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POOL REPORT #2  
ST. LOUIS -- AIRPORT TO KMOX TO STOUFFERS

All poolers agreed there was no sign of protective jacket on Ford when he left AF 1.

We heard none of impromptu session with reporters after he walked straight from plane to fence and made crowd of about 200.

At KMOX, after uneventful motorcade from airport, some in crowd of about 300 across street from studio entrance shouted, "Come on over" and made other friendly sounds and gestures. He waved, looked longingly at them, and went directly into studio.

In unused studio next to studio where Ford was interviewed, White House staff including Richard Cheney and Bob Orben watched, listened intently. Cheney left about half way through.

During chitchat before interview went on air, Ford said his hand had been bruised by a handshaker. Dr. Lukash said it was "a muscle spasm" and it is all right now.

After the interview, Ford went into newsroom, shook hands, posed for pictures and chatted with members of station staff. All seemed pleased.

When he left studio, crowd across street again shouted for him to come over. Ford first waved, and walked toward his limousine, then was seen to turn to Larry Buendorf, who was at his right side constantly, and say something. Pooler who saw this guesses to ask if it was okay to cross the street. Then he crossed, walked rope from end to end, shaking hands with screaming, friendly, laughing members of crowd. Many shouted, "I will not wash my hands -- forever .. for a week .. never." Some, questioned, said they'd vote for him.

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