## WALNUTS IN PARMESAN BUTTER

1 1/3 cup freshly grated parmigiano-reggiano

4 tbsp butter softened to room temperature

4 tsp chopped fresh basil

1 lb. lightly toasted walnut halves

In a bowl combine all ingredients except the walnuts into a smooth paste. Scoop up some butter-cheese mixture and cover only about  $1/3 - \frac{1}{2}$  of each walnut half. Place nuts on platter and pass.

THESE ARE TO BE SERVED WITH THE MARTINIS WHILE COOKING IS PROCEEDING.