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The Fords arrived at the Keene Yamada Inn at about 7.35 a.m.

In the lobby he shook hands with hotel employes and onlookers including two women wearing Carter-for-President ski caps. At 7.40 a.m. he attended a private reception for ~~roughly~~ for a few unidentified people. At 7.45 a.m. he joined the PFC Committee workers in a large reception room where about 175 persons were congregated.

Fords mingled for a few minutes and shook hands. The President made brief thank-you remarks. He stressed the economic accomplishments of his administration and commented: "We have had some excellent economic news." ~~At.....~~ "I believe we are going to get some good news on the consumer price index this morning."

Ford contended there are "now few if any minuses in the economy."

He also said: "I think we have a cause to fight for. I think we have a cause to believe in."

Also: "We are going to ride to victory next Tuesday."

At one time he bobbled the ~~pronunciation~~ pronunciation of his host's name, Jim Maniello. He made it sound like Mackiello instead of Mashiello, but corrected himself quickly.

He shook a few more hands and left the hotel at about 8:05 a.m.

In a brief hallway interview with your pool, Rogers C. B. Morton predicted: "I think we are going to win handily."

He said he thinks the pendulum is swinging ~~away~~ away from ~~Reagan~~ Reagan. "He may have overworked this state too much." Morton said the Ford campaign's own "bank" effort is "beginning to soak in."

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