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POOL REPORT NO. 3

Augusta to Portland

As President Ford was leaving the Civic Center, he went over to a group of five Indians in costume and had his picture taken with them along with Senator Muskie. A woman in the crowd yelled to Senator Muskie "We love you, you'll be President yet." President Ford travelled once again at approximately 65 miles an hour on his way to Portland where it rained on his parade. The parade scheduled for Ford today was cancelled even as he was speaking to the AFL-CIO in Augusta. Even so, people lined the streets in Portland on some blocks three deep. Predominant color: yellow. Predominant apparel: slicker. Predominant sign: welcome President Ford. At one intersection, somebody threw flowers in front of the President's car, at which point the car crushed them. The President was met, presumably, by the greeters listed on the bible. The band played "Shenandoah" and the "Michigan Fight Song." The President worked the crowd outside in the rain, saying "hello, how are you" and declining autographs. Aide, Terry O'Donnell ineptly tried to shield the President from rain with an umbrella. A wet President went through the crowd with considerable haste and then moved inside where the pool disintegrated.

NOTE: The \$20 bill that Ben Dorsky, Maine's AFL-CIO President held up after Ford's speech was the Ford contribution to the Pineland Therapeutic pool given to Dorsky in the holding room before the speech.

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PRESS OFFICE NOTE: In the holding room prior to the speech in Augusta the Maine Congressional delegation presented the President with a petition containing several thousand signatures in support of the Maremont Manufacturing Corp. of Saco, Maine being awarded the Government contract to manufacture machine guns for the M-60 tank. Congressmen Cohen and Emery met with the President yesterday to discuss this matter.

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