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POOL REPORT

Westover AFB to Baystate Motor Hotel

Today's accident happened at Westover Air Force Base. A kid (boy) shoved an American flag at the President. The flag's staff, a stick about 24" long struck him (the President) in the side of the head. The President was heard to grunt and bend down. A Secret Service agent grabbed the flag, threw it on the ground and said "get that thing out of here".

Among the groups greeting the President was the Comprehensive Marching Band of Chicopee, Massachusetts.

The room upstairs is the Springfield East and West rooms with no decorations -- 14 round tables with eight editors, publishers and reporters to a table. When we entered, they were just sitting around waiting for the President to arrive. Several editors asked whether a White House pool would be admitted and almost defensively said that it was no ruling of theirs that kept the White House press corps out.

The President will speak from a simple lectern.

Saul Kohler, Newhouse
Henry Hubbard, Newsweek
Walt Rodgers, AP Radio

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