

POOL REPORT #2

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Pool report on President's Meeting With Rockefeller Commission on Critical Choices For America -

When the pool was ushered into the relatively small room, the President was conversing with Vice President-designate Rockefeller who was on his left. On the President's right was Dr. Edward Teller. Others at the meeting were standing around the room in a U shape in front of their chairs.

The group included, in addition to the members of the Commission, Donald Rumsfeld, White House Chief of Staff, and Frank Zarb, Mr. Ford's nominee to head the Federal Energy Administration.

The President seemed to be talking in a serious but jovial manner to Mr. Rockefeller and was heard to say at one point, "we've got plenty to work on."

A few moments later, the President said so all could hear: "Don't you think it's great," in obvious reference to the Senate's confirmation of Mr. Rockefeller. "Better than half way through," he added.

Mr. Rockefeller called Miss Judith Michaelson, of the New York Post, from the group of reporters, and introduced her to the President.

"How does it feel," Miss Michaelson asked Mr. Rockefeller.

"He looks good," the President said.

"I'm half way through," Mr. Rockefeller said.

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