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July 17, 1953
Franklin D. Roosevelt

(original)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: [Faint text]

[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible, appearing to be a memorandum or letter.]

RADIO ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
July 17, 1933, 9.30 P.M.

In speaking to you men of the Civilian Conservation Corps, I think of you as a visible token of encouragement to the whole country. You -- nearly three hundred thousand strong -- are evidence that the Nation is still strong enough and broad enough to look after its citizens. You are evidence that we are seeking to get away as fast as we possibly can, from the dole, from soup kitchens and from free lodging -- because the Government is paying you wages and maintaining you to do actual work -- work which is needed now and for the future and will bring a definite financial return to the people of the Nation. Through you, the Nation will graduate a fine group of strong young men, clean living, trained to self-discipline and above all, willing and proud to work for the joy of working.

Too much in recent years, large numbers of our population have thought of success as an opportunity to gain money with the least possible work. It is time for each and every one of us to cast away self-destroying, Nation-destroying efforts to get something for nothing and to appreciate that satisfying rewards and safe rewards come only through honest work. That must be the new spirit of the American future. You are the vanguard of that new spirit.

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