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POOL REPORT #2

Airport to Schloss Klesheim

Small crowd outside airport. People under umbrellas. No applause or marked enthusiasm. Special armed police spaced about every 50 yards along motorcade route -- a 10 minute ride. Incidental information -- Schloss Klesheim was also used by former President Nixon, and Nessen said on a clear day you can see Berchtesgaden, the location of Hitler's mountaintop retreat. There seems to be some question as to whether or not Hitler ever stayed at the Klesheim.

Pool ushered in for Bruno Kreisky photos. President wearing black suit with wide chalk stripes, red, blue and white striped tie, blue socks and the tassled black loafers he changed into after the stumbling incident. The two leaders seemed uncomfortable, talked mostly in whispers, said little that could be understood. Kreisky was overheard to say "no problems at all." We do not know what he was referring to.

President asked Kreisky what Berchtesgaden is used for now. Kreisky responded "sightseeing". Ford said "I have never seen such a large group at a press conference," an apparent reference to Brussels. Ford also said something about "an awful lot on world peace." Pool then had photo opportunity with women: Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Kreisky, Mrs. Wiley Buchanan, wife of the Ambassador, Mrs. Rumsfeld and Mrs. Bielka wife of the Austrian Foreign Minister. Mrs. Ford, wearing a large brown hat, held a bouquet of flowers for which she thanked Mrs. Kreisky.

One of poolers asked Mrs. Ford "How do you like Palace living?" Her response, "It's very easy to get used to. It's not difficult at all."

Meeting started at 11:00 a.m., Kissinger joined at 11:10. Austrian Foreign Minister joined at 11:22. Meeting concluded at 11:38. Ford saw Kreisky off at 11:45 with these words, "It's been a real pleasure and we'll see you later."

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