Ford departed twice from prepared text.

In the second paragraph, where the text said both he and athletic directors have a "certain lack of permanence in our jobs," the President read it as a "a certain lack of performance in our jobs."

In another departure from text, Ford added this comment on the Notre Dame-Alabama game: "Notre Dame was feeling pretty confident. I heard later they brought in Earl Butz to give the blessing."

Ford shook hands with the "top five" college athletes (See Attached Program) before leaving.

He left the White House at 1:03 p.m. and returned at 2:12 p.m.
Routine motor trip both ways.

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