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POOL NO. 13 - OPENING OF MONDAY MEETING

Shortly after 10:00, the six Heads of State gathered for a photo session in an anti-room of the Chateau, decorated with large old tapestries on the walls and with crystal tear-drop chandeliers.

President Ford was wearing a light blue suit with a vest and a diagonally striped blue, white and black tie. Giscard d'Estaing stood to his left, Prime Minister Wilson to his right.

Everyone except Mr. Moro was smiling and seemed in a genial mood. There was a lot of nodding of heads, as if in agreement. It was impossible to hear what they were saying.

Ford chatted first with Giscard, then with Wilson. At one point, Chancellor Schmidt said rather loudly, "Very unfair, very unfair," but he said it was with a chuckle and the others smiled in response. Ford mentioned that he had taken a walk on the grounds earlier in the morning.

This only lasted a few minutes. Later, Army Major Robert Barrett, the President's Military Aide, discussing his 15 minute stroll through the village last night with the President, said it was "unfortunate" that nobody was on the streets because the President was in "a very enjoyable mood" and would have liked to chat with someone locally.

"The President feels good, he is just back from a walk," Barrett said. "He has really taken to the Chateau. He has a beautiful place with a fireplace going all the time. He's in a good mood, as he usually is when he is with these men."

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