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POOL REPORT

After completing his speech, the President walked alongside the ship shaking hands and then ascending a temporary steel platform that had been placed against the hangar deck. There, with Captain Compton by his side, he took the salute and walked onto the hangar deck where the Commissioning Cake was set on a table. The cake weighed eighteen hundred pounds. It was a white layer cake covered with chocolate frosting. Among its ingredients were four hundred and two pounds of flour, four hundred and two pounds of sugar, and one thousand eggs. The President cut a slice with a sword handed to him by Captain Compton. The slice was put on a paper plate by a Petty Officer and handed to the President who ate it with a plastic fork.

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