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D. W. Brosnan at the podium

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D. W. Brosnan, President and L. A. Thomas, Assistant Vice President, Washington, D.C.

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Meeting with board stating “This Is Our Problem”  
Freedom Forum with Objectives:  
1) Identify Socialism-Communism  
2) Point out Superiority of the American Way of Life  
3) Understand The American Way of Life  
4) Preserve The American Way of Life  
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Stamped on reverse side: Southern Railway System, Photographic Section, L. A. Thomas, Asst. Vice President, Washington DC

Photo No. 52: Vice Presidents walking outside metal-type building with parking lot full of vintage 1940-1950 automobiles

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Photo No. 85: Men engaged in conversations, Harry A. DeButts on the left and unidentified lady looking at the camera

1 4 Correspondence:
Who's Who on Southern Railway System
List of Superintendents & Trainmasters

1 5 Publications:
Southern Railway System
Rules of the Operating Department
Effective August 1, 1923

Accounting Department, Form 2156, Station List, Show Numbers Assigned to Stations Also Junction Points and Connecting Lines, Effective June 1, 1952 for:
Southern Railway Company
The Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Company
The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company
New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad Company
Harriman & Northeastern Railroad Company
Georgia, Southern & Florida Railway Company
Carolina & Northwestern Railway Company
State University Railroad Company

The Southern Railway Handbook by Aubrey Wiley and Conley Wallace

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Various newspaper articles entitled:

- *Brief History of C.N.O.&T.P. Division*
- *300 Hear Southern Railway Officials Speak in Somerset*
- *Text of General Manager Hungerford’s Address*
- *Mr. H. A. DeButts, Vice President of Southern Railway System Will Be Guests of Somerset*
- *Brilliant Address Made Here By Vice President H. A. DeButts of Southern Railway System*
- *Text of Address Made Here By Southern Vice President*

**Agreement:**

No. 12-287 Agreement dated March 25, 1915 between Southern Railway Company and Tallulah Falls Railway Company

Subject: Tallulah Falls Railway, Cornelia, Georgia – Jointly Used Facilities