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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY PRESIDENT-ELECT ROOSEVELT

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My friends, I have always believed that when a Government or an individual is engaged in any great project, one of the first things which those who have the responsibility ought to do is to see the place of the project.

I am very grateful to you for this perfectly fine welcome and I hope to come back here to Muscle Shoals and the Tennessee Valley some day and find all of the great power possibilities of this Valley being used to the utmost. (Applause)

May I take this occasion to say that I have been greatly impressed this morning with the splendid work that the Army has done in keeping this plant in proper repair. It is ready for us to put it to some practical use and the Army is to be much commended. (Applause)

It has been an extremely interesting thing for me to see and I am greatly impressed, not only with the possibilities of the future but with the size of the dam and the size of the plant the Government has built. It is a nation-wide project in its size and is therefore of interest not only to this section of the nation but to every other section.

I am glad to have been with you.

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