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POOL REPORT #2

Air Force One landed on schedule at Dobbins AFB. The President was bareheaded as he got off the plane in a steady rain. He was wearing a black raincoat and was carrying a black folder, apparently containing his speech.

He shook hands at the bottom of the ramp with the Governor of Georgia and "Miss Georgia," whose names are in the schedule. He got into his limousine immediately -- no fence-working. There was a crowd of about 100-200 persons at the AFB.

Fourteen mile drive into Atlanta was completely uneventful. Traffic had been barred from his route along Interstate 45. A military helicopter flew over the motorcade throughout the drive.

Just as the motorcade entered Atlanta, a small group of young men on a grassy hill overlooking the highway unfurled a large Confederate flag. They were standing outside a Georgia Tech dormitory so presumably they were students.

There were no crowds at all on the downtown streets. The President went into the hotel through a garage entrance and did not shake hands with anyone outside the hotel because there was no one outside the hotel.

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