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Schloss Gymnich to Rhine River Boat Dock

At 6:41 p. m. President and Mrs. Ford left Schloss Gymnich by a 15-car motorcade, led by a group of 15 motorcyclists, dressed in white leather coats, trousers, helmets. In Germany, they call them the "white mice" and an official is allotted so many according to rank (Head of State gets 15, a Prime Minister 7, a Foreign Minister 5, and any other cabinet officer, 3).

Before everyone got into motorcade at the Schloss - a man played some kind of tune on a hunter's horn, apparently for Jack (referring to his boar hunting I assume) when he stopped, he said something and everyone laughed. Could not find out what it all really meant.

People lined up on streets outside Schloss in Gymnich to see motorcade. One woman held up her poodle so it could see better.

Arrived at Noervenich Military Airport at 7:03 p. m. and boarded helicopter. (4 helicopters used). At 7:15 p. m. met at Chancellery by Schmidt and wife who hid behind bushes to avoid flurry of helicopters landing.

Schmidt asked Henry Kissinger if he got any sleep (in German). "Oh, about 30 minutes." Schmidt asked Jack how many boars he shot. Jack put on a big grin and said "Four."

Later talked to Jack Ford and he said the Baron who owns Gymnich Jack hunting today and Jack got four boars. He said they used German short hair dogs - and it was a little scary (2 were very easy). The horn call was to salute Jack for his big "kill" - and his words were in German. Unusual to get four boars in one hunt -- Jack modestly confessed -- but he thought the Baron wanted to "thin" out his private herd and made it rather easy for him.

The party walked to Villa Hammerschmidt -- to meet the Scheels. Soldiers from the Federal Border Defense Force gave a salute and Scheel kissed Mrs. Ford's hand. The President did not return the favor with Mrs. Scheel however! Went inside for 15 minutes -- then departed by motorcade for boat. Boarded at 7:55 p. m.

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