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FIRECRACKER FOLLOWUP

Sept. 16, 1976

At 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, a firecracker exploded in Seating Area 46, about 100 feet from the President. As far as the Secret Service can determine, no one was injured, and no damage was done. No suspects were questioned.

There was no danger to the President, and as far as the Secret Service is concerned the incident is closed; there will be no further investigation.

If local authorities are taking any action, the White House is not aware of it. The University Information Services at Ann Arbor should be contacted concerning that.

FYI: If asked, you might want to confirm that there was a second firecracker which exploded as the President was leaving the Arena at 10:05 p.m. It was apparently a smaller one than the first one, and there were no injuries, damage, or suspects, and no danger to the President, so that too, is regarded as a closed incident by the Secret Service.

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