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RADIO ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN, October 2, 1932

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GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT: My friends of Detroit, Michigan:

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MAYOR: Thank you very much Governor. Now, ladies and gentlemen, there is a member of the Governor's party here

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LADIES: Thank you very much Governor. Now, ladies and gentlemen, there is a member of the Governor's party here

this afternoon, whom I know you will want to hear. He represents the younger generation in politics, as well as in the Party. I am going to introduce next James Roosevelt, the son of the next President of the United States.

MR. JAMES ROOSEVELT: How do you do, ladies and gentlemen: This is not my first visit to Detroit. It is always a great pleasure to come back again.

I think all of us are very sorry to see the trip over. But, in one way I can say it is rather a relief, because my job has been rather to pinch-hit between hours of 2 A.M. and 5 A.M. The next few weeks, I expect to get a few good nights' rest. We have had a wonderful time today, and I want to express to the people of Detroit our great appreciation for your warm welcome, and your great hospitality.

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