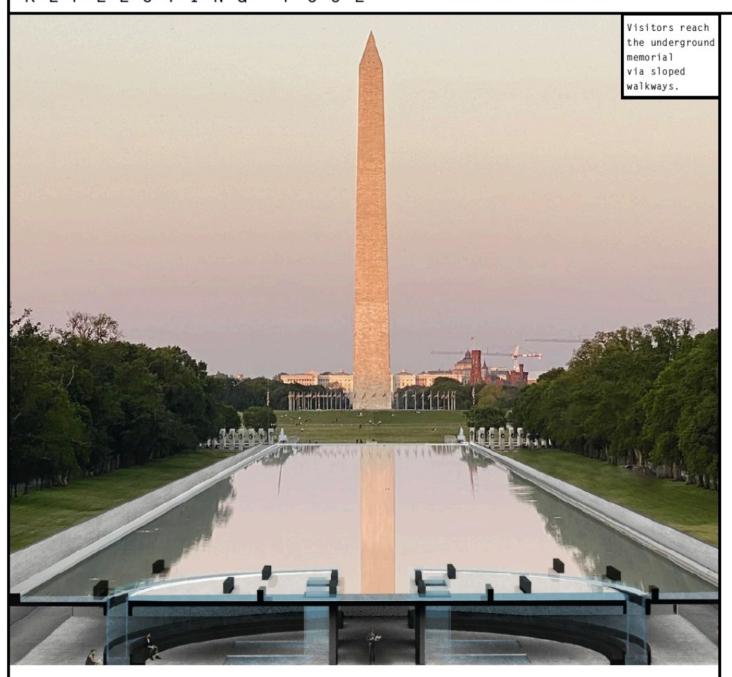


REFLECTING POOL



A NATIONAL PANDEMIC MEMORIAL

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"Our memorial is composed of 23 granite monoliths, each representing one of the chromosome pairs that make up the human genome, signifying the biological connection we have to the causes of pandemics. The monoliths rise above the waterline of the Reflecting Pool, and some extend below into the subterranean memorial. Water cascades through six-foot-wide light wells next to each monolith, symbolic of the measurement associated with social distancing. Light and water also filter into the memorial through two curved openings that surround the monoliths, filling narrow raised pools known as cleansing fountains. When experienced from below, the light is symbolic of the hope Americans maintain while in quarantine. At night, from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the soft glow of light can be seen rising from the Pandemic Memorial, a symbolic reminder of those we have lost during pandemics and the challenges we have overcome."