

KENNEDY CENTER TRAVEL POOL Sunday night

In a long, l-o-n-g evening at the Kennedy Center, the Ford's shared the spotlight with former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The Ford's arrived shortly after 7:30p....and ~~upon~~ their arrival in the Presidential box on the first teir was announced and applauded by the estimated 25-hundred paying guests. Boxes on the President's level cost \$3,000 for the evening. We poolers sat in the lower rent district of \$125 a seat, along with such administration notables as Alan Greenspan and George Bush.

For nearly four hours...a parade of stars performed in honor of ^{Presidential} box-mate Roger Stevens....who for no salary has been chairman of the Kennedy Center Board since the project was first dreamed up (he ~~was~~ is a Broadway producer and parent of such notables as West Side Story and Man For All Seasons.)

During the one intermission, President and Mrs, Ford, Vice Pres. and Mrs. Rockefeller, and Mrs. Onassis and her escort Alejandro Orfila of the OAS slipped into the Center's African Room for champagne with about 50-others...President Ford was seen ~~trying to~~ searching anxiously for Henry Kissinger, to introduce him to violinist Isaac Stern, one of the evenings best-received performers.

Poolers missed the finale of Carol Channing coo-ing "Hello, Roger" for Mr. Stevens...but we did, ~~with the~~ after a dead-run from upstairs, witness the Ford's getting a goodnight handshake and a sunny smile from Mrs. Onassis in the basement garage...their limo's had been pulled up almost side by side.

Quick ride home in heavy mist. Ford's both agreed on their doorstep the evening was "great" and the President said it was "delightful" to sit next to the former First Lady.

Not a bad travel pool for a quiet Sunday evening.

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-Compton, ABC News