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POOL REPORT #2

Start of Dinner with Mayors

President walked into Congress Room at 8:05 alongside Mayor Moon Landrieu, others following. You have list of the 15 mayors. Gov. Askew also there, and Administration officials. Total of 25 around Oval table, Ford in center, with Landrieu on his left and Mayor Barcelo of San Juan on his right.

Place settings were White House china and napkins with seal of U.S. Hotel silverware and glasses, including one with water and two for wine. Dinner opened with avocado and shrimp. Then sirloin steak with asparagus and salad. Dessert was Grand Marnier souffle glace. Wines: Pinot Noir 1970 Inglenook, and Korbel champagne.

After seated, Ford chatted with Landrieu about Preservation Hall, where a fabulous jazz band plays. Ford ask if it was on Bourbon St., Landrieu told him it was just off Bourbon St. They talked about Louis Armstrong, President asked, "Did he start down there?" (in New Orleans); Landrieu responded he was born there.

Mayor John Ford, R-Tuskegee, Ala., seated on Landrieu's left, said to President, "Now that you've signed the bill making it Tuskegee Institute, you've got to come down there." President: "Where would we land?" Mayor Ford: "In Montgomery. It's only 30 miles."

-- Knap, Cannon, Compton

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