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POOL REPORT #8

Goodrich High School to Oshkosh Airport

Ford shook hands through the large cafeteria at Goodrich High before departing at 11:09 a. m. Mel Laird was around and said Wisconsin looks good for Ford, particularly if there is a big turnout Tuesday. Governor Knowles said he does not consider foreign policy and Kissinger a big issue in the State. More important, he said, is the economy; farmers are doing better, and that bodes well for the Ford campaign.

As you undoubtedly heard on the bus, Keith Mulligan, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, estimated the parade crowd at 40,000.

Motorcade to the airport was uneventful until the control car blew its left rear tire about five miles from the airport. The passengers included Kennerly, Cheney, Major Bob Barrett, Terry O'Donnell, communications equipment, and several gifts acquired by the President along the way. They were doing about 60, but got off the pavement without any control problems. A state police cruiser was called into service as a taxi, for O'Donnell and Barrett.

Cheney said later "I was proud of Barrett. He had to choose between the cheese and the football (the codes), and he took the football."

At the airport, the President worked the crowd of a few thousand, pausing along the way to be presented a boy scout neckerchief, a plaque, and a pair of Oshkosh B'Gosh overalls, monogrammed GRF. Wheels up at 12:50 p. m. , 20 minutes behind schedule.

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