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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS
OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
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My friends, I am very glad to be here and very grateful to you for this wonderful reception that you have given me. I am glad to be here as the guest of my friends the Governor of Florida and your Mayor. By the way, I discovered that your Mayor and I are kin (laughter) because we discovered that his fifth cousin married my fifth cousin. (Laughter)

I am glad to come back here after an absence of seven years and to note the splendid progress that has been made here.

I wish I could stay with you longer but, as you know, I am pushing off to the unknown seas and my friends of the press and the photographers have been good enough to agree to give me a complete holiday for ten whole days. Of course, there is another side to that, because I told them that if anybody attempts to interview me or to photograph me for ten days they are going to be court martialed and shot before sunrise.

I wish I could stay with you longer. I am

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My friends, I am very glad to be back here after an absence of

several years and to note the splendid progress that has

been made here.

I wish I could stay with you longer but, as you

know, I am pushing off to the winter seas and my friends

of the press and the photographers have been told enough

to give us a complete holiday for the whole year.

Of course, there is another side to that, because I feel

now that if anybody attempts to interview me or to quote

me for the purpose of giving me any credit, I shall

and soon before sunrise.

I wish I could stay with you longer. I am

grateful to you and I hope to come back and see you all
very soon.

Many thanks.