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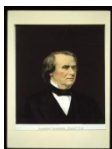
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Andrew Johnson, US President

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Lincoln's second inaugural 1865

Architect of the Capitol



Map Showing all States under control Of Federal Union January, 1864

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