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POOL REPORT #13
WALSH RESIDENCE

The President, Mrs. Ford and Susan arrived in Grand Rapids at the Walsh residence and were greeted there by Mrs. Katie who is the wife of the former Mayor of Grand Rapids. After greeting a few neighborhood friends he proceeded into the house.

Later the President came out of the house into the front yard to greet some 200 Friends for Ford Committee workers. This advocate group has traveled into various states like Wisconsin, Indiana and Florida recently having returned from Texas.

The Walsh residence is located in a nice Republican neighborhood in a suburb of Grand Rapids. It is an attractive two story, yellow frame home with black shutters, meticulously landscaped and includes an indoor swimming pool.

Among the greeters were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Idema, Walter 87, and Mary, 85, own a house in Otowa Beach, Michigan which is next door to where "young Gerald grew up and at one time dated their daughter".

Senior White House staff are being lodged as house guests of the Walsh's neighbors. Sunday's schedule includes delivery of the morning newspaper by a local newspaper boy, a walk in the woods, TV interviews, and church.

Phil Jones, CBS

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