INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS TRAIN
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
June 15, 1936, 10:36 A.M.

(A special stop was made at Martinsburg at
the request of Congressman Randolph, who
introduced the President.)

It is perfectly true, when I get back at
Martinsburg that I feel very much as if I was back
home. Another thing is that this country of yours
up the Potomac and with Virginia reminds me a good
deal of my own country on the Hudson River.

It is also true, of course, that this
Potomac Valley is coming back into its own. I hope
that within a very few years we will be able to carry
through a great Parkway from the Nation's Capitol
following in general the line of the Valley and the
old national pike which came through here, and went
clear out west to the Ohio. (Applause)

We have had a very grand trip. We have
covered a lot of territory. It has been extraordinarily
interesting going to those historic spots for the
Centennial of Arkansas and Texas and ending yesterday
with the opening of the Vincennes Memorial and finally,
yesterday afternoon, going to the birthplace of Abraham
Lincoln. As you know, Abraham Lincoln's ancestors came
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originally from New England, worked on down to Virginia and crossed with West Virginia on their way to Kentucky. The whole Nation ought to go to that little log cabin near Hodgenville, Kentucky, where Lincoln was born.

Everything we have seen shows me that the country is certainly a lots better off than it was a few years ago. (Applause)

(The Woodrow Wilson Club presented flowers.)