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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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(Laughter)

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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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