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Thank you very much for this wonderful reception that you have given me. I hope it won't be another sixteen years before I come back to Meriden. (Prolonged applause)

#### INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT October 22, 1936, 12.30 P.M.

My friends, I am very glad to be here, to be here with my old friends, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and Congressman Smith.

This is a very different Waterbury from the one four years ago. It is a going concern once more.

We went through pretty hard times in places like
Waterbury in every part of the Nation but, on these trips
of mine, I find not only a renewed prosperity, but I find a
determination on the part of the people of the Nation to
keep this prosperity by making it more sound. You and I
are thinking not only in terms of present pay envelopes,
but we are thinking in terms of future security, security
for ourselves through more permanent employment and security
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That has been one of the chief motives behind now what your National Administration has sought to do in these past three and a half years. I believe that we are making progress and I believe that we are going to make more progress in the next four years. INFORMAL EXTRACTRANSOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
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Many thanks. (Prolonged applause)

### INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT NEW HAVEN, GONNECTIGUT October 22, 1936, 3.00 P. M.

(There were approximately 70,000 people in the audience.)

Mr. Mayor, Governor Cross, my friends:

I am always glad to come back to New Haven, and
I am happy indeed to find that the prosperity of New Haven
has so greatly increased in these past two years. And I am
glad to come back for another reason, because I am very
proud that two years ago I became an honorary Alumnus of
Yale University.

And so, my friends, I am glad to have been with you here today, and I hope to come back again very soon to see you. (Prolonged applause)

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### INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT October 22, 1936, 4.35 P.M.

Mr. Mayor and my friends of Bridgeport:

I am glad to be here today. I am glad to be here during this, your Centennial Year, and I am glad to have this Centennial coin which, like all the other coins of the United States, is worth a hundred cents on the dollar.

I came to know Bridgeport very well in the days of its greatest prosperity, 1917 and 1918. But you and I know that that prosperity was caused by war and therefore was not permanent prosperity.

And I also knew Bridgeport in 1928 and 1929, and you and I know that that, too, was not a permanent prosperity.

This new prosperity which I now see with my own eyes and which ease that business is humming in Bridgeport, is, I hope, a permanent prosperity, and I look for the support of every citizen in Bridgeport to keep us headed for prosperity for the next four years. (Prolonged applause)

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## INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT October 22, 1936, 5.30 P.M.

Governor Cross, my friends of Westport:

I am glad to come here again. I have had a very wonderful day driving from Hartford down through all the cities on the way here.

It has been a wonderful day because I have been made happy in seeing the conditions of life which seem to be so much better than they were four years ago when I came through Connecticut in 1932.

I am heartened by the wonderful reception that people of Connecticut have given to me, but, even more than that, I am convinced that this year the men and women throughout the country are taking more of an interest in public affairs, more of an interest in the future of the Nation, than they ever have before. They are reading and listening and doing all of their thinking for themselves. (Applause)

And, perhaps I am wrong, but I think and I have the idea that on the third of November, because of their thinking, I am going to get a telegram from Governor Cross, your present Governor and your next Governor, telling me that all is well in Connecticut. (Prolonged applause)

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### INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT NORWALK, CONNECTIGUT October 22, 1936, about 6.00 P.M.

My friends, I am very glad to come back to Norwalk. I remember very well speaking here sixteen long years ago, and some of those who greeted me that day have greeted me again today.

Much has happened in those sixteen years. We have had a false prosperity and we have had a great depression. But I am very glad to come back here to find prosperity returning, a prosperity that we hope will be a permanent prosperity.

We are thinking not merely in terms of dollars but in terms of human lives, in terms of security for people's jobs, security for people's children and security for people's old age.

I have had a very wonderful day in Connecticut coming up all the way from Hartford with your great Governor. (Applause)

As you know, I am not a stranger here. As a matter, of fact, I am a close neighbor of Connecticut, for I live in an adjoining county in the State of New York. That is why I hope very soon to be able to come back and greet you once

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STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT October 22, 1936, 6.30 P.M.

My friends of Stamford. I have had a very wonderful day driving down from Hartford, and I have been happy to notice that the people are much more happy and much more prosperous than they were when I drove through in 1932.

It has been a very wonderful two days' trip through New England and I would like, through you, the good people of Stamford, to thank not only the people of Connecticut but also those people in Rhode Island and Massachusetts with whom I visited yesterday and who have given me such a warm reception.

I am confident, from what I have seen, that the people through this section of the Nation, like the people of the other sections of the Nation, are making up their own minds as to this election, and I am not afraid of the result.

So let me thank you again as a neighbor, for I do not live very far away from here, for your hospitality and let me tell you that I am coming back to see you again very soon. (Prolonged applause)

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