

POOL REPORT

Medford Airport to Medford Corp. Sawmill
May 22, 1976

The President wore a white hard hat and watched the entire operation from logs to plywood. Step by step officials of the company took him through, showing the trees being shaved with the core being used for studs. He shook hands with many of the employees in every department -- some of whom brought cameras. He inspected layers of veneer, he watched the various sheets being put together, glued in place, and pressed into plywood. And finally the smoothing operation where all the rough spots are taken off the sheets of plywood.

Outside the President autographed a copy of Alistair Cooke's America and a large photograph of himself smoking a pipe for the sawmill management. In return they presented him with a book on timber. It was explained that the book had been in the sawmill and they just wanted the President to autograph it. The photograph was a gift from the President to the management of the sawmill for showing him the operation. He shook hands with about 100 people.

The mill was not opened especially for the President. It has been working fairly regularly on Saturdays, although the men said they were getting time and a half today.

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