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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

August 28, 1936.

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STATEMENTS FILE

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