

After the speech to the Republican dinner, the president walked to an auditorium in the same building where a crowd of about 1,000 Cub Scouts who had gathered for a scouting induction ceremony were waiting.

The president went directly to the stage and got his biggest cheers of the night as he made a short speech.

"I spent a tremendous amount of time as a tenderfoot," Mr. Ford told the boys. "I dont think there was a prouder moment in my life than when I was priviledged to become an Eagle Scout."

As he usually does in addressing Scouts, the President said he keeps in his top dresser drawer his Eagle Scout and merit badges.

He told Gov. Arch Moore at plane side later, "well, everything went smoothly."

The trip from the ~~airport~~ auditorium to the airport was uneventful. Mr. Ford shook hands with the state troopers at planeside, boarded the plane and it was wheels up without incident. Nothing to report on the flight back to Washington. Greener said tomorrow's sked had already been released.

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