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**Wilmington, DE - Tercentenary Celebration
[Acceptance Speech, Swedish Monument]**

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE,
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1938

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES:

This is a day of happy significance to three nations.
I welcome you, for you represent a true friendship under
which we have lived from the earliest times, unmarred by any
rift, unbroken by any misunderstanding. You are thrice
welcome to our shores.

It is a matter of keen sorrow to me that His Royal
Highness the Crown Prince is unable to be at this historic
spot today, but all of us pray that his recovery will be
speedy and complete -- and I personally look forward to
New York or Washington,
welcoming him and his family at ~~my~~ home the end of this week.

I accept with profound gratitude, in behalf of the
people of the United States, this noble monument placed here
through the generosity of the people of Sweden. I am
confident that to generations yet unborn in Sweden and in
the United States it will typify close association and
continued good-will between our two nations.

I am fortunate in having personal association with the Colony of New Sweden, for one of my ancestors, William Beekman, served as Vice Director or Governor of the Colony of Sweden on the Delaware River from 1658 to 1663. And I am also proud that Swedish blood runs in my veins, for another of my ancestors, Martin Hoffman, was an early Swedish settler of New Amsterdam.

My friend, the Governor of Delaware, holds office
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in direct ~~succession~~ from the Governors of New Sweden -- which reminds me of a recent rhyme descriptive of the famous *Swedish* Governor Johan Printz, that doughty pioneer who is said to have tipped the scales at three hundred pounds.

"No Gov. of Del.
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Your Royal Highnesses, it is a privilege to make grateful acknowledgment of the outstanding contributions made to our national life by men and women of Swedish blood.

To this spot came the pioneers. But in the succeeding centuries tens of thousands of others have come to our shores and added their strength and their fine qualities of citizenship to the American nation. In every phase of our history, in every endeavor -- in commerce and industry, in science and art, in agriculture, in education and religion, in statecraft and government, they have well played their part.

Nor have we as Americans forgotten that after the War of the Revolution, Sweden was the first neutral European power to negotiate a treaty of amity and trade with our young and struggling nation. All these things we recall today with grateful hearts.

And to you who are here as representatives of the people of Finland, I extend an equally hearty welcome. Men and women from Finland have also contributed greatly to our American civilization. Finland, small in size but mighty in honor, occupies an especially warm place in the American heart.

Sweden, Finland and the United States will continue
their service in the days to come in the cause of friendship
and of peace among the nations of the world.

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Alternate suggestions:

It is therefore with much pleasure and with sincere appreciation that I turn over to the Governor of the State of Delaware this monument to hold in custody for the American people.

It is therefore with much pleasure and with sincere appreciation that I deliver this monument, symbolic of our ~~the~~ friendship and high regard -- deliver it to the Governor of the State of Delaware to be held in custody for the American people.

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It is therefore with much pleasure and with sincere appreciation that I deliver this monument, symbolic of that friendship -- deliver it to the Governor of the State of Delaware to be held in custody for the American people.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

At the Tercentenary Celebration
Fort Christina Park, Wilmington, Delaware
June 27, 1938, 10:00 A.M.

(It rained heavily during all of the ceremonies.)

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES:

This is a day of happy significance, happy significance to three nations. I welcome you, for you represent a true friendship under which we have lived from the earliest times unmarred by any rift, unbroken by any misunderstanding. So, you are thrice welcome to our shores. (Applause)

It is a matter of keen sorrow and regret to me that His Royal Highness the Crown Prince is unable to be at this historic spot today, but all of us pray that his recovery will be speedy and complete -- and I personally look forward to welcoming him and his family at Hyde Park or at Washington the end of this week. (Applause)

And I am grateful to Prince Berchel for the message that he has given to us from his distinguished grandfather and, when he returns to Stockholm, I hope that he will give to His Majesty King Gustavus V. my affectionate regards and the affectionate regards of all the American people. (Applause)

I accept with profound gratitude, in behalf of the people of the United States, this noble monument placed here through the generosity of the people of Sweden. I am confident that to generations yet unborn in Sweden and in the United States it will typify close association and continued good will between our two nations.

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This is a transcript made by the White House stenographer from his shorthand notes taken at the time the speech was made. Underlining indicates words extemporaneously added to the previously prepared reading copy text. Words in parentheses are words that were omitted when the speech was delivered, though they appear in the previously prepared reading copy text.

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(Applause)

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My friend, the Governor of Delaware, holds office in direct official succession from the old Governors of New Sweden -- which reminds me of a recent rhyme descriptive of (the) that famous Swedish Governor, Johan Printz, that doughty pioneer who is said to have tipped the scales at more than three hundred pounds. (Laughter)

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Nor have we as Americans forgotten that after the War of the

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(Applause) All these things we Americans recall today with grateful hearts.

And to you who are here as representatives of the people of Finland, I extend an equally hearty welcome. Men and women from Finland through the generations have also contributed greatly to our American civilization. Finland, small in size but mighty in honor, (applause) occupies an especially warm place in the American heart.

Sweden, Finland and the United States will continue their service in the days to come in the cause of friendship and in the cause of peace among the nations of the world. (Applause, prolonged)

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