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[Quincy, Mass.]

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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS (EN ROUTE TO MARION, MASSACHUSETTS)
June 17, 1933, 4 P.M.

Mr. Mayor, my friends of Quincy:

As some of you know, this is not my first visit to Quincy. In the old Navy days I used to come here to see American warships built and I hope in a few months we are going to start building some more American warships.
(Applause)

It is particularly appropriate, I think, that every President of the United States should come to Quincy, the birthplace of the two great Adams and a lot of other great Adams right down to the present day.

I might say I have another memory of Quincy because when I was a small boy I remember my old uncle was here as a student at the Academy. I remember in particular one Bunker Hill Day somewhere in the eighties there was a lot of commotion because some of the boys got hold of a cannon and got it up to the third floor and fired it out of the window. So you see that is another reason why it is appropriate that I should come back on the anniversary.

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Mr. Hoover, my friends in Congress, as some of you know, I have a great deal to say to you today. In the old days I used to come here to see American business men and I hope in a few months we are going to start building some new American business.

(Applause)

It is particularly appropriate, I think, that every President of the United States should come to Gandy the birthplace of the two great Adams and a lot of other great Adams right down to the present day.

I might say I have another group of Gandy because when I was a small boy I remember my old uncle was here as a student at the Academy. I remember in my first year one Charles Hill got a number in the eighth grade was a lot of connection because some of the boys got into of a cannon and got it up to the third floor and fired it out of the window. So you see that is another reason why it is appropriate that I should come back on the anniversary

I am happy to be here and I am very happy also to have this memento of Quincy that will go on my table all the rest of my life and then descend to this youngster sitting beside me. I am also happy to have it because it represents a connecting link with the first railroad in the United States.

I am sorry it is such inclement weather. I want to thank you all for coming out in it. I wish I could shake you all by the hand.

Many thanks.

TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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Quincy, Mass., June 16, 1933.

Col. Louis Howe,
Secretary to the President:

Deeply regret President Roosevelt cannot be with us to-day. Would it be possible for him to visit us Saturday so our original program can be carried out at that time. It would be a signal recognition of Bunker Hill day if President can come to Quincy Saturday to receive a granite vase fashioned from a stone sleeper of the first railroad in America and which was built to transport granite for the Bunker Hill monument, the presentation to be made at the birthplaces of John and John Quincy Adams second and sixth presidents of the United States.

Mayor Charles A. Ross.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Quincy 6/17 4 PM

MR. MAYOR, MY FRIENDS OF QUINCY:

Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

As some of you know, this is not my first visit to Quincy. In the old navy days I used to come here to see American warships built. And I hope in a few months we are going to start building some more American warships. (Applause)

It is particularly appropriate, I think, that every President of the U.S. should come to Quincy, the birthplace of two great Adams as well as a lot of other great Adams right down to the present day. And I may say I have another recollection of Quincy because when I was a small boy I remember my uncle was here as a student at Adams Academy. ~~and~~ I recall there was an old dining hall and one day back there somewhere in the 80's there was a lot of commotion because some of the boys got hold of a cannon and got it up to the third floor and fired it out of a window. That was an anniversary of Bunker Hill Day. So you see that it is appropriate that I should come back on that anniversary. (Laughte and applause)

I am happy to be here and I am very happy also to have this momento of Quincy that will go on my table and be there all the rest of my life and then will descend to this youngster sitting besides me. (James) It is a very beautiful vase. I am also happy to have it because it represents a connecting link of the first railroad in the United States. (Running from Quincy to Bunker Hill carrying Granite for the Bunker Hill Monument)

I am sorry it is such inclement weather and I want to thank you all for coming. I wish I could shake you all by the hand. Many thanks. (Pol. Appl.)
Goodbye