

POOL REPORT

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Schloss Gymnich to Palais Schaumburg

Your pool arrived at the Schloss Gymnich at about 8:25 a. m. USIS official asked us to stay behind the barrier outside the gravel courtyard because: "the President has already complained about the noise." The Fords' bedroom was in the front of the red brick main building, on the second floor. Their windows were covered with closed wooden shutters. No sooner had the warning been given about keeping it quiet for the President than about a dozen motorcycle police escorts roared into the courtyard, swinging around full circle like Shriners doing their thing in the Mummers parade. Aides from both countries ran to quiet the motorcycles. The motors had just shut down when your pool looked down the courtyard driveway and saw the drummers coming. Two drummers at the head of a 14-man German Air Force marching escort. One of the drummers beat a crisp cadence as the airmen marched into the gravel courtyard. The USIS men shrugged. * See Note below.

The Schloss Gymnich itself is three stories high, surrounded by a moat and lots of hedges and well-gardened grounds. The air smelled of fresh morning dew and nearby horses. Outside the grounds is a monument to World War II dead, lettered 1939-1945. Ford exited at 8:45 a. m. with Henry Kissinger close behind and drove about 10 minutes to the helipad for an uneventful flight to the Palais Schaumburg. Ron Nessen said that Ford remarked to Dr. Lukash during the flight that he had slept well -- went to bed between midnight and 12:30, awakened between 6:00 and 7:00 a. m. Riding on the pool chopper was David Kissinger, Henry's 13-year old son, who said he had been told at the last minute he would be able to accompany his dad on this visit.

Chancellor Schmidt and his wife walked across the lengthy expanse of lawn to greet the Fords as they stepped out of Marine One at the Palais Schaumburg. German security men would not permit your pool to get close enough to hear what was said. The four posed for pictures, chatting informally. They then walked to the formal reception of welcome which you all saw.

Marty Schram, Newsday

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* Sometime before 8:00 a. m. , according to a USIS official, a German member of the household staff at the Schloss Gymnich slipped on the stairs injuring a leg, which meant that an ambulance was called into the courtyard to rush the injured to the hospital. This was before the motorcycles and before the drummers, but after the original complaint about the noise that the several dozen drivers were making in the courtyard.