

Friday pool report (Airport to Ohio State

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The President arr Port Cols ~~xx~~ 6 min early and was greeted by Gov. John J. Gilligan etc. After a round of handshakes and greetings, F announced "I'd like to ~~xx~~ shake some hands. Is that all right?" to no one in particular. Rep. Samuel L. Devine, R-Columbus, hosf congressman, replied "he's the boss, of course it's all right." Ford already was at the roped off crowd of several hundred. No signs. No flags, Ford went along the line, grasping outstretch hands with both of his and saying "good morning" or ~~hi~~ & "hi" or "how are you?" At one point, F patted a toddler held by his mother. At another point, ~~he~~ a shaggy headed but neatly dressed young man aimed his camera and said, "Hey, Mr. President." Ford stopped, turned back~~xx~~ and grinned for the snapshot. A puddle of water flowed over the Pres shoes at another place but he didn't seem to mind. After several minutes, the motorcade departed (approx 8:35 amEDT) for OSU. There was not "advanced" crowd. Small knots of spectators were seen at intersections, factoryand warehouse gates waving and smiling. The largest group was no more than 25 or 30 persons. The Dispatch reported that across the city on E. Broad St., the city's usual motordade route for VIPs from the airport, a number of ~~xxx~~ would be spectators were seen in lawn chairs waiting for a motorcad e that never came. Advance publicity did not announce any public appearance for the viskit.

A large crowd -- more than 1500 - waited at the St John's Arena. <sup>AT 8:55 AM</sup> First signs seen from the motorcade came in view...a line of marchers with signs about Cyprus "Divided Cyprus: Another Vietnam" one proclaimed. Ford stopped outside the arena door and posed for more than a minute for photographers, holding Coach Wood Hayes and OSU Pre~~xx~~sident Harold Ernarson and OSU Atheletic Director Edward Weaver close. Then he invited Gov. Gilligna and Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, both ~~xxxx~~ Democrats to join him for more pix. The two GOP congressmen were not in the picture.