

August 6, 1934

[Train Platform - Havre, Montana]

FDR Speech File

INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT FROM THE  
REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN

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