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Transcript of a sound recording in MS 608, WLBZ Radio Station Records, Bangor, Maine, 1931-1973

Title: Ted Williams, interviewed by Eddie Owen, when Giants-Indians world series had resulted in two Giants wins.

Date: October 1st, 1954

Recording number: T.1.3

Length of recording: 2:25

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Eddie Owen: In the mist of the world series, it seems odd to be talking with a very famous name in baseball history about fishing, flying in the state of Maine, but that's exactly what I am doing now because I was over here at the Downeast Flying Service and I just managed to catch Ted Williams before he hopped out of one plane into a car and I believe into another plane. Is that right Ted?

Ted Williams: Well that's right. I might just add that even though we are up here in the state of Maine and we're thinking about fishing, we are also thinking about that World Series. I think everybody in the country is of course interested in the series and I know I certainly am. In fact, the first question I asked when got off the plane is who's coming out? Who? Where? And it's been quite a series so far too, especially the way [Derosher?] has moved those Giants along for two straight.

Owen: Well that's true, any club that of course is getting the pitching and everybody looks good. The desense of the ball club, the manager and everybody else especially when you are held to one or two runs like Cleveland's been held to. That's kind of surprising. I just hope that Cleveland, being an American leaguer, I just hope that Cleveland hasn't fallen into the same problem that the Red Sox did in '46 when we won a pennant by ten games. Since there's two weeks before the series and by the time the series had started we were a cold ball club and heck we couldn't do anything. I'm just beginning to wonder whether or not Cleveland is falling into that same problem. Now I take it that you are on your way back home now Ted?

Ted: That's right, I'm on my way back to Boston and then from there to Miami. I certainly hope that Cleveland can get rolling here and can even up this series because I think I am going to have a chance to see them in New York if they come and I certainly would like to see the last couple of games.

Owen: I hope you can make that. Apart from line drives I understand you have been using the fishing lines just a bit in this trip to Maine, Ted.

Ted: Well that's right. I come up here just after the last game of the season and I have been way up in the northern part of Maine fishing several different rivers and ponds up there and I've had just a perfectly marvelous time. I caught a lot of fish, enjoyed the scenery, and the air, and the hospitality of such a wonderful state as Maine.

Owen: And that hospitality will always be open to you Ted, you know that, and we hope that you'll be coming back this way again and if we ever have the opportunity to come along with the microphone again we'll hope that you'll drop by and say a few words. Thank you very much, Ted Williams.

[transcript ends]

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