

pool report...Friday night...Republican dinner.

8:06p

Motorcade left SW gate after several minutes of car-switching by agents. Arrival at Wash Hilton, greeted by Mary Louise Smith, whisked up back elevator, ruffles and flourishes announced his arrival at the head table, several minutes of very enthusiastic applause (best of the evening.)

(speech delivered pretty much as advanced)

Afterwards, worked his way thru about half the ballroom crowd shaking hands...lots of cheers as he waved goodbye.

Motorcade uneventful home. Back in White House South Portico door at about 10:30.

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