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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT

CASTLE POINT VETERANS HOSPITAL

November 7, 1932.

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It is fine to be here and to see those of you that are out. I know what fine work is being done here. As some of you people know, I have been through the War so I know all about it.

And now I am off on the last day -- I don't call it "campaigning" because I am merely visiting friends on the Hudson River. I am going to drive on to Beacon and then over across the river to Newburgh and Kingston and then back down to Poughkeepsie for the final meeting of the campaign.

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