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On arrival the pool was informed that the President had taken an early morning swim in the outdoor pool opposite the Palace. It is about 30 yards long and about roughly 100 yards across a parklike lawn facing the Palace. Then when the President came out to greet the Prime Minister, he said to the Prime Minister that he had been swimming -- "I took a good swim out there this morning, but it was a little brisk. Very nice though." The President said to the pool facing him: "Yo. 'Everybody brighteyed this morning? Aren't you glad you have another week?' One of the reporters asked him, "How was the dip?" The President responded, "cool". The President looked rested and refreshed and recovered from the weariness he showed at the airport last night. Appeared in good shape and good spirits.

Dr. Lukash, who had first told the pool about Ford's swim, was told by a pooler that Mrs. Ford looked "ghastly" to that particular pooler at the airport last night and was then asked how she was. He replied that she has her ups and downs, that he had advised her to skip the train trip to Transylvania yesterday, but that she was "back on schedule" today.

Then we went into the sitting room where they sat and chatted before breakfast. The President sitting on a coach, the Prime Minister on his left and the interpreter on his right. They talked about smoking habits. President Ford said, "You don't smoke at all?" The Prime Minister said "no". The President (meaning Tito) just smokes cigars. Poolers were ushered out and later were ushered into the beginning of the breakfast, held in a small Palace dining room. There were eight people at the table, with the President at one end, General Scowcroft at the opposite end, Henry Kissinger in the center, on the President's right, flanked by the Prime Minister and an unidentified Yugoslav official at Kissinger's right. there were also three unidentified Yugoslavs, including an interpreter, at the President's left and opposite Kissinger. Table was decorated with a large bouquet of pink roses in the center. There were some yellow and pink roses scattered around the table. No food inside except bread. Breakfast had not yet been served.

Kissinger was doing most of the talking. He was joking about the heavy schedule. We don't know where he was referring to, but he said in a tone of surprise -- "fifteen minutes and we didn't schedule anything." Then, he added, "they're doing a five year plan in one day, including eight meetings in two hours." Pool was then ushered out.

Pool was told by Bill Greener that Ambassador Eilts will accompany the President and Kissinger to Wahington on Air Force One tonight.

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