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INFORMAL, EXTEMPORENEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
State House, Columbia, South Carolina  
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(These remarks were not released to the Press.)

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occurred suddenly at mid life suddenly and know I had the best part  
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and this is it will you a little more complete I will tell you I did  
experience odd humor for a side of myself all alone I seem suddenly  
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have been sufficiently strong to stand out like a bullock like that a bad  
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should be enough and to receive you immediately say all now, you'll never  
know who's got to lie -- unfortunately there, being up to that, mentioned  
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