INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ROCKPORT, ARKANSAS
June 10, 1936, 2:45 P.M.

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I'm very glad to have a chance to talk about the

problem of education and its relation to economic

growth. It is now very clear that our gains in

economic efficiency and economic growth have

been accompanied by a growing feeling among

the American people that we have not yet

achieved a satisfactory distribution of revenue or

income. And, of course, we have not yet
deliberately set out to seek that.

I would like to think that in these years we have
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