

October 15, 1936

[Rear Platform - Pontiac, Michigan]

FDR Speech File

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN (Rear Platform of Train)  
October 15, 1936, 5.10 P.M.

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