

OCTOBER 31, 1974

**POOL REPORT - VIP REPUBLICAN RECEPTION
CENTURY PLAZA HOTEL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Your pool was kept waiting in a kitchen hallway for 25 minutes. We were admitted at 7:20 P. M. to discover we hadn't missed a thing. Republicans were munching scampi in a standard hotel reception room, the Pacific Palisades Room (coral print wallpaper). The pool was kept behind red velvet rope.

The pool noted in attendance a number of prominent state Republicans and Robert Novak. The President was not there at that time.

At 7:25 P. M. an announcer said into a microphone: "Ladies and Gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen, please ladies and gentlemen, shortly the President and Governor and Mrs. Reagan will be. . ." But the crowd had already noticed what the announcer had missed -- Ford and Reagan had quietly entered the room. They began to do the handshake route, counter-clockwise making their way through the crowd. Ford was in front, then Reagan, then Flournoy.

The pool was escorted out at 7:32 P. M.

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