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POOL REPORT #3 - PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

President Ford arrived smiling with President Suharto at the Japara Room, Presidential Palace at 8:05 a. m. to begin their head-to-head talk. Accompanying Ford was Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Ambassador David Newsom. With Suharto were Foreign Minister Malik and Secretary Sudar Mono.

They sat in gold brocaded chairs while the pictures were taken. On the wall behind them was a massive teak wood sculpture telling the story of this culture. Malik was taking pictures and Ford looking over at him turned to Kissinger and said (about Malik), "He has far broader capabilities than you." Kissinger laughed and replied, "We're going to have our first regular consultations in Bali." Said Ford, "I can't imagine a nicer place."

As the pool was leaving, Kissinger turned to Bernie Kalb, "I understand they are laying on a special plane to take back all the things you bought." Kalb's response, "I lived here for four years."

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