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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

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(The President was presented with a scroll
by the City of Williamsburg.)

Mr. Mayor, I understand that this City of Williamsburg is reviving an old custom dating back several centuries.

I have not been here for two years but, as you know, I have often been here before in the past and every time that I come here I see renewed evidences of the restoration of Williamsburg to its high estate.

During all these years the good people of Williamsburg have maintained the traditions of the past -- maintained them for the benefit of the Nation of today and the Nation of tomorrow and therefore I am very happy to be made today, in a sense, a citizen of Williamsburg.

I hope that in the future I shall come back many times to avail myself of the freedom of the city.

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