

December 5, 1940

[Warm Springs, Georgia]

FDR Speech File

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
Following Luncheon with the Patients of
The Georgia Warm Springs Foundation
Warm Springs, Georgia
December 15, 1940

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THE PRESIDENT:

As a matter of fact, I think you appreciate that the other doctor connected with Warm Springs, Dr. O'Connor, did such a good job on Thanksgiving day that I wondered if it was necessary for me to ever come back.

(Laughter)

That idea about a third Thanksgiving is excellent. There has been so much criticism about Thanksgiving -- having to have two -- and I believe in compromise, so this is the third. If we hadn't had turkey -- I told Doc O'Connor I was going to put him in the middle of the table and carve him up. (Laughter)

I wish I could stay longer. As you know, that seems to be impossible at the present time. I have seen a great deal today and I told Dr. Irwin when I saw him this morning that there was one operation I was very much interested in -- the first thing I was going to do after I got off the train was to see the timber operations up the road toward the Cascades (referring to the cutting of pine trees and sawmill on the Foundation). So, we are performing still another operation at Warm Springs. (Laughter)

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(Laughter)

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... cedar (referring to the cutting of pine trees and hemlock on the foundation).
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I hope to be down here, without any question, if the world survives, next March for my usual two weeks in the spring. (Applause)

While quite a number of you I have seen before -- much to my delight -- quite a number I haven't seen before so I am going to stand over by the door, according to Thanksgiving custom, and see you all as you go out. It is fine to be here. (Applause)

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~~MEMORANDUM~~ REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FOLLOWING LUNCHEON WITH THE PATIENTS OF
THE GEORGIA WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA DECEMBER 15, 1940

STATEMENTS FILE

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