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Friends:

Hearing the towns as we visited together today --
Prattville, Birmingham, Wetumpka, Opelika, Montgomery --
I could not help but recall the line from the song: "How dear
to my heart are the scenes of my childhood. "

Until I was a teenager, summertime always meant
Alabama to me. With Aunt Effie, we would board the train
in Marshall and ride to the part of the world that meant water-
melon cuttings, picnics at the creek, and lots of kinfolks every
Sunday.

I am so glad I could come down and visit with you again.
I have loved this day -- every moment of it.

As you came down the line, I was so pleased to hear
all the things you are doing in civic clubs, in women's organiza-
tions, in your state and local governments to boost Alabama
into the space age, making it the gateway to the moon.

Thank you for coming and for being such an integral
part of Alabama's greatest adventure.