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Christmas Greeting--Community Tree--

Lafayette Park, Washington, D. C.

Dec. 24, 1934

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In these days it means to me a union not only of the States but a union of the hearts and minds of the people in all the States and their many interests and purposes, devoted with unity to the human welfare of our country.

Just across the street is the house he occupied one

hundred years ago, the house the people of the country have built for their Presidents. From its windows I see this monument to this man of courage. It is an inspiration to me as it should be to all Americans.

And so let us make the spirit of the Christmas of 1934 that of courage and unity. It is the way to greater happiness and wellbeing. That is, I believe an important part of what the Maker of Christmas would have it mean.

In this sense, the Scriptures admonish us to be strong and of good courage, to fear not; to dwell together in unity.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS GREETING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1934, 5:15 P.M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12/26, 1934

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This is the ~~original~~ copy of the
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Tree exercises in La Fayette Square, Washington,
D. C., December 24, 1934.

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