

October 29, 1974

## ADDENDUM TO MIDDLE LEG POOL REPORT NO. 2

Ford received Shriner fez which was maroon and gold and embroidered with word Saladin, President of the U. S.. Ford said, "And, it fits." Shortly thereafter GOP Congressional candidates from sixth and seventh Robert Eastman (7th District - Flint vs. Don Riegle) says Ford can do a lot to bring out Republican votes. "The Republicans can win and win big if they get out and vote. I think there is a Watergate backlash that exists, but it hurts Democrats as well because the public has generally lost faith in public officials." Goebel, Eastman and Cliff Taylor, sixth district Lansing, the only GOP candidates in Michigan who specifically requested they be allowed to meet with Ford.

Next -- labor leaders meeting. Ford sits on couch with labor leaders. Ford says, "I was... I had a very nice meeting with Arnold Miller of UMW... very encouraging and that's important to us in Michigan because if you have a long strike in the coal industry it affects steel, it affects the automotive... so it looks very encouraging. They have settled all of the non-economic problems involving mine safety which we're all very interested in and they are now working very hard on the economic stuff... obviously of vital importance to the unions as well as management."

Someone mentioned Bill Usery and Ford said, "He's doing a fine job trying to be totally objective without getting involved. I don't think he should interfere at this point, so I'm encouraged..." (the names of labor leaders are in the bible).

Ford ate steak dinner in suite with old friends and Republican officials (four of them). They are Peter Secchia, Chairman of the Committee called -- Friends of First Family. Committee sponsored downtown rally. Walt Russell, Treasurer of same Committee and two others -- Jack Styles and Brit Gordon. Nessen came out after leaving the motel to clear up the M-16 story. He said a little girl overheard two men in a park discussing using an M-16. She reported it and the Secret Service checked out the guys. According to Nessen, the two guys had been joking around and saying -- we sure could clear up this traffic jam with an M-16, and there were no arrests and there was no gun and that was the story.

Your faithful pool.

Walt Rodgers

Jean Heller

Howard Norton

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## THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 30, 1974

11:00 AM

Cabinet Meeting

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## THE CABINET ROOM

2:00 PM

Meeting with Representatives of Livestock and Poultry Growers (PROBABLE PRESS PHOTO)

## THE CABINET ROOM

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