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[Victory Dinner]

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Mr. Radio address -  
Victory Dinner - Columbus, Ga.  
Gov. Rivers

3/23/37  
7:45 PM

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GUESTS AT THE VICTORY DINNER:

For the last hour or two I have been regretting that I did not accept the cordial invitation extended to me to come down with the Governor and present to you in person the message which the President has asked me to deliver to you.

From past experience I know about the hospitality of Georgia in general and Columbus people in particular.

However, while we are all on a vacation in Georgia, it is a little difficult to get away from headquarters for any length of time. That is the only excuse I can make to myself for depriving myself of the pleasure of being with you tonight.

Before delivering to you a message which the President has asked me to give you, I would like to say for myself and the others in the President's official party, as well as the newspaper correspondents and photographers who accompany the President on his journeys, that we are delighted to be

to be back in Georgia and always welcome his announcement that he is coming back to his other home.

And now may I give you the message which the President himself wants you to have:

"I want to convey to all of you my very cordial greetings. I wish that I could be with you tonight and talk to you personally. You all know how I love to come down to Georgia and it has been grand to have the perfect weather with which we were greeted yesterday on arrival.

"We all have real cause for a Victory Dinner. We can celebrate wholeheartedly the progress we have made during the past four years and feel assured that it is but a forerunner of even better things to come. With each of us playing his part, individually and collectively, we will go ahead with our program for a Democracy which will insure

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HOLD FOR RELEASE expected about 7.45 PM Central Time  
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CAUTION: The following message by the President,  
to be delivered via telephone from  
Warm Springs, Ga., and local broadcast  
to the Victory Dinner at Columbus, Ga.,  
by Hon. M. H. McIntyre, is to be held  
for release until delivery, expected  
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