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POOL REPORT

Reception, Foyer Lounge Tarrant County Convention Center  
to Carswell AFB

Following speech to Bar Association, Ford marched down staircase to the music of a 12-piece mariachi band, to greet several hundred PFC workers. The President posed momentarily wearing a borrowed white sombrero and then shook some more hands. He moved into the main reception room, and posed once again with a sombrero on. Then he borrowed a guitar from a musician and strummed it a bit. The President is not a skilled guitarist.

Speaking briefly to the multitudes, the President said: "We have a first class organization, with wonderful leaders like John Tower and everybody else. We have some good programs at home and good programs abroad. I think we can surprise them and win!" After the cheers, he said Betty and son Jack both campaigned in Texas and came back full of enthusiasm. "Every place I go they say Jack's great, Betty's great. I'm getting a little self-conscious." At this point someone in the audience shouted: "You're great."

Ford concluded, "Boy that news could be very, very good Saturday night."

He shook hands outside the convention center where several hundred people waited. Motorcade to airport was uneventful except for the steady rain. At the airport, he walked through light rain to shake hands with policemen, then boarded AF 1.

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