

POOL REPORT

President's trip to Ranger Stadium - then to Texas Stadium
April 9, 1976

The motorcade left the Fairmont Hotel and within a few blocks turned onto Elm Street and proceeded on the same route that President Kennedy's car was on in the fateful 1963 trip. The motorcade then proceeded without event to Ranger Stadium in Arlington, which is midway between Dallas and Fort Worth. A crowd of something over 20,000 was on hand for the game between the Minnesota Twins and the home-standing Texas Rangers. After the introduction of the two teams, the President was announced. He sat in a box alongside the Ranger dugout.

The President threw out two balls to Texas catcher Jim Sundberg, the first one was a fast ball, a little low. The second one was more of a soft, high pitch. The President threw out both balls right-handed. The pool thought that the President was left-handed.

After a few words of conversation with the Ranger catcher, the President then talked to Texas Manager Frank Luchessi. After the top half of the first inning in which Minnesota was retired in order, the home plate umpire came over to the box and talked with the President. At one point the crowd roared when the President waved a Texas Ranger pennant.

The President left the stadium after the bottom of the first, to a huge ovation from the crowd. The motorcade then moved out for a 25-minute trip to Texas Stadium in Irving.

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