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POOL REPORT

Drop-By at the American Embassy

At 5:32 the President dropped in at the American Embassy and spent 23 minutes greeting members of the American community there. Elizabeth Leonard, 17, presented him with a daruma "good luck" doll and a big kiss, both from the honor society of the American school in Japan. The President kissed her back. He moved on to a group of Boy Scouts from the Far East Council who gave him a brass plate, a scout neckerchief and a pin and membership card. He told the boys -- in the longest single conversation he carried on -- that his own association with the Scouts had been of great benefit to him and that he had been proud of it.

Ambassador Hodgson escorted him through two jammed reception rooms. The crowd was made up mainly of business, government, and military people and their spouses.

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