POOL REPORT

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Luncheon at British Embassy

President Ford, President Giscard, Chancellor Schmidt and Prime Minister Wilson met briefly before the luncheon in the garden of the British Embassy. It is a large, beautiful garden with lots of flowers. We first saw them as they walked down some stone steps into the garden. They stood together and chatted for about five minutes. The four Foreign Ministers were with them. They stood somewhat spart in a small circle with Kissinger doing most of the talking. There were eight wicker chairs under a tree but no one ever sat down. They seemed to be in good spirits, relaxed and Vilson, at least, called Schmidt by his first name. Wilson and Ford finally pulled out their pipes and Wilson was heard to ask Giscard if he smoked. "Never" Giscard replied. Schmidt held a cigarette in his hand. After posing for pictures, they walked back up the stone steps to the main floor of the residence for lunch.

The British Embassy is diagonally across the street from the American Embassy and we understand that Ford walked. Next door to the British Embassy is the French Embassy.

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