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Address on Behalf of Sixth War Loan Drive

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Thank you, Henry. Under the able leadership of my friend and neighbor Henry Morgenthau, Jr. the Treasury has done a magnificent job in raising the huge sums necessary for financing this war.

~~During~~ The Sixth War Loan Drive starting tomorrow ~~x~~ every American will be asked again to lend a hand to the financing of this greatest and costliest of wars. We have come a long way since Pearl Harbor - but we still have a long way to go.

All over the world, in Europe and in Asia, the United Nations ~~we~~ are on the offensive - not the defensive.

The initiative rests with us - not with the enemy.

The enemy no longer strikes terror in our hearts; we strike terror in his.

~~We've~~ America has built the mightiest army, navy, and air force in history - to protect and safeguard our future as a

free, democratic people to join with to give aid and comfort to our embattled Allies in defeating the enemy and establishing a world of decency and peace.

We've brought new hope and faith to millions of the world's enslaved.

We have assured to ourselves and our children and our children's children two of the most fundamental rights of free men - the right to freedom of speech and expression, and the right of every person to worship God in his own way.

And in the accomplishment of these objectives, we have become better Americans - conscious of our stake in the preservation of democratic life, our fiber toughened, our faith and devotion strengthened in the institutions we defend.

Between the War Bonds you have bought - and will continue to buy - and the attainment of these objectives, there is a direct, hard and fast connection. Your War

Bond money has helped to make us the arsenal of democracy; to launch the mightiest offensives the world has ever seen; to liberate the enslaved of the earth and put the seal of doom on the Nazis in Europe and the Jap war lords in the Orient. Your War Bond money has helped to defend everything we hold dear, for ourselves and our posterity.

All of us here at home are a vital extension of the fighting lines now drawing the noose tighter and tighter around the enemy. War Bonds in many ways are a symbol of the entire war effort.

The needs of the nation were never greater than they are today. The war in the month of November alone will cost us _____ billions of dollars. That is _____ millions a day, _____ millions an hour, _____ thousands a minute, _____ thousands a second. In buying an extra $100 War Bond over and above those you would normally buy,

you are carrying on your shoulders the entire financial burden of the war for a tiny split second of time.

That's why every War Bond you buy is important. The destiny of this nation is in the hands, heads and hearts of its millions of free men and women. It is through the relatively small contribution that each and every one of us makes, that total victory will be achieved.

The war is not over - no, not by many a bloody battle. There is still a long, hard, tough road to Berlin, and a longer, harder, and tougher road to Tokyo.

While we have every reason to be optimistic about the ultimate outcome, we have absolutely no reason to be complacent about the difficulties still in our path. In the past we have demonstrated our ability to take defeats - without faltering, without weakening in our determination. Now we must demonstrate our ability to take success - without faltering, without relaxing in

our determination.

From now on in, we cannot be defeated by our enemies. We can only be defeated by ourselves.

That is why all of us - every man, woman, and child - must continue to serve on the home front, and serve for the duration. In buying extra War Bonds in the Sixth War Loan, we can all sacrifice some of our comforts to the needs of the men in service; and yes, even some of our needs to their comforts.

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I believe you will agree with me that we've come a long way since the outbreak of war. What has been accomplished is a tribute to the heroism and foresight, the spirit of self-denial and voluntary cooperation of the American people.

All over the world [in Europe and in Asia,] ~~we~~ are on the offensive, [- not the defensive.

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Today the United Nations represent the mightiest armed coalition in ~~the world.~~ [The enemy no longer strikes terror in our hearts; we strike terror in his.]

We ~~have~~ built the most powerful army, navy, and air force ~~in history~~ - to protect and safeguard our future as a free nation; to [give aid and comfort to our embattled Allies in defeating the enemy and in establishing a world of decency and peace.

[We've assured the freedom of the seas, and thus removed the threat of an imposed Chinese wall of isolation that would have ruined our commerce and industry and forced us to pour our resources indefinitely into more and more armaments.]

[We've safeguarded our future as a free, democratic

people - the whole fabric of working life as we know it. American workingmen - the dignity and power of their standard of living now protected - no longer have to fear competition with slave labor in the rest of the world. American farmers need fear no longer the prospect of a totalitarian victory that would reduce them to the status of peasants on the land. American businessmen can look forward with renewed hope in the future, secure in the knowledge that they will not have to knuckle under to the arbitrary dictates of a regimented economy.

We have brought new hope and faith to millions of the world's enslaved - the French, Belgians, Dutch and Greeks recently rescued from their Nazi oppressors; and the Czecks, Poles, Norwegians and Chinese who still await deliverance.

We have assured to ourselves and our children and our children's children two of the most fundamental rights

of free men - the right to freedom of speech and expression, and the right of every person to worship God in his own way.

~~At long last~~ we can look forward to a time when we can take up again the unfinished tasks of peace on which the greatness of this nation rests - the broadening of educational opportunity for the youth of America, the construction of housing and public works, the provision of security for those who need it, the protection of health, and - perhaps most important of all - the assurance of jobs to those who can work.

All this - and more - has been accomplished by you - the American people. And in our accomplishments at the fighting fronts and at the home fronts and in the shipyards and on the farms of the nation, we have become better Americans - conscious of our stake in the preservation of international peace and of democratic life, our fiber toughened, our faith and devotion strengthened in the institutions we defend.

Between the War Bonds you have bought and will

continue to buy - and the final attainment of these objectives, there is a direct and unbreakable connection. Your War Bond money has ~~helped us~~ enabled our fighting forces launch the mightiest offensives the world has ever seen. It has helped to make us the arsenal of democracy, to make our soldiers, sailors and marines the best outfitted, most modern equipped fighting men in the world. Your War Bond money has helped to liberate the enslaved peoples of the earth, and ~~write~~ to place the seal of ultimate doom for the Nazis in Europe and the Jap war lords in the Orient. It has helped to defend everything we hold dear for ourselves and our posterity.

For these reasons the Sixth War Loan Drive starting tomorrow is something more than just a bond-selling, money raising affair. To me it represents the launching of a new and mighty offensive on the home-front.

The millions of Sixth War Loan volunteers and the many more millions of bond-buyers form part of the behind-the-

battlefront-army. All of us here at home are a vital extension of the fighting lines now drawing the noose tighter and tighter around the enemy. War Bonds in many ways are a symbol of the entire war effort.

Much as we would like to, we cannot all have the privilege of fighting the enemy face-to-face. We cannot all produce the weapons and raw materials so vital to our armed forces. But there is one front on which all of us - every man, woman and child - can serve, and serve for the duration. That is the front right here at home. We can all practice self-denial; there are many things we can all do without. We can all sacrifice some of our comforts to the needs of the men in service; and yes, even some of our needs to their comforts.

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complacent about the difficulties still in our path. [The enemy has not yet been brought to his knees.] In the ~~past~~ beginning of this war the American people ~~have~~ demonstrated their ability to take defeats - without faltering[, without weakening in their determination.] Now we must demonstrate our ability to take success - without faltering[, without relaxing in our determination.]

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[That, in a nutshell, is why the Nazis and the Japs are still holding out, why they are not running up the white flag of unconditional surrender.] The Nazis & the Japs know they can't win. But they are ~~They are~~ counting on the people of the ~~democracies~~ to peace-loving nations let down, now that the period of critical danger has passed. That is what they think may win some kind of compromise peace. They have been wrong about us before. They once thought that our democracy, because of its desire to live at peace, could not adjust itself to the terrible reality of total war, could not

mobilize its resources and energies even in its own defense.

They are wrong about us again. We didn't ask for war. - they asked for it. But we are going to carry the fight to them until we've rooted out the last vestige of Nazi and Jap barbarism, and created the conditions in which the people of the world can live again in neighborliness and peace.

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The Sixth War Loan, I am confident, will be another a further example of democracy-in-action in a world at war. As in the past, Democrats and Republicans alike - and together - without any badge of difference will work to put this drive over the top. In buying all the War Bonds you can afford, you will be serving notice on the enemy that all Americans are in this war to the

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We Americans have a lot to be thankful for. Not the least of our blessings is that in times of grave national crisis, when the fate of our nation has hung in the balance, there has emerged from our midst leaders with the authentic stamp of greatness.

When our people's task was to <u>create</u> and <u>weld together</u> a nation, we had George Washington.

When the task later on was to preserve the nation from disruption <u>within</u>, we had Abraham Lincoln.

And when the task - which is absorbing the best of our talent and efforts today - is to save the nation and its institutions from disruption from <u>without</u>, we have Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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The war in the present month of November alone will cost us seven and one-half billions of dollars. That is two hundred and fifty millions a day. That is why it is so important that we end the war as soon as we can.

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WAR BOND SHORT TO BE MADE FOR THE GOVERNMENT BY THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY

I don't need to tell you that we are still locked in a deadly struggle with our enemies -- the enemies of our way of life -- and the war is still the chief job of each one of us. The greatest production of which we are capable, faithful adherence to regulations that make it possible to supply our ~~boys~~ fighting men in battle with everything they need, and buying and holding War Bonds -- these are things we at home must do to speed victory.

In the past three years more than 85,000,000 Americans have invested billions of dollars in Bonds. Never before have so many people ~~before have so many people~~ held such a direct share in a great national effort. To save -- to buy and to hold all we can of War Bonds -- this is a small service to ask of us who do not fight -- yet it is one of the biggest things we can do for our fighting men.

NEWSREEL EXCERPTS NOVEMBER 19, 1944

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STATEMENTS FILE

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