Here we are back in Washington and I woke this morning to what felt like a real spring rain. The grass outside of my window looks green and though I suppose we will probably have a blizzard next week, at the moment I feel as though spring had really arrived.

I am having a very peaceful day. I drove my car a short distance this morning to pilot some friends of mine who are starting off for a vacation in Florida on the right road and I think that will be my only excursion out of the White House, for I have plenty of work to do and found an accumulation of mail, and am looking forward with joy to an evening of reading.

I have been debating for some time a question which I debated with myself rather frequently before. Usually I have decided differently from the way in which I am deciding now. The question is, if you belong to an organization and disapprove of an action which is typical of a policy, should you resign or is it better to work for a changed point of view within the organization? In the past when I was able to work actively in any organization to which I belonged, I have usually stayed in until I had at least made a fight and been defeated, even then I have as a rule accepted my defeat and decided either that I was wrong or that I was perhaps a little too far ahead of the thinking of the majority at that time. I have often found that the thing in which I was interested was done some years later. But, in this case I belong to an organization in which I can do no active work. They have taken an action which has brought out in the press. To remain as a member implies approval of that action, and therefore I am resigning.

I have just seen some people who are arranging for the Coronado Cuarto Centennial Celebration in New Mexico in 1940. It is interesting to me.
celebration which will begin in May, 1940, sound both interesting and delightful. New Mexico has many historic spots. There is beauty and an almost foreign interest in this state which has so many ties with Spain and the South and Central American countries. I hope that 1940's greatest achievement will be making this state familiar to more of our American citizens than it ever before had this privilege, and I for one will make every effort to make the rounds of all the sights which will be available during the summer following the opening of this celebration.

While we are on interesting things in the west, let me tell you that I have been sent a pamphlet by the Save the Redwood Tree League of Berkeley California, which pictures commercial exploitation of these beautiful redwood trees in the state of California. Any one who has ever taken the drive up from the Yosemite to the State of Oregon can not fail to have an unforgettable picture of these giants of the forests. Thousands of years they have stood. Perhaps some of them have reached maturity, but it seems to me a wicked thing to cut them down until that time arrives. Can not either the state or the nation take a hand in preserving these forests?