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ROOSEVELT ON ROME.

The Military situation following the fall of Rome calls forth this message from the President of the United States.

"The first of the Axis Capitals is now in our hands. One up and two to go. It would be unwise to inflate in our own mind the Military importance of the capture of Rome we shall have to push through a longer period of greater effort and fiercer fighting before we get into Germany itself. Therefore the victory still lies some distance ahead. That distance will be covered in due time have no fear of that, but it will be tough and it will be costly.

So I extend the congratulation and the thanks of the American people to all the home officers and men of the Armed Forces of the United Nations. May God Bless them and watch over them, over all of our gallant fighting men."