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POOL REPORT #13

FOUNDER'S HALL, GUILFORD COLLEGE TO
GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Large crowd estimated by park superintendent at 8,000 people, (Sunday in the park atmosphere). Ford smiling, waving, passed through colonial color guard en route to speak at platform. Ford delivered his speech in front of a statue of General Nathaniel Greene astride his horse (the general that is). Ford stayed pretty much to the text.

After the speech, Ford was presented a replica of an 18th century small sword befitting the "Commander in Chief" and also the 'badge of rank for a gentleman', Ford remarked "beautiful". Ford handled the sword and was told by a young man in colonial garb that the blade was polished steel and should be wiped after handling. It was of 18th century manufacture. Ford said "That will be proudly exhibited in the Oval Office in my private study".

President then proceeded to work the crowd for about 100 yards. Back in limo, the President stood up, arms outstretched. The President arrived back at Founders Hall at 2:35 p.m.

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