

December 5, 1935

[Dep. of Edg. - Foundation of the Blind]

FDR Speech File

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OVER THE TELEPHONE  
FROM WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW BUILDING,  
FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND, NEW YORK

December 5, 1935, 2.30 P.M.

I am very glad to send my greetings to you, the friends of the American Foundation of the Blind, in the dedication of the new Administration Building in New York. I would like to be with you but, as you know, I am a thousand miles away, down in Georgia.

I wish I could be present at the dedication of this new building that means so much in the carrying out of the great work in which we are all so much interested.

It is a privilege to have a part in aiding the betterment of conditions for those who have been handicapped by lack of vision and, when I say lack of vision, I mean it in the purely physical sense because people who are blind certainly have a splendid vision in every other way.

Personally, I am proud of my association with Miss Keller, with President Migel and Robert Owen and all the rest of you who are giving so freely of your time and talents.

You have my sincere congratulations and a pledge to do all I can in furthering this great philanthropy.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

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 temporarily 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.

December 7, 1933, 2:30 P.M.

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Over phone from W.S. to dedication of  
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