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POOL REPORT #9

Opening of Nato Session

President Ford arrived 15 minutes late, accompanied by Kissinger, Rumsfeld, Hartmann, and Ambassador Bruce. The reason for being late unknown; Hushen speculated it may have been that Ford's earlier bilateral discussion ran long. Ford sat between Kissinger on his right and Kissinger sat between Ford and British Foreign Minister James Callaghan. Ford and Kissinger whispered back and forth several times during the opening ceremony. Each wore the ear phone that provided the translation of the remarks.

Security was tight and the pool was frisked before being allowed on the floor. As advertised, French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's seat was vacant during the opening session.

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