INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
GRAFTON, WEST VIRGINIA
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I am glad to come back here. The last time
I came through, there was no such thing as the Tigrett
Valley Dam and I am glad to see it.

I am not talking politics but I am calling
your attention to the fact that this Dam up here is
a pretty good boondoggling idea. (Applause)

I am told by the engineer in charge that here
in Grafton there are no people who want work who cannot
get work. (Applause) And so, as it has been well said
on a number of occasions this morning; on the train, we
are not here to defend the New Deal, we are here to
proclaim it. (Applause)

This is a very different sight from what I
saw in West Virginia in 1932 and I believe the country
is well on the way, not only towards a recovery but to
the kind of a recovery that is going to stay. (Applause)

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