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POOL REPORT--Working Lunch

With a scowling Yugoslav secret service agent at one end and an American counterpart at the other, Presidents Ford and Tito exchanged toasts at the end of their working luncheon. The lunch was held in a smaller dining room adjacent to where the state dinner was held last night. It is starkly modern room with pale blue walls, high ceiling and two pillars adorned with hieroglyphic-like figures.

Table was a long rectangle with several bouquets with reddish orange rosebuds. There were 37 persons at the table. American delegation included Kissinger, Scowcroft, Sonnenfeldt, Robert Hartmann, Jack Ford, Richard Cheney, Arthur Hartman, Dr. William Lukash, Ambassador Silberman and Ronald Nessen. The guests included two women, a Yugoslav interpreter and an American woman not identified.

Both President Ford and Kissinger appeared tired and seemed at times to be making an effort to stay awake. During Tito's toast, Mr. Ford listened intently, puffing on his pipe, and nodding frequently during the translation. During the President's remarks, Tito puffed on a thick cigar, with his eyes almost shut as if concentrating to make out the English.

President Ford sipped a little champagne after both toasts. After the first, some sloshed from his glass as he set it down. He swabbed it up with his napkin.

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