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Statement by Frank C. Walker, Treasurer of the  
Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Inc.:

"The way is now clear for the raising of funds to build  
the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library.

Plans for a simple fireproof structure in Dutch colonial  
style, drawn by Louis A. Simon, supervising architect of the  
Federal Works Agency, have been approved by the President and  
by the executive committee of the Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Library. The estimated total cost, including all equipment,  
is about \$350,000.

At the President's request no effort was made to obtain  
public funds for the erection and equipment of the building.  
The full cost is to be met by private gifts.

In addition to the general Committee on Ways and Means  
of about sixty members announced in February, committees to  
raise funds have been organized in about twenty states. The  
organization of state committees will be completed in the  
near future and the details of the fund-raising campaign will  
then be announced.

We already have on hand a number of pledges, beginning  
with those of the President and of the Hon. Samuel I. Rosenman,  
Justice of the New York State Supreme Court. In accordance  
with a statement which he made two years ago, the President  
has given and is giving to this building fund all the money  
received from the syndication in newspapers and magazines  
and publication in book form of five volumes of his papers,

with notes and introductions. This, of course, is after the deduction of income tax paid to the Federal Government on this portion of his income. The same is being done by Justice Rosenman, who edited the papers.

This gift by the President to the building fund is, of course, in addition to his gift of the land on which the building is to be erected and to his gift of all his papers, correspondence, books, pamphlets and special Collections.'

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