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[Cumberland, Maryland - Train Platform]

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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND
October 8, 1936, 3:35 P.M.

(The President was introduced by the Mayor of Cumberland, who referred to the fact that he had introduced the President when he was running for Vice President.)

I am not at all a stranger in Cumberland. I go back a great many years, even further than those days in 1920 when I was running for Vice President and the Mayor, who I am glad is still Mayor, introduced me. I go back to my very earliest days when my uncle used to live up on Mount Savage, so I know this region.

And in these later days, down in Washington, I have had a very close association with this end of Maryland on account of one man for whom I have a great attraction and a great respect and that is our old friend, Dave Lewis. (Applause)

I hope to come up sometime in the next four years, (Applause) and look over some of your problems. Of course, as you know, you people up here are in part responsible for floods down in Washington (Laughter) so,

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in helping you in Cumberland, at this end of the River, to control floods and to generate some power on the side, we are going to help flood conditions in the National Capital.

I hope that in the next few years we will see the kind of water conservation carried out on the head waters of the Potomac that we will be doing in other watersheds of the Nation. That is why I think you can count on my coming back here sometime soon. (Applause)

(The President then introduced Mrs. Roosevelt and his daughter-in-law Betsy. He then told the audience that the radio announcer is telling all about this party so that your family at home will know just as much as you do. I don't know what he is saying, but, from the expression on his face, it must sound favorable.")