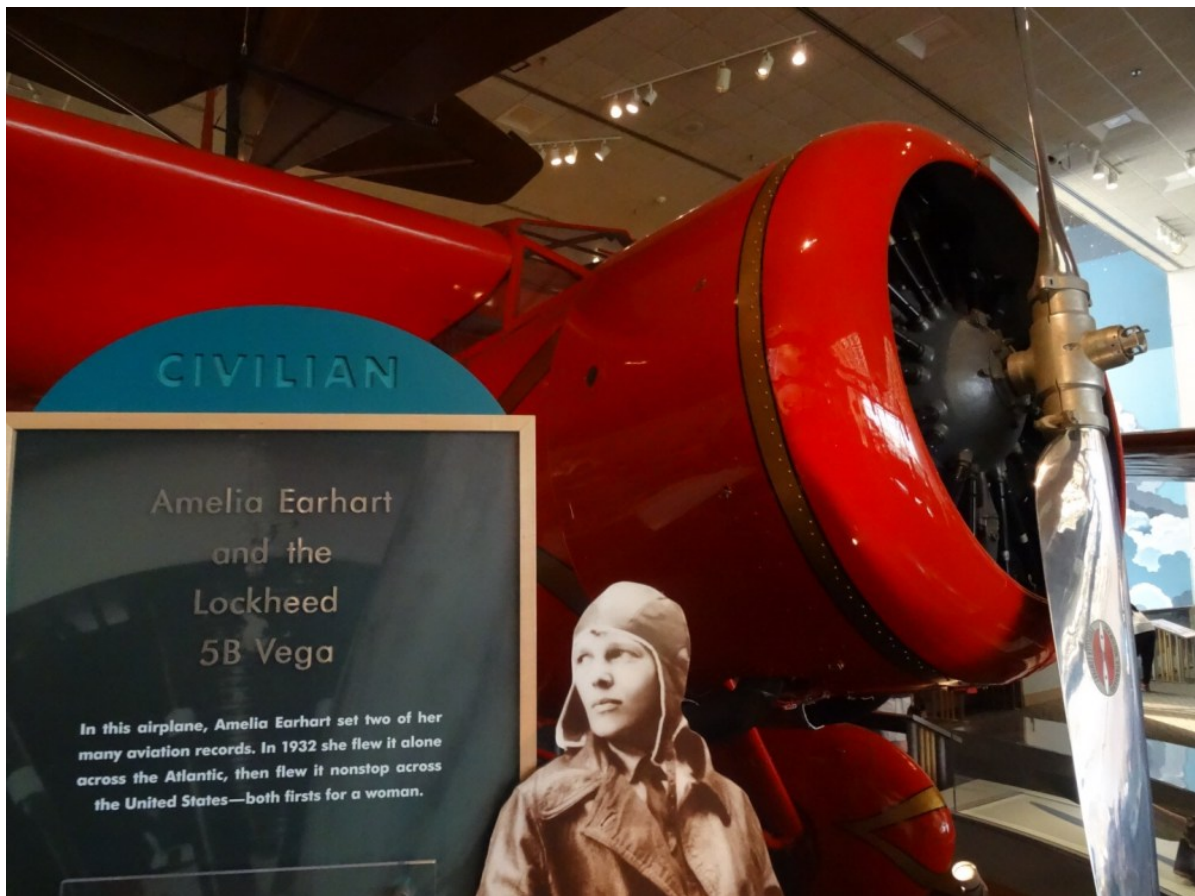
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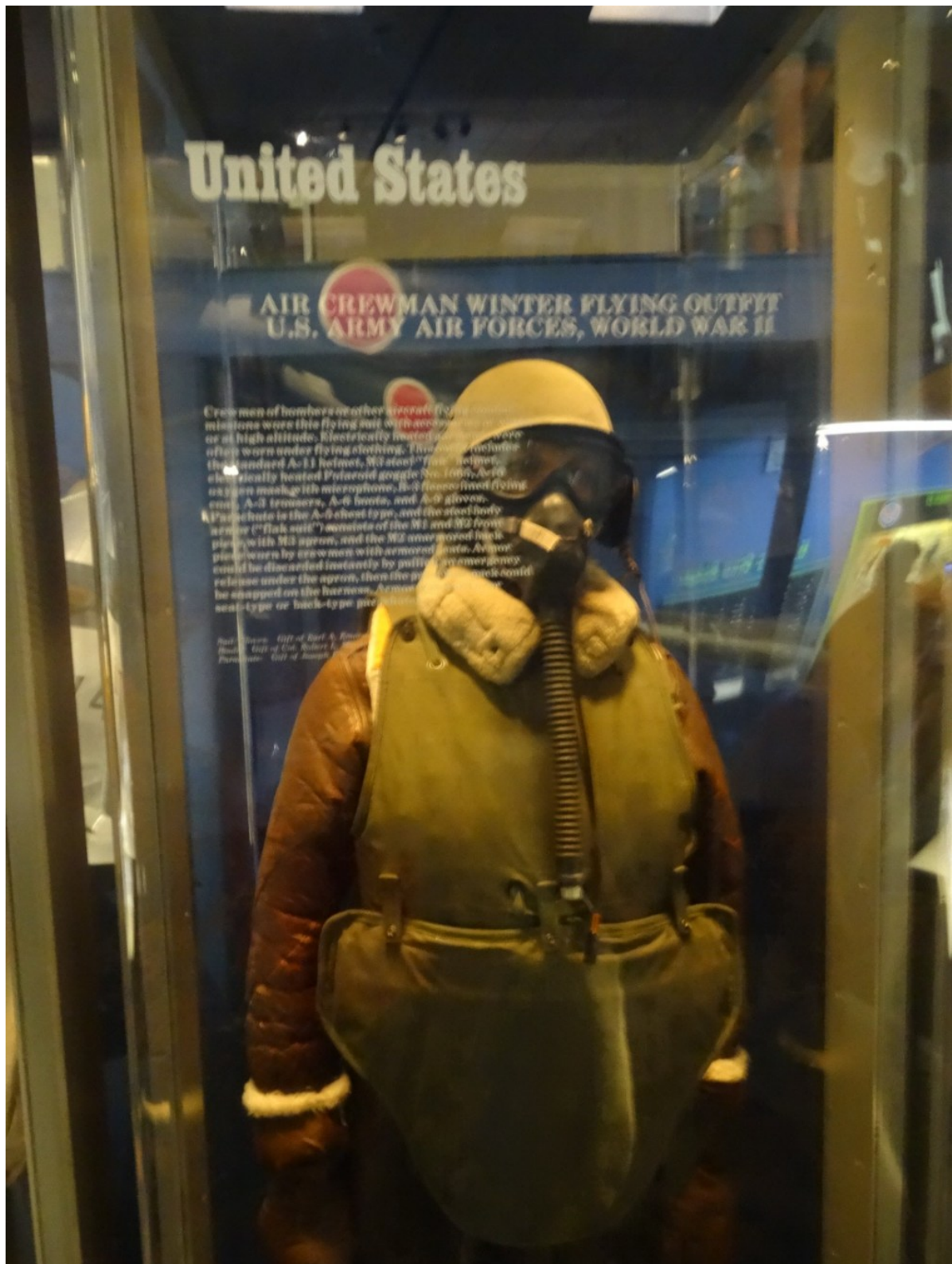
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^The steps where the film The Exorcist
was filmed^

The Jefferson Memorial

Vietnamese Memorial

National Museum of Native American History

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