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Sommario/riassunto	On April 14, 1861, following the surrender of Fort Sumter, Washington was ""put into the condition of a siege,"" declared Abraham Lincoln. Located sixty miles south of the Mason-Dixon Line, the nation's capital was surrounded by the slave states of Maryland and Virginia. With no fortifications and only a handful of trained soldiers, Washington was an ideal target for the Confederacy. The South echoed with cries of ""On to Washington!"" and Jefferson Davis's wife sent out cards inviting her

friends to a reception at the White House on May 1. Lincoln issued an
emergency proclamation on April 15,
