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POOL REPORT #11

Receiving Line Before the State Dinner  
Royal Palace

At 8:05 p. m. the King of the Belgians and his brother, Prince Albert, walked into the ornate antechamber of the palace. Three huge chandeliers dominated the room. Bob Hartmann was the first official welcomed by the King and his brother. Alexander Haig was next.

Then, the officials from the other countries came through the room after having been announced to the King and the Prince. There was a brief energy failure for five minutes and the King beamed when the lights went out.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau of Canada appeared to be the only official with a white jacket and he wore his traditional rose in the lapel.

Secretary Kissinger stopped to chat for a few minutes with the King and the Prince before going into the dining room.

At 8:30 p. m. , the King and Prince left the antechamber, returning ten minutes later with President Ford and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France. The other NATO officials then joined them and there was a three minute picture taking session for the three dozen or so news and television cameramen. President Ford engaged in animated conversation with Prince Albert during the photo session.

At 8:43 p. m. , all the officials went into the state dining room and the pool left.

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