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THE PRESIDENT'S RADIO GREETING TO
THE BOY SCOUTS, SATURDAY EVENING,
FEBRUARY 8, 1936.

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
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STEPHEN EARLY

Assistant Secretary to the President

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