

June 12, 1942

[Party for Guard at White House]

FDR Speech File

INFORMAL GREETING
EXTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE SOUTH PORTICO OF THE WHITE HOUSE,
AT A GARDEN PARTY FOR THE
ARMY GUARD ON DUTY AT THE WHITE HOUSE
JUNE 12, 1942, 4.00 P.M., E.W.T.

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