

pool, report - air force 1

peace air force base, N.H. to Andrews AFB

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on the way out of the gym, the president was asked by a pooler how he liked "the confrontation?" the president deadpaned -- "what?" It was as if he had been at a Sunday school picnic and confrontations were the last thing from his mind.

It was noted that there had been a substantial number of hostile and ~~XXXX~~ pointed questions. The President replied earnestly, "That's the best part." Then he and his wife ~~XXXX~~ went the stairs to their limousine for an uneventful 15-minute ride to the air force base.

A small crowd greeted them at the flight line. The ~~XXXX~~ leading campaigner of the Free World resisted the temptation to shake hands at that late hour. As is his custom, he shook hands with his motorcade escort. Wheels up for the capital at 8:50 p.m.

According to Shiela Weidenfeld, Susan Ford is spending the night with her married brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Gayle Ford, at their home in Essex, Mass. She plans to return to Washington on Monday morning.

In reacting to her husband's confrontations with the college questioners, Mrs. Ford was quoted by SW as saying: "I thought it added a lot of excitement to the whole evening.... I know my husband and I know he enjoys taking hard questions and it really gives him a better opportunity to express his views."

Mrs. Ford was also said to have ~~XXXX~~ complained, in jest, that the only thing she resented about the whole evening was being described as old-fashioned.

the pool noted with pleasure and some astonishment that now that President Ford ~~XXXX~~ is actively seeking to keep his job the cuisine in the rear of Air Force 1 has taken a quantum leap upwards.

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