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Pool Report

Ford Arrival Tokyo

President Ford arrived on schedule at Akasaka Palace by helicopter after flight over heart of city from Tokyo International Airport (Haneda). Welcome was low key--a few officials and a police band. He walked from the helicopter across a wide expanse of cobblestoned courtyard. At the top of the steps leading into the Palace, he turned and waved to people outside the Palace grounds who could barely be seen waving American flags. Pool coverage ended near the Palace entrance as the President mounted a red-~~carpet~~ carpeted stairway leading to the second floor. About one half hour out of Tokyo, Air Force One ran into severe ~~air~~ air turbulence which shook the plane very badly for a period of about ten minutes. No injuries or damage to anyone aboard the plane reported.

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