

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SITES TO SEE



INTRODUCTION

The Central Intelligence Agency is a unique US Government Agency.

Here you can find art exhibits, museum galleries, statues, and even a memorial wall and garden dedicated to the remarkable Agency men and women who have given their lives while advancing our mission. Because CIA Headquarters is accessible only to our CIA family, this publication is intended to give you a special look into the buildings, campus, and sites that make up our compound.

We hope you enjoy learning about our history and mission.

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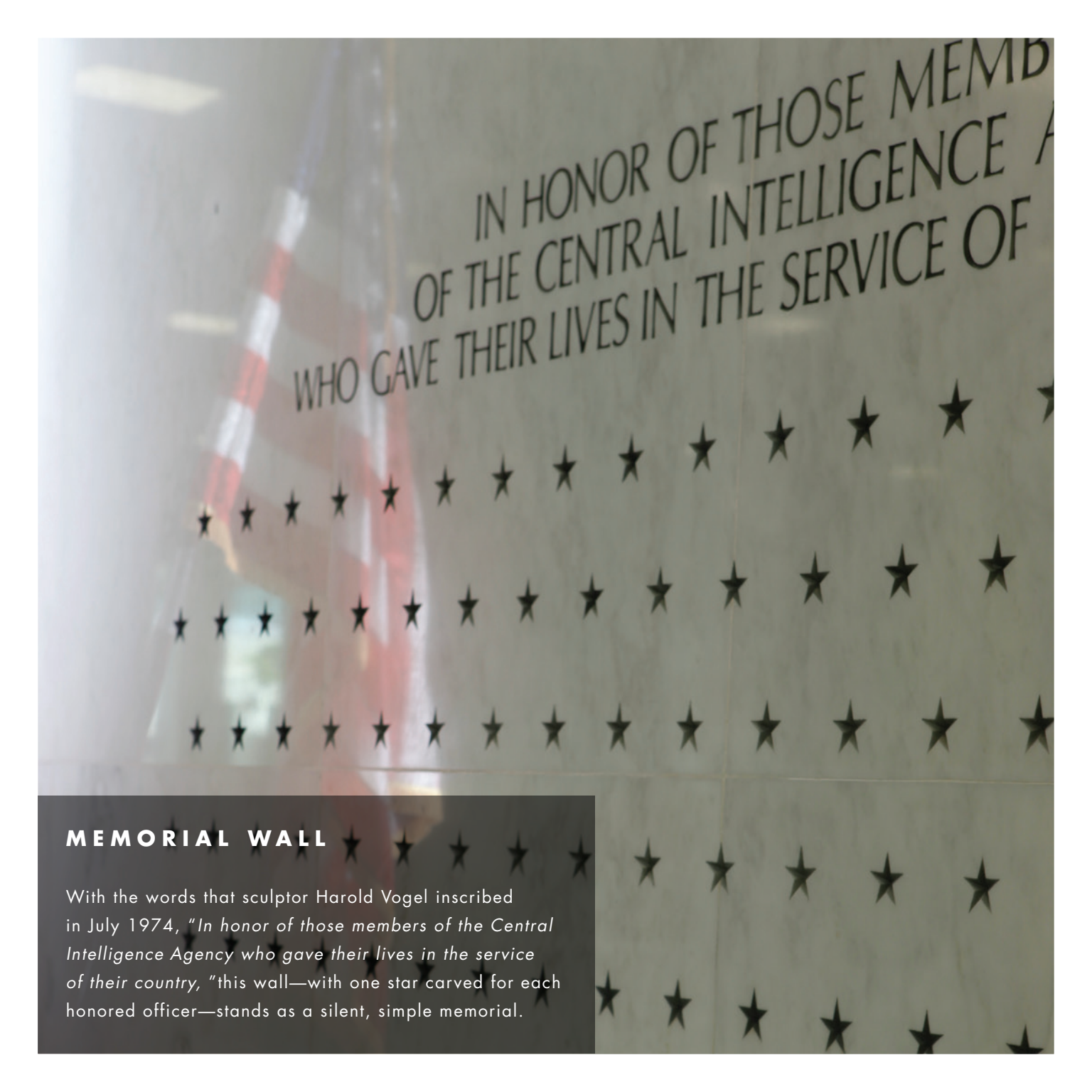
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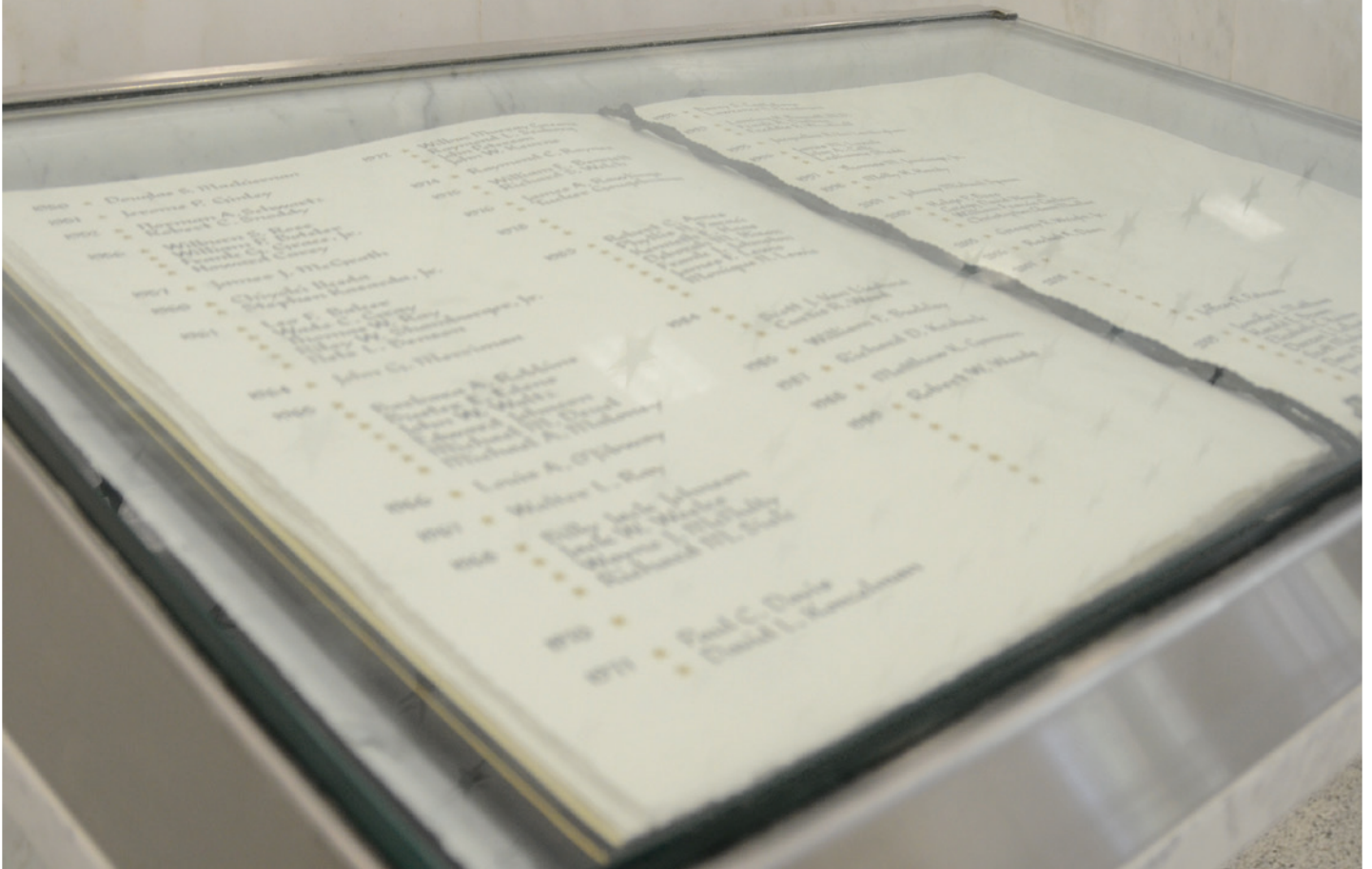
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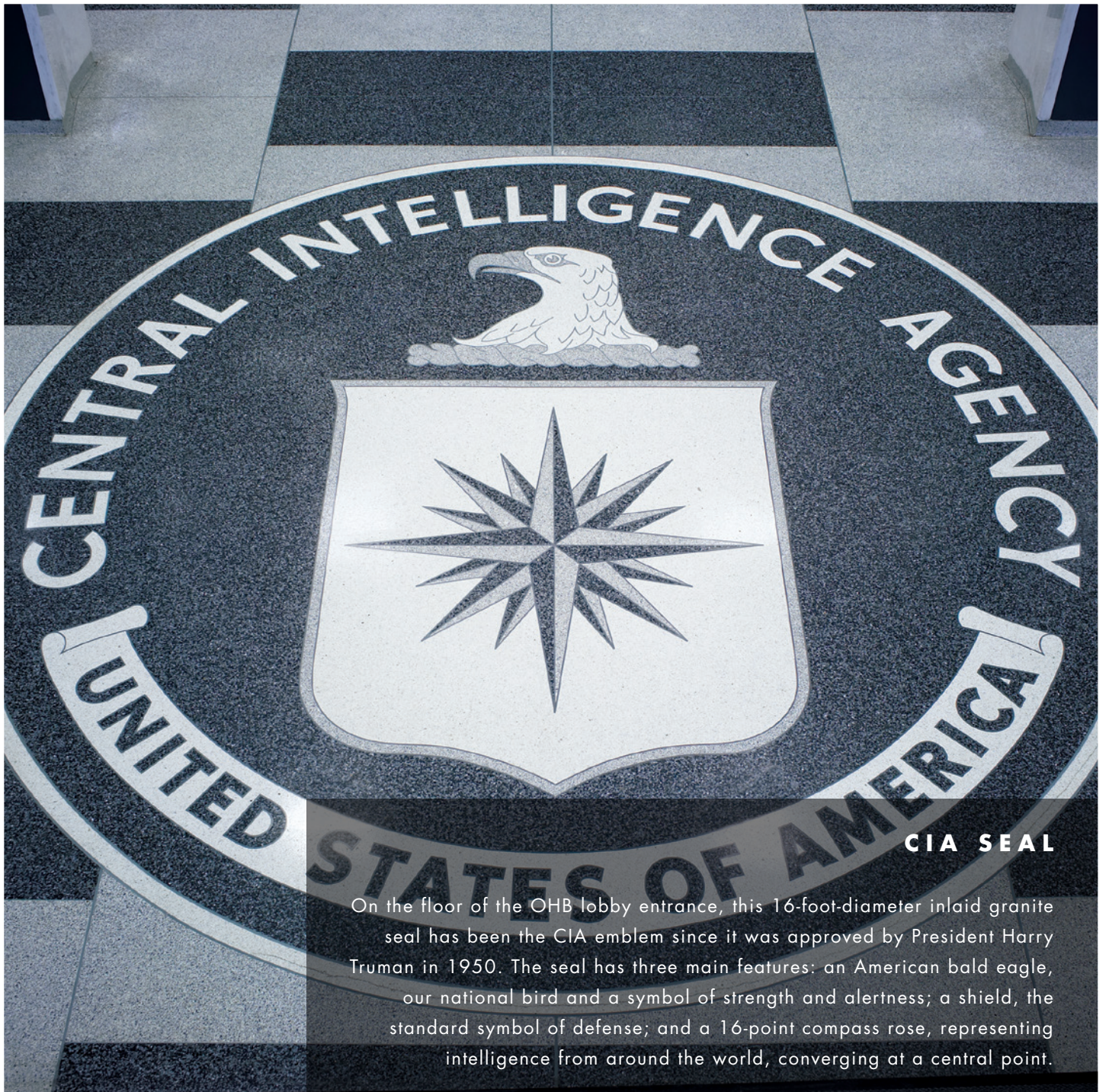
MEMORIAL WALL

With the words that sculptor Harold Vogel inscribed in July 1974, "*In honor of those members of the Central Intelligence Agency who gave their lives in the service of their country,*" this wall—with one star carved for each honored officer—stands as a silent, simple memorial.

BOOK OF HONOR

This glass-encased book sits on a marble shelf below the Memorial Wall—a small gold star represents each fallen officer. Many lines in the book are blank, indicating that even in death some names must remain secret. This memorial is a constant reminder of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and of the risks inherent in the intelligence profession.





CIA SEAL

On the floor of the OHB lobby entrance, this 16-foot-diameter inlaid granite seal has been the CIA emblem since it was approved by President Harry Truman in 1950. The seal has three main features: an American bald eagle, our national bird and a symbol of strength and alertness; a shield, the standard symbol of defense; and a 16-point compass rose, representing intelligence from around the world, converging at a central point.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (OSS) MEMORIAL

A single star carved into the wall represents the 116 officers who lost their lives while serving in the OSS during WWII. The names of the fallen are listed in the glass-encased OSS Book of Honor that sits on a marble pedestal.

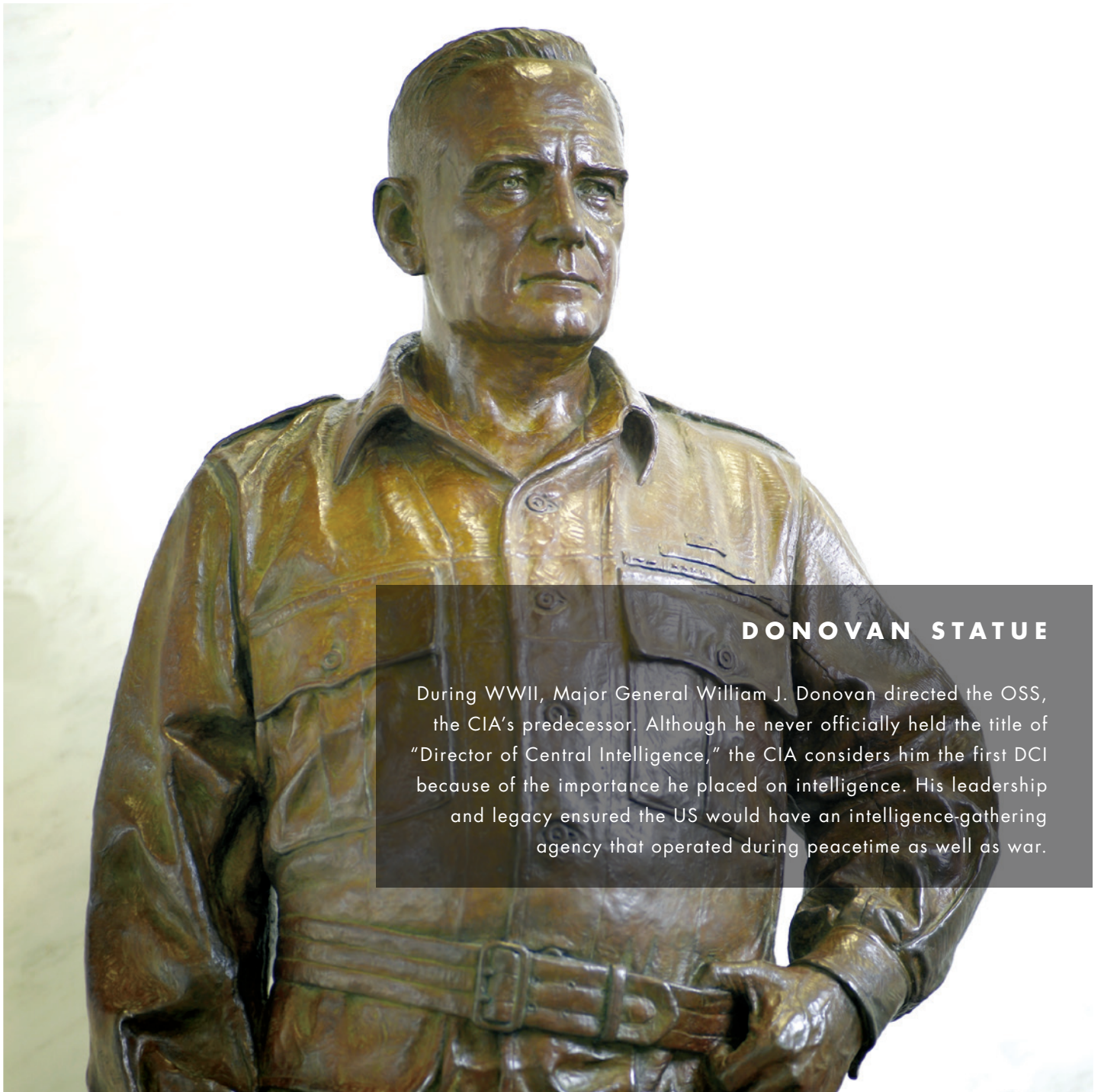
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MAJOR GENERAL
WILLIAM J. DONOVAN

DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
FORERUNNER OF THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY





DONOVAN STATUE

During WWII, Major General William J. Donovan directed the OSS, the CIA's predecessor. Although he never officially held the title of "Director of Central Intelligence," the CIA considers him the first DCI because of the importance he placed on intelligence. His leadership and legacy ensured the US would have an intelligence-gathering agency that operated during peacetime as well as war.



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NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING LOBBY

The NHB Lobby hosts a collection of sculptures representing core Agency values to motivate, guide, and inspire the CIA workforce. The collection includes *The Day the Wall Came Down*, Veryl Goodnight's horses breaking through the rubble of the Berlin Wall to freedom (pictured below).





NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING ATRIUM

Suspended from the ceiling of NHB's glass-enclosed atrium are one-sixth-scale models of the U-2, A-12, and D-21 photoreconnaissance aircraft. CIA developed the U-2 to collect imagery of the former Soviet Union, and it was transferred in 1974 to the US Air Force where it remains in operation today. The supersonic A-12, built by CIA to replace the U-2, holds speed and altitude records unbroken to this day. The D-21 drone extended the A-12's capabilities into high-threat areas.



KRYPTOS SCULPTURE

James Sanborn's sculpture, Kryptos (meaning "hidden" in Greek), begins at the entrance to NHB and continues in the northwest corner of the NHB courtyard. Dedicated on November 3, 1990, the theme of this three-part installation is "intelligence gathering." Kryptos incorporates materials native to the United States. A piece of petrified wood supports a large S-shaped copper screen that looks like a piece of paper coming out of a computer printer. On the paper is a coded message using the alphabet with frequency tables. The sculpture continues to be a source of pleasure and mystery for Agency employees, with a few taking the challenge to "break the code."



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ON THE FRONT LINES—CIA IN AFGHANISTAN

This gallery features artifacts from CIA operations in Afghanistan following the September 11th terrorist attacks. The gallery presents the joint efforts of CIA, the military, and coalition forces to overthrow the Taliban, kill or capture al-Qa'ida leaders, and deny the group its safe haven. Pictured here is "John," the communications officer for JAWBREAKER, CIA's first team into Afghanistan.



COLD WAR GALLERY

This special exhibit features rare Soviet and Stasi espionage artifacts from the private collection of H. Keith Melton. Miniature cameras, listening devices, and concealments are included in the extensive array of spy gear.

Pictured here is a camera concealed in an umbrella case.



President Barack H. Obama

TOP SECRET
Contains codeword material

DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (DI) GALLERY

For more than 60 years the DI has informed presidents and other decision makers about the dangerous world in which we live, correlating and evaluating “raw” information relating to national security and turning it into “finished” intelligence. The DI helped keep the Cold War from becoming a nuclear holocaust and now plays a vital role in waging the war against al-Qa’ida and its affiliates. Among the unique items on display in this gallery is President Obama’s Presidential Daily Brief (PDB) binder.

DIRECTORATE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DS&T) GALLERY

The DS&T gallery provides a glimpse into the secret world of highly innovative technical concepts and devices. The items displayed here were designed by some of America's most advanced thinkers who adapted existing technologies or invented new ones. A highlight of the gallery is the insectohtopter (a miniature unmanned aerial vehicle) pictured here.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (OSS) GALLERY

This exhibit honors the OSS legacy for all who continue the vital missions begun six decades ago by a remarkable organization of extraordinary Americans. This extensive collection of OSS tradecraft and memorabilia includes personal items from OSS Director William J. Donovan, an Enigma machine, artifacts from OSS/Burma's Detachment 101, communications equipment, weapons, and a fedora belonging to former President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



DIRECTORS GALLERY



William Joseph Donovan
1897-1960
1949-1953
1953-1957
1957-1960



Allen Dulles
1893-1961
1953-1957
1957-1961



Richard Helms
1917-1992
1961-1964
1964-1968



James W. Mohr
1914-1992
1968-1971
1971-1974

DIRECTORS PORTRAIT GALLERY

Displayed in this gallery are official portraits of the former Directors of CIA. After each Director leaves office, a portrait is painted by an artist of the Director's choosing.



INTELLIGENCE ART GALLERY

A growing collection of mission-related, intelligence-themed paintings is displayed in the gallery under the aegis of the CIA Museum and the CIA Fine Arts Commission. Each work of art depicts a significant event in intelligence history. This painting—titled *Les Marguerites Fleuriront ce Soir*, (*The Daisies Will Bloom Tonight*)—portrays OSS officer Virginia Hall making a clandestine radio transmission to London from occupied France.



MELZAC ART COLLECTION

Displayed throughout Headquarters is a collection of original abstract expressionist paintings collected by the late Vincent Melzac, former Director of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. The paintings were created in the 1950s and 1960s by artists from the Washington Color School to study the way the eye perceives color and pattern.



BUST OF GEORGE H. W. BUSH

Vincent Melzac commissioned the bust of George H.W. Bush sculpted by Marc Mellon. The CIA Headquarters compound was renamed the George Bush Center for Intelligence in 1999 in honor of the only Director of Central Intelligence to later serve as President of the United States of America.

MELLON
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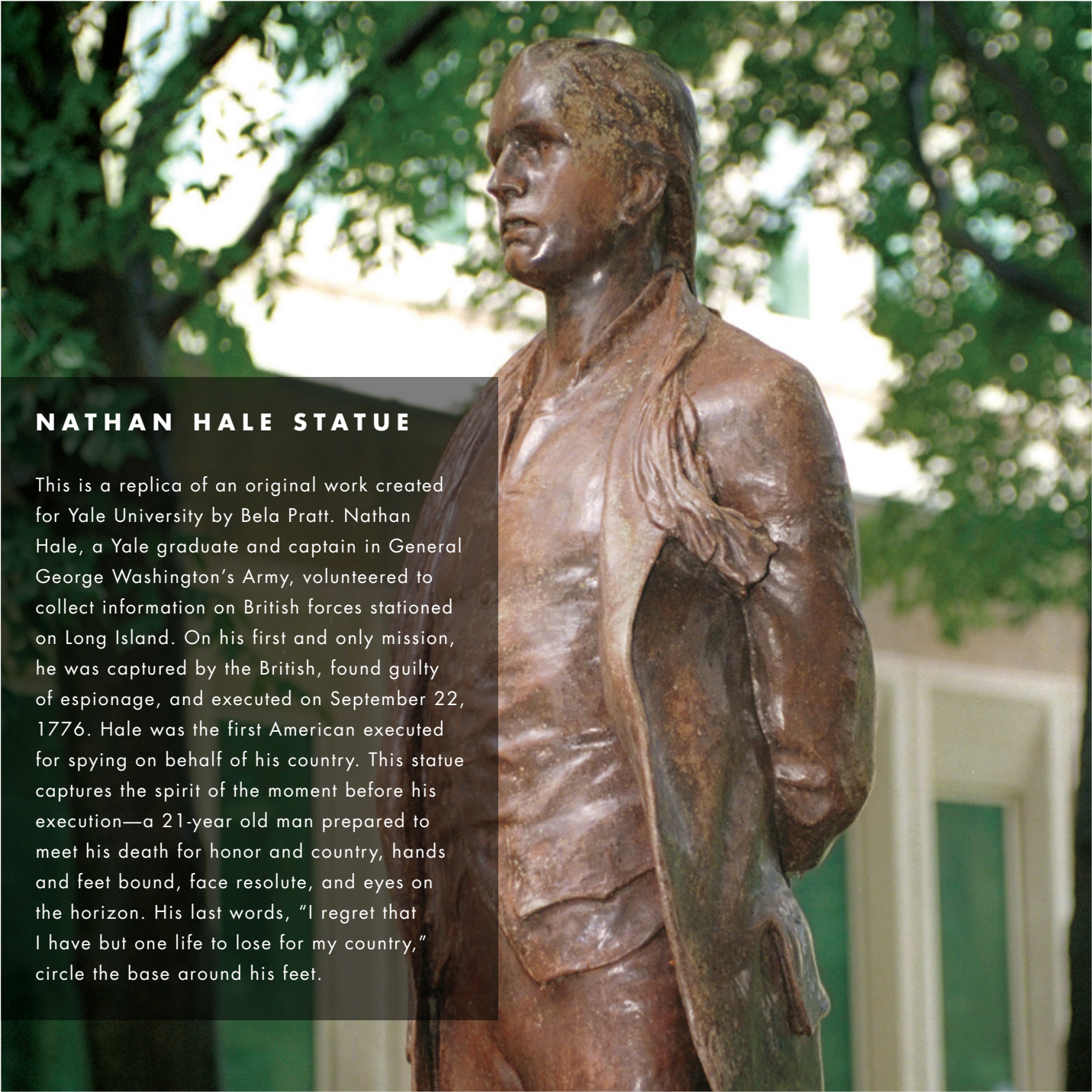
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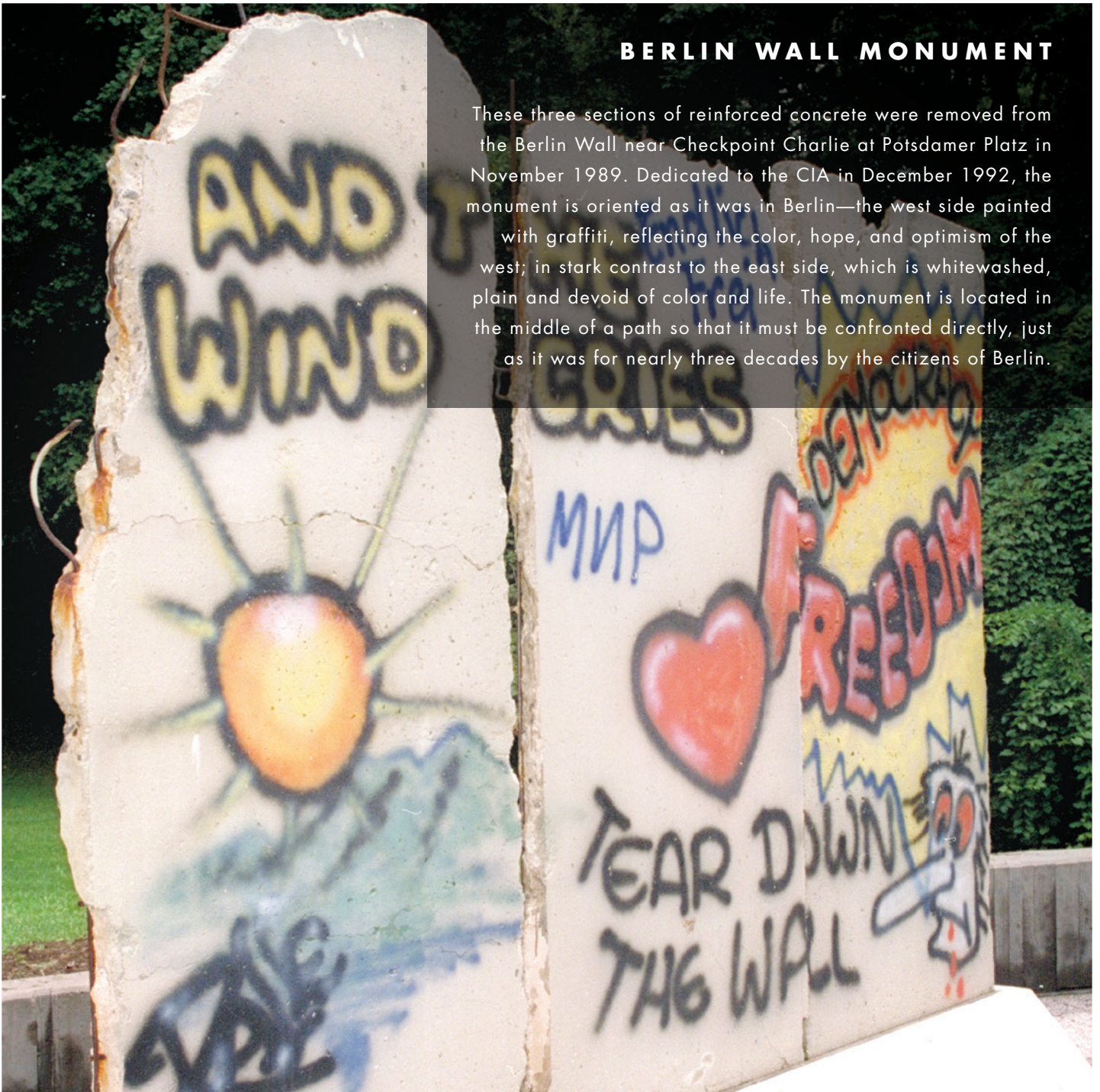


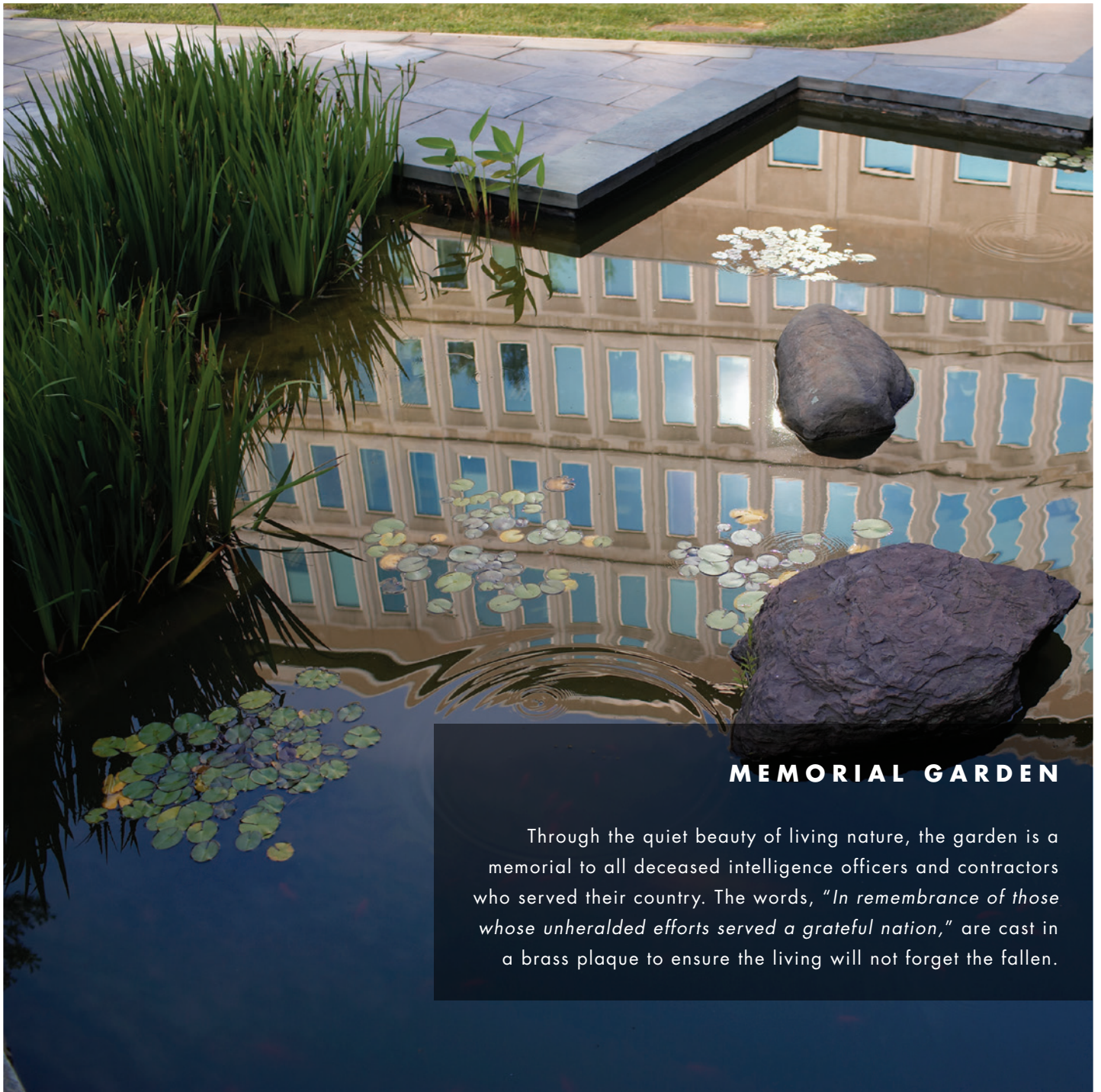
NATHAN HALE STATUE

This is a replica of an original work created for Yale University by Bela Pratt. Nathan Hale, a Yale graduate and captain in General George Washington's Army, volunteered to collect information on British forces stationed on Long Island. On his first and only mission, he was captured by the British, found guilty of espionage, and executed on September 22, 1776. Hale was the first American executed for spying on behalf of his country. This statue captures the spirit of the moment before his execution—a 21-year old man prepared to meet his death for honor and country, hands and feet bound, face resolute, and eyes on the horizon. His last words, "I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," circle the base around his feet.

BERLIN WALL MONUMENT

These three sections of reinforced concrete were removed from the Berlin Wall near Checkpoint Charlie at Potsdamer Platz in November 1989. Dedicated to the CIA in December 1992, the monument is oriented as it was in Berlin—the west side painted with graffiti, reflecting the color, hope, and optimism of the west; in stark contrast to the east side, which is whitewashed, plain and devoid of color and life. The monument is located in the middle of a path so that it must be confronted directly, just as it was for nearly three decades by the citizens of Berlin.



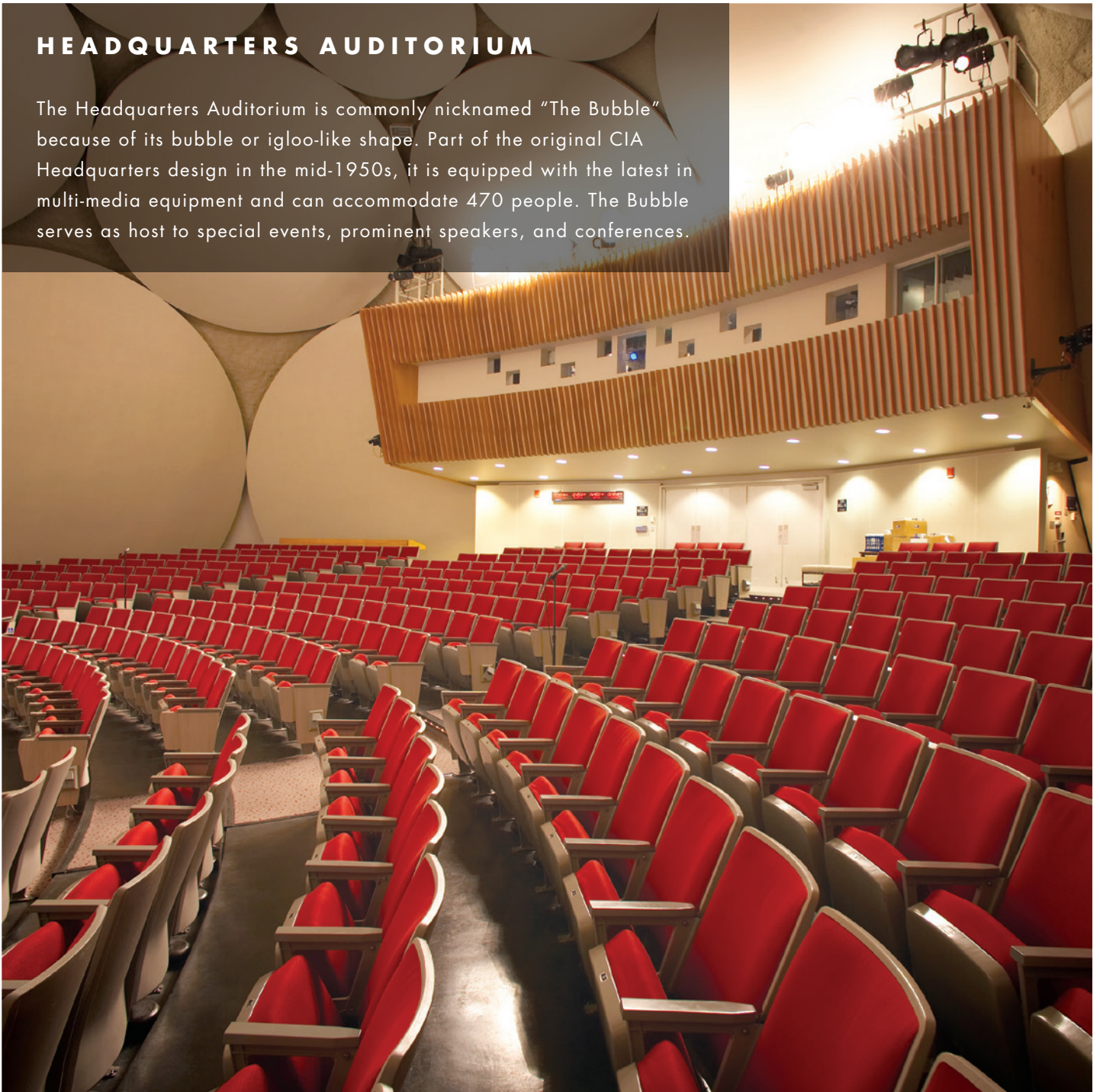


MEMORIAL GARDEN

Through the quiet beauty of living nature, the garden is a memorial to all deceased intelligence officers and contractors who served their country. The words, *"In remembrance of those whose unheralded efforts served a grateful nation,"* are cast in a brass plaque to ensure the living will not forget the fallen.

HEADQUARTERS AUDITORIUM

The Headquarters Auditorium is commonly nicknamed “The Bubble” because of its bubble or igloo-like shape. Part of the original CIA Headquarters design in the mid-1950s, it is equipped with the latest in multi-media equipment and can accommodate 470 people. The Bubble serves as host to special events, prominent speakers, and conferences.





SCATTERGOOD-THORNE CONFERENCE CENTER

In the 1950s, the land obtained for the CIA Headquarters compound included a private residence known as the Calvert Estate, which came with the provision the owners, Margaret Scattergood and Florence Thorne, would occupy the property until their deaths. When Ms. Scattergood passed in 1986, the CIA converted the private residence into a conference center.

A-12 OXCART

Under the highly secret Project OXCART, CIA contracted with Lockheed to produce the A-12 supersonic reconnaissance aircraft as the successor to the U-2. Lockheed began its design in 1959, and the craft achieved full operational readiness in November 1965. During testing, the A-12 reached a speed of Mach 3.29 (over 2,200 mph) and an altitude of 90,000 feet. The A-12 flew only 29 missions before being replaced by the U.S. Air Force's SR-71, a modified version of the A-12. Of the 15 A-12s that were built, only nine exist today. The aircraft is displayed in our north parking lot.



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of defense. We accomplish what
others cannot accomplish and
go where others cannot go.**



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