

POOL REPORT.....PREZ AND GLOBETROTTERS

When first entered.....President standing in east side of the oval office....rose garden behind him.....with Globetrotters around him....President said, "I'm looking forward to you passing the ball around here, but take it easy we only rent." Mr. Ford said, "Somebody suggested that Congress ought to pass some bills like you pass the ball." He then asked a series of questions about where the Trotters had been.

Mrs. Ford entered a few minutes late as did Curly (whatever) of the team. The President praised the Trotters for being ambassadors of Goodwill.

~~Meadow~~ Meadow Lark Lemon presented the Pres the game ball.... from the 12,000th game....autographed by all the Trotter team members.

Curly told the President "we would like to stay around as long as the ball is round." Then presented the Prez with another ball ...especially marked....."Win." Ford said..."If you play with that I know you will win." Then told them again that they had "done a super job of creating the right image of the US then Mrs. Ford asked if Curly could do a little dribbling for the President. Curly took the WIN ball dribbled it on the new carpet. Said he was having a little trouble because "of the shag rug."

Then Ford presented team members with cuff links.....and in the talk that followed the president said....."You learn to juggle a ball or two around this place...sometimes you have more than one going at a time." "When I played basketball they used leather balls.

OTHER QUOTABLE QUOTES...

President said..."I look like Mickey Rooney around you guys."

President asked them how many countries they had been in.... one player said....82 or 94....Ford said you only have 30 to go... trotter said..."31....the moon."

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