

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY STARTED LATE (TEN MINUTES...NO EXPLANATION) AND ARRIVED BACK LATE. THE MOTORCADE DEPARTED THROUGH THE EAST GATE AT 826 PM (WEST GATE STILL BEING RE-INSTALLED.) DROVE UP SIXTEENTH STREET TO WELL-GUARDED SPANISH EMBASSY, WHERE CROWD OF PERHAPS ONE HUNDRED OR SO GREETED PRESIDENT AND PARTY AS MOTORCADE TURNED INTO EMBASSY GROUNDS. QUEEN, LOOKING STUNNING IN POWDER BLUE GOWN WITH BLUE SEQUINS, AND KING, LOOKING REGAL, WELCOMED FORDS. RECEIVING LINE FORMED AND POOL ALLOWED TO WATCH BRIEFLY AS DINNER GUESTS FILED THROUGH. MRS. FORD ALSO LOOKED VERY ATTRACTIVE IN ~~HER~~ APRICOT CHIFFON GOWN. (FASHION NOTES COURTESY OF FRANCES LEWINE) POOL ESCORTED TO BASEMENT 'PLAYROOM' AREA, WHERE SPANIARDS HAD AMPLE FOOD AND DRINK. REPORTERS ALLOWED TO ~~ME~~ WANDER FREELY THROUGHOUT EMBASSY AFTER DINNER. TOASTS AVAILABLE IF DESIRED, BUT THRUST OF PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE IS THAT KING ~~BRINGING~~ BRINGING 'FORWARD-LOOKING QUALITIES' TO SPAIN AND 'THERE IS NO DOUBT OF THE ~~INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT~~ INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE SPAIN WILL PLAY IN THE WORLD...PARTICULARLY IN THE WEST.' (YOUR POOLER INTERPRETS THIS AS HINT THAT AMERICA STILL WANTS SPAIN IN NATO.) AFTER DINNER FOR ~~MEM~~ 126, SOME 300 OTHER GUESTS ARRIVED. RECEPTION LINE FORMED, AND PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD STAYED ONE EXTRA HOUR BEYOND

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SCHEDULE TO MEET THEM ALL. ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT EVENING WAS PLEASANTLY
INFORMAL, DESPITE WHITE TIE IMPEDIMENT. CONCENSUS AMONG NEWSPEOPLE
THAT SPANIARDS, INCLUDING KING AND QUEEN, GAVE EVERYONE A GOOD TIME.
PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD SAID GOOD*BYES AT 11:10 AND WERE BACK AT WHITE
HOUSE ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER.

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