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POOL REPORT

Moncloa Palace to Madrid Airport

At 8:27 a.m., General and Mrs. Franco arrived at Moncloa Palace in closed Rolls-Royce. Were met on steps by Mr. and Mrs. Ford. The Generalissimo was smiling and seemed more alert and vigorous than the night before. The foursome went into the palace at 8:30 for coffee. Kissinger and Spanish Foreign Minister Pedro Cortina were there too. Party emerged at 8:45. The men rode in the Rolls, the wives in Ford's Lincoln, on motorcade to airport. Soldiers with fixed bayonets and police lined the entire route. Streets almost deserted.

Motorcade arrived at airport at 9:07 a.m. Fords and Francos went down seemingly endless receiving line on red carpet. The President murmured things like "We've enjoyed it... it's been a pleasure... thank you so much." The Fords and Francos stood side by side on small platform for the national anthems, and then Franco escorted Ford several hundred yards out to Air Force One. Lots of handshakes and hand-kissing, but no abrazos were seen.

Wheels up at 9:25 a.m.

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