

September 16, 1940

Insurance + Benefit Rights for selected

FDR Speech File

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 14, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FORSTER:

Dear Rudolph:

Allen W.
Senator Barkley requests
that this message be delivered to the
Senate when it convenes at 11:00
this morning. The President has
signed and approves Senator Barkley's
request for early delivery.

S.T.E.

~~To be sent Monday Sept. 16~~

To the Congress of the United States:

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The agencies administering the Federal acts have been considering the needed technical changes to meet these problems and are now ready to furnish recommendations to the Congress in this connection.

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