

POOL REPORT

Reception for Business Council 2-18-76

President Ford joined about 80 businessmen in the State dining room at about 6:05 p.m. Holding one drink in his hand throughout the evening, he stayed in one corner of the room while businessmen circled him to chat and shake his hand. He knew the names of several of them and no one stood at his elbow to identify the ones he didn't know. He stayed to the very end, (about 45 minutes) and had only one conversation of any real length. That was with Don Kendall of Pepsi Cola. The two began chatting again in the foyer outside the dining room after everyone else left and were still chatting when we left. The other men departed for a dinner, a regular part of the Business Council's winter meeting here.

The room was full of Ford officials: Vice President Rockefeller, who held court at the opposite end of the dining room from Mr. Ford. At the close after most of the men were gone, Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Ford ended up together and put their arms around each other briefly, then Mr. Rockefeller quickly departed to meet his wife. Also there were Robert Hartmann, Donald Rumsfeld, Alan Greenspan, Dick Cheney, Frank Zarb, (just back from Venezuela with a day's growth of beard) Jack Marsh, Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Philip Buchen, Mike Duval, and Sen. Charles Percy, a member of the Business Council.

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5:45 p.m. Reception for Members of the Business Council.

The State Dining Room

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