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POOL REPORT

Special Pool Report on Stumbling Incident at the Airport

According to Jack Hushen, President Ford caught his right foot on the bottom or next to bottom stair of the steel ramp. It tore loose his right heel. The President fell to his left knee and left hand. His fall was cushioned by Major Robert Blake, Air Force Military Aide. Mr. Ford got up immediately. He did not appear to be injured.

Later, at Schloss Klessheim, Mr. Ford was asked -- did you hurt yourself? He shook his head no, and said "I lost my heel". Are you still walking on it he was asked. "Ch, no, I changed shoes." Mr. Ford was wearing black tasseled loafers. During a photo opportunity at Schloss Klessheim Mrs. Ford said jokingly that the heel said "No skin on it". Hushen says the incident tore the heel completely off and that it was later found on the ramp. Asked if Ford suffered any minor abrasions, Hushen checked with Dr. Lukash who explained that he had not had a chance to see the President yet.

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