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EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT,  
AT THE 4-H CAMP, POTOMAC PARK.

You know, this is not my first visit to 4-H Camps. I have visited them in almost every part of the country.

I want to repeat to you what our Ambassador to Mexico, Josephus Daniels, just said to me. He said, "You know, there are some countries in the world -- without mentioning any names -- that are organizing young people, young men and young women, for all kinds of work under government regimentation. We, in this country, are carrying on a great deal of this work without government regimentation."

That is why this organization and other young people's organizations that are run under the principles of self-government instead of regimentation are doing such a wonderful job for the United States. And I believe that this 4-H Club work all over the country, in every county that I know anything about, is one of the most valuable contributions that we have to the future of the Nation.

That is why I accept the invitation to come again.

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