

Pool Report/ Oct. 14, 1975

enroute from Hartford

Tom Joyce, Newsweek

Less than a minute after the President's motorcade left the civic center his limousine was struck at an open intersection by a yellow sedan. The President was not hurt. On ~~XXX~~ Air Force Lane, according to Rumsfeld, the President saw no need for Dr. Lukash to examine him.

Just before he boarded AF I, the President was asked if he was shaken up and replied, "No, I feel fine."

RUMSFELDT SAID FORD SAW THE CAR COMING AND BRACED HIMSELF. The President was sitting in the back seat on the right side, the side that was struck. Also in back of car was Rep. Stewart McKinney and GOP State Chairman Fred Beibel. Beibel was in left hand rear and received a slight injury to a hand. Lukash advised that it be X-rayed.

The collision was loud and reporters in the pool cars could ~~exxx~~ hear glass shattering. The right front fender of the limousine was badly damaged.

As he was entering AF I, Ford turned to Beibel and asked about the people in the ~~XXXX5~~ other car. Beibel said he did not know but would have someone find out.

It appeared that the Secret Service car rammed into the rear of the President's limousine but this was not clear. There was no indication that anyone but Beibel was injured.

The President did not appear shaken. Beibel did.

It was unclear why the intersection was not protected.

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