

POOL REPORT

JULY 12, 1975

INTERLOCHEN TO MACKINAC ISLAND

The President and Mrs. Ford and party departed Interlochen by chopper at 10:10 p.m. The flight was uneventful, except for a great view of an extraordinary sunset. The press chopper landed at 10:55 p.m. on a grassy field behind Fort Mackinac. The restored Fort is on a high bluff overlooking the Straits of Mackinac. The President's chopper landed at 11:02. The President and Mrs. Ford and Senator and Mrs. Robert Criffin were greeted by Governor and Mrs. William Milliken and by Mayor Margaret Doud.

The Presidential party walked over to a cluster of Boy Scouts on the far side of the field and Ford shook hands and chatted with them. The pool was unable to cover. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Milliken then walked by the pool toward the Governor's Mansion. Mrs. Ford said she enjoyed the concert at Interlochen and enjoyed the flight to the Island. The President chatted with the Boy Scouts a few minutes longer, then walked to the Governor's Mansion, accompanied by Milliken, the Criffins and about a dozen Milliken and White House staffers.

As he walked by the press, Ford was asked if he was going to get up at 5:30 a.m. to raise the flag over the Fort, and he replied, "No. I think I'll sleep in tomorrow for a late breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (with the judges)." As the Presidential party walked the several hundred yards to the Governor's Mansion, several clusters of island residents shouted greetings from their backyards. Ford waved and responded that he was glad to be here. The Presidential party entered the Governor's Mansion, a three story white frame building, at about 11:20 p.m.

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