

August 30, 1975

POOL REPORT #2

Brunswick NAS to Augusta Civic Center

Ford worked the soggy fence at the Air Station, shaking hands with about 200 people. He wore a black raincoat and no hat.

Patches of people stood along the highway en route to Augusta. Most of them seemed unaware which was Ford's limousine until it had passed. Some waved. A few clapped. Most wore slickers, a few were bunched beneath bumbershoots.

At entrance to Interstate 95 outside Augusta a man and boy held a sign in rain outside their car: "God Bless Pres Ford." The Ford motorcade sprayed them with water as they passed at 60 m.p.h.

For those interested in energy conservation and/or domestic tranquility crime programs, the motorcade proceeded at 60 m.p.h. much of the way -- occasionally dropping back to 55 -- and went through the first toll booth at 40 m.p.h., the second at 28 m.p.h.

The pool was not permitted to escort Ford to the holding room where he met Muskie, Hathaway, Cohen, Emery and others at the auditorium. Pappy Noel said it made no difference that the schedule called for pool coverage.

We don't know why there was a tin woodsman either.

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PRESS OFFICE NOTE: The theme of the field day was "Have-a-Heart". In the story the Wizard of Oz, the "tin woodsman" was asking for a heart.

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