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Q. Mr. President, after our last meeting with you, it appears that someone stayed behind and received word that you no longer liked the term "New Deal." Would you care to express any opinion to the rest of us?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, I supposed somebody would ask that. [In the future --] I will have to be terribly careful in the future how I talk to people after these press conferences. However, what he reported was accurate reporting, [and -- well,] I hesitated for a bit as to whether I would say anything. It all comes down, really, to a rather puerile and political side of things. I think that the two go very well together -- puerile and political.

[However, of course,] some people have to be told how to spell "cat." [Lots of people have to be told how to spell "cat,"] even people with a normally good education. [And so I -- I got thinking the thing over, and I jotted down some things that -- Oh] -- a lot of people who can't spell "cat" had forgotten entirely.

And of course, the net of it is that -- [How did the New Deal come into existence? It was because there was an awfully sick patient called the United States of America, and it was suffering from a grave internal disorder -- awfully sick -- all kinds of things that happened to this patient of internal things.] And they sent for the doctor. And it was a long, long process -- took several years before those ills, [in that particular illness of ten years ago, were remedied.] But after a while they got remedied. [And on all those ills of 1933 things had to be done to cure the patient internally. And it was done -- took a number of years,]