INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT,
HIDE PARK STATION,
November 6, 1940, 11:05 P.M.

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suspicion that something was going to happen because I got a
telephone call from the office in Poughkeepsie, from the radio
people, to please not get here at eleven, to make it eleven five.

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when I think there is to be a party there of some neighbors of
ours -- in a city of six hundred thousand people, a city that I
knew in the old days in 1913. How I went down there then "ashing-
ton was a small place, about two hundred thousand. It is an
interesting fact that today it is three times as big.

Then you get a chance, come down and see the National Capital
and, incidentally, come in and see the White House because you have
got another four years in which you know that your neighbor is
living in it. But I can also tell you I'd much rather live here.

Wait till this goes by. (Referring to freight train)

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because about 95% of the brotherhoods voted for me yesterday but
also because in the last few weeks when I have been doing a little
traveling I have noticed that the freight trains are longer and they
are more frequent than for a great many years in our history.

Of course, if I had gone on and campaigned longer, I might
have used that as an example of this dreadful depression that we
have heard so much about.

I do think we are feeling better after yesterday. I understand
that there were some people around Hyde Park who sat up last night
just as late as I did. I understand, too, that some of them tele-
phoned to their very rabid neighbors on the other side and got them
out of bed at four A.M.

It is good to see you all. You know, there is always a silver
lining in every cloud. Because of things down in Washington, I
don't believe, as far as I can prophesy too and a half weeks ahead,
that I will be able to go down to Saratoga Springs, Georgia, for my
customary Thanksgiving with the patients down there because it is
about twenty-four hours out of Washington. Well, that will give
me a chance to come up on the 21st of November -- the new Thanks-
giving Day -- to come up here for a few days rest, so I will see
many of you at that time.

Many thanks and I hope you will get a good long sleep -- as I
will. Good night.

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notes taken at the time the speech was
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Trip of the President
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Hyde Park, N. Y.

Sunday, November 3, 1940.
Lv. Washington... (Pennsylvania Railroad)... 11:00 p.m.
Monday, November 4, 1940.
Ar. Hyde Park, N. Y. ... (N.Y.C.R.R.) ............ 9:30 a.m.

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