INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF PRESIDENT-ELECT ROOSEVELT
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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My friends, I am very glad to come to Birmingham to
have this wonderful welcome from your Mayor and from all of you
and also to see my old friend, Judge Fitts, who did so much to
make my nomination possible last summer. (Applause)

I have had a very interesting day today in northern
Alabama, seeing something I have heard of through all these years --
a great plant built by the United States Government and now lying
idle. I want to make that great plant work once more for the
people of the United States. (Applause)

You know, you good people in this State are very close
neighbors of mine because in Warm Springs, Georgia, all I have to
do is to go up to the top of Pine Mountain behind my cottage and,
from there, I can look into the State of Alabama.

I am glad to be here as the guest of the State. I am
going down tonight to be the guest of Governor Miller. I wanted
to stop off in Birmingham but the good people in Mobile said that
if I came here and stopped off I would have to come down there too
and so the only place I can go is to the Capitol of the State.
But I hope to be able to come back here some time and see you again.
In the meantime let me express to you the hope that some day in the
near future the tune that my fellow members of the American Legion
has been playing, "Happy Days Are Here Again" is going to come
true. (Prolonged applause)
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"I have had a very interesting and fruitful talk in Washington."

"I want to make clear the great place which once more for the first time of the United States Government and you think the United States, because of the country's history, because of the..."

"You know how your good people in this Office are very close projects of mine because in order to get your hand on these important things and..."

"If I were here today..."