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INFORMAL REMARKS of the President
At The Business Men's Rally For Senator Robert F. Wagner
At Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, N. Y.
October 21, 1944, at 11.00 a.m., e.w.t.

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But the chief reason I came here today is to pay a little tribute to my old friend Bob Wagner. (applause) We were together in the legislature -- I would hate to say how long ago -- thirty-some years ago, in the Senate of the State of New York, and we have been close friends ever since, I think largely because we had the same ideals of being of service to our fellow men. (applause)

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And so I just came here to say that word in his behalf. He deserves well of mankind.

Thanks ever so much. (applause)

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