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Gentlemen:

This is my entry in your essay contest titled, "Why I Would Like to Go to Washington."

Decisions made in Washington have been of primary importance to our country since 1800 when Washington became its capital, and since our country entered World War I in 1917, Washington has had considerable influence throughout the world. It has become a history-making city.

Momentous events taking place in Washington have influenced the lives of all of us. Some of my earliest memories are of President Roosevelt and his "fireside chats" from the White House. Our family would gather around a battery-operated radio in our home in northern Minnesota to hear him speak. A memorable event in my young life was a high school assembly in December of 1941 when we gathered to hear President Roosevelt on the radio. He addressed the congress in Washington and declared war on Japan and Germany after the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor.

Legislation passed in the congress in the early years of World War II established the Cadet Nurse Corps to educate nurses who were needed so desperately in our armed forces and in civilian hospitals. I became a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps and have worked as a nurse for almost 40 years. Events in Washington have largely determined the course of my life. Nearly all of the citizens of this country can think back to a time when decisions in Washington influenced their lives.

I would like to see Washington while I'm still able to spend several hours each day walking the city and seeing for the first time places that are of a very special interest to me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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