

POOL REPORT #4

June 1, 1975

First Meeting
Between Sadat and Ford
at Schloss Fuschl

The President arrived on schedule at 1:00 p.m. Sadat was standing in the doorway of the building as Ford's limousine rolled up. Sadat walked out to the car, with one of his aides holding a large orange umbrella over his head. Ford got out, shook hands and the two stood under the umbrella for about 10 seconds. Sadat said, "Welcome." Ford said, "Mr. President, it's so nice to be here." Both made some vague reference (it was difficult to hear them) about being sorry. Since they both looked up at the cloudy sky, it appeared that they were talking about the weather.

They walked inside and went to a first floor room with two chairs, sitting down for a brief talk before lunch. A few photographers, but no writers were allowed in to see them. About 1:30 they moved downstairs to the luncheon room in the basement. It overlooked Lake Fuschl. Egyptian cameramen and newsmen were allowed in the luncheon for several minutes but the American press was given only a few seconds inside. The President sat in the middle with Sadat on his left. Kissinger sat on Sadat's left. Sitting on Ford's right was an Egyptian whom I cannot identify (probably Foreign Minister Fahmi). Rumsfeld was seated on this Egyptian's right. At the far end of the table -- the left end -- was Bob Hartmann.

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