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AIR FORCE I POOL REPORT, TRAVERSE CITY TO CHICAGO.

From the parade, the president drove directly to the home of Sen. Robert Griffin, about 10 miles outside Traverse City.

A rather modest white frame home, it sits on a high hill overlooking Long Lake. Beautiful view with power boats and a sailboat or two offshore.

President and Mrs. Ford spent about an hour there. All very relaxed, shaking hands with friends, some of whom called him "Jerry." He started circulating in his ~~coat~~<sup>SHIRT</sup> sleeves, wearing the white jersey pullover he wore during the parade. ~~Someone~~ Jack Hushen asked him to come over to an area of the yard where photos were standing, ~~and~~

He chatted with Sen. Griffin and Gov. Milliken and exchanged pleasantries with photographers and reporters. Then President suggested it would make a nice picture if they walked down by lake. They did so and were soon joined by a number of Michigan congressmen.

We heard little beyond small talk, but did hear Milliken tell him, jokingly, that he planned to get him to swim in the straits Of ~~Maximac~~ Mackinac on Sunday. Ford laughed and then reminisced about the time he swam there in 1928. "That was colder than hell then," Ford laughed, "and it hasn't warmed up a bit since then."

En route to the airport from Griffin's home, the motorcade was forced to slow down when a farmer and his wife drove their herd of 15 to 20 Holsteins across the road. The lady waved and took some shots with a movie camera she was carrying as the president drove past.

While posing for pictures with Griffin and Milliken, someone asked him how he liked the reception. He said he liked it. A nice send-off for the campaign, wasn't it? ~~the reporter~~ <sup>the reporter</sup> persisted. Smiling, Ford said, "Oh, this was just pure friendship."

He worked fences for about five minutes at airport. Friendly crowd of about 150 saw him off. Also shook hands with police and boy scouts.  
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