

POOL REPORT # 5

**PFC Breakfast Reception in Omaha to Lincoln
May 8, 1976**

About 40 or 50 people at the PFC reception in Omaha. Ford circulated for about 15 minutes, shaking hands, then made his standard talk which you heard in the press room. He described the Nebraska primary as "very crucial" and used the "peace, prosperity and trust" slogan that he has unveiled on this trip.

Before the President arrived at the reception, the sparse crowd was entertained by an 11-piece string ensemble playing Corelli, Handel, and Stamitz chamber music. The musicians were dressed in 18th century costumes, and the cellist was pretty good.

During the brief talk the President appeared to the pool to be somewhat nervous, kneading his hands in front of him.

Responding to a report which NBC has carried about a secret meeting yesterday of Ford's Kitchen Cabinet, Nessen said "the only consensus [at the meeting] was that there should be no changes in the staff and no changes in the Cabinet."

Motorcade to Lincoln uneventful, traveling at about 60-65 mph on a cleared interstate highway. This exceeded the national speed limit, but the pool was told that Nebraska practice is to permit speeds up to 65 mph if motorists are willing to risk a \$10 fine with no loss of points. Source for this was the AP desk in Omaha.

Upon arrival in Lincoln, the President was met by the President of the University and escorted to a robing room.

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