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POOL REPORT #3

The Coggin Residence is in a neighborhood of homes that range from \$90,000 to \$300,000. The President walked from the Coggin house roughly two blocks to the Coughlin Residence without incident and with a wave at the roughly 200 neighbors standing by.

After his half-hour television taping, he came out and worked the crowd. The crowd was clearly happy to see him and applauded him as he left to walk back to the Coggin Residence.

The President went swimming in the Coggin's pool and emerged a few minutes before 5 o'clock, freshly shaved and now wearing a navy blue suit. Ashe walked over from the Coggin house to the Drennen house for the meeting with President Sadat, a Navy helicopter, which had been appearing and re-appearing in the area, on a reconnaissance assignment in advance of President Sadat's arrival, experienced some trouble. About fifty feet above the ground and little more than 100 yards away from where the President was standing, the chopper went into a series of spins before finally regaining control and settling down to a hard but safe landing. The President appeared to notice the incident.

As the President awaited President Sadat's arrival, reporters asked Mr. Nessen about the Newsweek report concerning Messrs. Kissinger, Schlesinger and Scowcroft. "I don't have anything on it," said Mr. Nessen. When pressed, Nessen would only repeat that phrase.

Asked if the President, standing nearby, could help us, Nessen said, "He is aware there is this Newsweek story."

"Could he help us," we asked. "I don't have anything on it," Nessen responded.

Finally, Phil Jones gestured toward the President and asked Mr. Nessen loudly, "Well, he must know if Mr. Schlesinger is still in the Cabinet." The President, without turning towards us said, "I love you all," and then strode quickly inside the Drennen household, apparently to avoid further questions.

He re-emerged when President Sadat arrived, greeted him quickly and then re-entered the house.

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Inside the two Presidents sat on green and yellow arm-chairs side-by-side, a coffee table in front of them, behind them French double doors looked out on a large lake complete with ducks.

Asked a little while later about Senator Jackson's confirmation of the Schlesinger report, Mr. Nessen responded, I don't have anything on it. Would he have something later, he was asked, well he would try, he responded.

At 5:40 Messrs. Kissinger and Fahmi drove up. Mr. Nessen rushed to the door of their car, opened it for Dr. Kissinger and walked between him and the pool towards the house. A reporter yelled "Have you quit the NSC?" Secretary Kissinger grinned, waved and said "Hi, how are you."

Mr. Nessen added that he expects nothing tonight in the way of a fill on the Ford-Sadat meeting.

Henry Hubbard
Rudy Abramson

PRESS OFFICE NOTE: It was later confirmed that the chopper was a U.S. Navy helicopter which was being used for security purposes for President Sadat. There were five people on board and no one was injured.

The Navy believes the landing was due to apparent failure of the tail rotor control blade.

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