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FOR SPEECH FILE

INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN
CALIENTE, NEVADA, EN ROUTE TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

September 29, 1935, 9.30 P.M. Pacific Time

(The President was introduced by Senator Key Pittman, who recalled the President's promises during the 1932 campaign, when he was unable to get to Nevada, and the keeping of those promises by the President.)

My friends, I am glad to get back into Nevada. One reason why I did not come here in 1932 was because Senator Pittman said it was not necessary. (Laughter) The Senator just told me that he will get into trouble for that. (Laughter)

As a matter of fact, I have had a wonderful day today -- a wonderful three days -- because it is the first time I have been able to come across the central part of the country since 1932. Last summer I came across the northern part of the country and at that time practically the whole of the West was going through a terrible period of drought. People were having a hard time on the farms, on the railroads, and almost everything else but we had already begun and were trying to do some of the things that we had promised to do. This year, I am glad that Nature has been more good to us in giving us more bountiful crops and giving us better prices, for which, perhaps, the Administration can take a little credit.

In any event, the thing that pleases me most is the expression on people's faces; they looked happier than they did in 1932, they look as though there was some fulfillment of

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My friends, I am glad to get back into Nevada. One thing I did not come here in 1937 was because Senator Pittman said it was not necessary. (Laughter) The Governor just told me that he will get into Nevada for three (Laughter) in a matter of fact. I have had a wonderful day today -- a wonderful three days -- because it is the first time I have been able to come across the central part of the country since 1937. Last summer I came across the southern part of the country and at that time practically the whole of the West was going through a terrific period of drought. People were having a hard time on the farms, on the railroads and almost everything else but we had already begun and were trying to do some of the things that we had promised to do. This year, I am glad that Nature has been more good to us in giving us more beautiful crops and giving us better prices, for which, the Administration can take a little credit. In my view, the thing that pleases me most is the expression on people's faces; they looked happier than they did in 1937. They look as though there was good fulfillment of

the hope that kept their courage up through all those bad years. That is why, to me, this has been a very happy trip across the continent.

Tomorrow I am going to see what is, perhaps, the greatest engineering work that man's hand has ever created. It is going to help all of this section of the country. One of the things I am going to tell the people in the Middle West and the East is that the development and the advancement of this part of the United States is going to do a lot to help them in every other part of the United States.

It is good to have this glimpse of you; I wish I could stay a little bit longer but I hope to get back and see you one of these days.

(Senator Pittman presented Mrs. Roosevelt.)

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