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Pool Report--

Immediately following the President's speech, the pool was escorted into the Library to report on the taking of still photographs. Present with the President were Ron Nessen and Donald Rumsfeld. Entering with the pool were Dick Cheney and Alan Greenspan. Also television adviser Bob Mead.

Some poolers noted the absence of Secretary Simon, Presidential Counsellor Bob Hartmann, and Counsellor Seidman.

As we entered the President asked "Did it sound like I was reading?" As the photographers snapped pictures Ford recited from memory a portion of his speech (at their request). After about thirty seconds of this the President said, "Is everybody happy," meaning did they get enough pictures. He then said, "I'll be happier when Congress passes my program."

Somebody asked the President if he liked his new format and he replied, "I felt very comfortable." Asked why he chose the Library he shrugged and said "well I feel very comfortable here it has a fireplace. . ."

The President was seated behind a small antique desk covered with a green blotter in the northwest corner of the Library. Directly to his right were the collection of bound volumes of previous Presidential papers. To his right was a portrait of George Washington. In front of him were two cameras and two teleprompters. There was a fire in the fireplace to his right. The heat from it and the battery of television lights produced a relatively heavy perspiration.

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