

POOL REPORT

July 26, 1975

Bonn/Cologne Airport to Schloss Gymnich

The helicopter flight from Bonn/Cologne Airport to Noervenich Military Airport lasted approximately 15 minutes. At Noervenich the President was greeted by the Base Commander (we think). The President was overheard introducing Mrs. Ford and son Jack. With a minimum of ceremony, the auto motorcade then proceeded along a two lane country highway to Schloss Gymnich.

Along the way, the motorcade passed through several small villages where clusters of people were gathered on the sidewalk. Your poolers were too far to the rear to be able to observe their reaction as the President passed.

There was no other traffic on the roadway. The ride took 20 minutes.

The Schloss Gymnich is located at the edge of Gymnich village. The Schloss is surrounded by a brick wall. Once inside, the motorcade proceeded up a gravel drive, lined on both sides by tall trees. After getting out of the limousine, the President and his party walked across a picturesque brick bridge over a moat. Large candles, about 18 inches high, lined both sides of the small bridge. An honor guard (Military), including two drummers, stood attention just outside the Schloss itself as the official party approached. The drummers played cadences as they moved by. The President and his party were inside at 9:30 p.m. local. As advertised, the bus ride from Schloss Gymnich back to the Press Center lasts about 50 minutes.

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