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POOL REPORT
June 1, 1975
Stumbling Incident at the Airport

President Ford apparently slipped on the 4th or 5th step up from the bottom stair of the steel ramp. The slide tore loose his right heel. The President fell to both hands and both knees. He was assisted to his feet by Lt. Col. 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. "Oh no, I changed shoes." Mr. Ford was wearing black tassled loafers. During a photo opportunity at Schloss Klessheim Mrs. Ford said jokingly that the heel said "No skid" 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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(Correction provided by Bill Greener)

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