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POOL REPORT NO. 2 - ORLY TO RAMBOUILLET

After a big flap with French security people, the pool was escorted to the motorcade cars and was unable to view the arrival ceremony.

The pool left Orly airport at 1:10 for the one hour drive to Rambouillet lodge. Security presence was heavy on the motorcade route. At some points, police were spotted approximately every 100 yards or so. At frequent intervals, riflemen could be seen silhouetted in the background. The drive resembled a trip along the Dulles access road in Washington, with gentle rolling hills and trees. The motorcade travelled at between 40 to 50 miles per hour, with no incidents at the village of Rambouillet. A few onlookers were seen along the highway, but there was no demonstration of emotion at all.

There was a mixup at the gate, and only one member of the writing pool was allowed in. The car containing the other members of the writing pool was waved away. The motorcade entered the Chateau grounds along a tree-canopied lane and drove up to the Chateau where the President was met by a representative of the office of the Presidency. Flags of the six nations were flying in front of the Chateau and there were 12 mounted troopers of the Garde Republicaine flanking the entrance-way. The President went through the iron gateway and walked to the door of the Chateau where he was greeted by President Giscard and after a brief greeting they went inside. The iron gates were closed by French security forces and locked with quadruple locks.

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Addition to the Pool Report: A meeting between President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing, not previously planned, is now in progress in President Ford's suite.

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