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[Informal Remarks - After Return from Florida Trip]

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(given to the Press for reference)

Stenographic Report of the President's Remarks on arrival in Washington from his vacation in Florida, Friday, April 13, 1934.

I am very glad to see you all and it is mighty good of you to come down here. I can't be truthful and say I am glad to get back -- I am awfully sorry to get back ~~(I regret)~~ but while I have been having a wonderful time, I gather also that both houses of Congress have been having a wonderful time in my absence. ~~(I regret)~~ Furthermore, I expected on this trip to get some good publicity about the fish I was catching, ~~(laughter)~~ but ~~you~~ couldn't ~~get any publicity~~ in view of the fact that here in Washington apparently you good people have been going from Wirt to Wirt. ~~(laughter)~~

The newspaper ~~boys~~ <sup>men</sup> coming up in the train have been trying to make me say that I hope that Congress would go home very soon. I wouldn't say it because I hope you will stay here just as long as you like to. For you younger <sup>members of</sup> ~~men~~ both Houses -- speaking from an experience of many years in Washington -- I want to point out to you the advantages of the Washington climate in July and August. ~~(I regret)~~ It rarely gets over 110 here...there is no humidity and I don't mind if I stay here all Summer. ~~(laughter)~~

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Well, anyway I wish you had had the chance I had to get away for two weeks because I did have a wonderful holiday and I have come back with all sorts of new lessons which I learned from barracuda and sharks. (~~tough~~) I am a tough guy. So, if you will come down and see me as often as you possibly can, I will teach you some of the stunts I learned.

It's fine to see you, many thanks and I will see you all soon. (~~soon~~)

A stylized, handwritten signature consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

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This is a transcript made by the White House stenographer from his shorthand notes taken at the time the speech was made. Underlining indicates words extemporaneously added to the previously prepared reading copy text. Words in parentheses are words that were omitted when the speech was delivered, though they appear in the previously prepared reading copy text.

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