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INFORMAL EXTEMPOREANOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
TO CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 16, 1936

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As between this particular strike and whatever effect my visit to South America may have on the peace of the world, the peace of the world is the more important of the two.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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