BIRD'S-EYE RELIEF DIAGRAM OF WASHINGTON AND VICINITY, SHOWING STEP-LIKE TERRACES RISING FROM THE ALLUVIUM AND FILL ALONG THE POTOMAC AND ANACOSTIA RIVERS


The alluvial terraces and artificial fill, the step-wise terraces, and the so-called Lateral Terraces are illustrated on the diagram by heavy contours, as well as by watersheds on these levels, by small numerals, blocks, and the folds and the sides of the steps. The lines on the diagram represent the 6-foot contour except where the 10-foot contour is indicated. All distances have been determined from the aerial photograph and are not based on the air-photo contours, which are somewhat irregular. The contour interval is 10 feet. The highest point on the diagram is near the center of the Potomac River, approximately 240 feet above sea level. The lowest point is near the mouth of the Potomac River, approximately 10 feet above sea level. The mean altitude of the Potomac River is about 20 feet.

EXPLANATION

1. Alluvial terraces and artificial fill along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers
   a. Fort McNair, Va.
   c. Thomas Jefferson Memorial

2. 5-foot terraces
   a. Washington Monument (Stairs on which Monument is built in artificial fill)

3. 10-foot terraces
   a. White House
   b. Union Station

4. 20-foot terraces
   a. Dupont Circle Fountain
   b. United States Capitol

5. 30-foot terraces
   a. Logan Circle
   b. The Howard Hotel
   c. St. Elizabeth Hospital

6. So-called Lateral Terraces (100-200 feet)
   b. Navy Memorial, temporary building used for naval administration
   c. 10 feet to 100 feet—see detail

7. Workshop, Memorial

8. South Building, Soldiers' Home

9. Grant's Tomb

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