

May 31, 1975

POOL REPORT #3(a)

Motorcade from Airport
to Moncloa Palace

Franco and the President emerged from the airport terminal at 11:39 a.m. local time. Ford entered closed sedan first followed by Franco and then an interpreter. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Franco and interpreter in second car followed by two security cars.

Both of the first two cars were surrounded on all sides by motorcycle outriders. Small crowds until the group turned onto Paseo de la Castellana. At Cibeles the motorcade halted for the ceremony covered in other pool report. Then Franco and Ford switched to open Rolls Royce.

Surrounded by more than 50 horsemen in costumes of the crusaders they drove into the center of the city. Horsemen wore silver helmets, white capes over blue tunics and carried lances dipped with red and orange banners.

Several men in green overalls with brooms and dust bins followed the horse escort and managed to clean the streets if necessary before other vehicles in the motorcade passed. Crowds thickened to three to seven deep as motorcade moved along Avenida de Jose Antonio.

Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Franco remained in closed limousine but were inside the cordon of horsemen.

Crowds were warm and polite. Clapped as the President's limousine passed.

Kissinger received ovation when crowd recognized him at Key presentation ceremonies.

Arriving at the Montoya, Franco escorted Ford inside, returned to his limousine five minutes later and drove away.

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