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POOL REPORT

Barksdale Air Force Base Guest Quarters to Dinner Party to National Guard Ball to Air Force One - Press Pool #4.

The President wearing tuxedo emerged from the hastily refurbished **Barksdale Air Force Base White House** and waved to families on the block. . During the 25-minute ride to "Dalwoods," the estate of Dalton Wood, there were crowds gathered at intersections at intervals along the way with welcome signs and flags all waving with enthusiasm.

"Dalwoods," approximately the size of a small Ramada Inn, is set back in a planted pine forest surrounded by a white house type iron fence. Three piece combo played outside, buffet tables on the lawn with red, white and blue carnation centerpieces. Guests had been held at buses LSU (Shreveport campus) and were bussed in to party site after President arrived. The pool was confined to a roped off corral. We assume you had his remarks piped in. We would only note that as the guests gathered around the portico, the President, carried away with the Southern setting said, "It's so nice to see y'all." This as the crowd laughed appreciatively and the prez responded, "I'm practicing."

There was then another uneventful motorcade to a convention hall with more crowds waving at intersections. Pool estimates approx 1000 guests at a Louisiana National Guard Ball where the President mingled and spoke briefly. (We assume you had remarks piped in; nothing startling.) There was more mingling and warm cheers from men and women standing on chairs.

Off to airport where he said goodbye to local police per usual and then boarded Air Force One ignoring a crowd of about 200 people behind a rope. And with a wave he was off to Tyler.

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