

POOL REPORT -- Air Force One St. Petersburg to Ft. Mye

Air Force One's speed was reduced when presidential aides were informed that traffic was backed up ~~for five miles in Ft. Myers.~~ Deputy press secretary John Carlson said the Ft. Myers folks were all trying to see Ford, and they thought the traffic problems would be eased if the President arrived at 2:50 p.m. instead of 2:35 p.m.

According to Carlson, the President was never threatened by a woman in Williams Park who was escorted out of the area by St. Pete police. It seems she is a well-known eccentric, and on the occasion of the President's visit, she thought it appropriate to wear a cowgirl outfit complete with a toy pistol. Ford was never anywhere near her. After escorting her out of the park, she was allowed to leave without any arrest.

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