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POOL REPORT #1 - Helsinki

A half-hour motorcade carried the President and Mrs. Ford from the Helsinki Airport to the U. S. Embassy by traveling through the city streets, long avenues shaded by trees, and small winding residential streets.

There were people along most of the roadways smiling, not cheering. The President hadn't been in the hugh red-brick Embassy residence more than a few minutes when he decided to make use of the suana in the building's basement.

Your pooler has learned the President submitted to the traditional suana beating with birch branches and found it "delightful". After only 30 minutes at the residence, the President took a short motorcade ride to the harbor front residence of Finland's President.

Pool Report #2 has details inside.

After exactly 30 minutes in President Kekkonen's home, President Ford took the 3-minute drive back to the residence.

The U. S. Embassy home is a large red brick colonial style building with many trees overlooking Helsinki harbor.

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