

Report...part...

President Ford emerged at top of stairs above park at 1:20 pm, stopping to wave to crowds below. Spotted crowds atop bank, spent 6 minutes of more handshaking along crowd. All friendly despite drizzle. Motorcade departed 1:26 with Pres waving to more crowds along street which diminished until motorcade neared mayor's home. Crowd of 800-1000 stood most of them under two joined blue and white striped tents of about 35-40 feet square each. Pres went into house, about 1:37 p and emerged 1:52 p apparently in same suit. Stopped outside tent to shake hands in the steady rain for several minutes. Crowd was friendly, applauded generously. No incidents so far. Ford got loudest applause on no troops to Southern Africa statement. 2:04 pm Pres waded through crowd under tent. More happy handshaking. Then as rain cleared and sun broke through, he continued for several minutes handshaking along several hundred spectators on front lawn before departing 2:15 pm Standing up in car, waving at dozens of spectators nearby. Block at mayor's house was roped off for invited guests. Sign on approach: "Guest check." Motorcade via N.J Turnpike and interstate 20 to West Orange uneventful. Arrived 2:55 p went directly to meetings, first with county chairmen and later alternates then to private session with his delegates. White House aide said Ford reminded delegates when polls close in NJ it will be only 5 p.m. in California...asked for big victory. 3:23 pm Pres goes to reception for Union and Essex county GOP committee members and families...room which holds about 1000 was nearly full. (you heard crowd response and speech). No incident in departure 3:27 or motorcade to Newark Airport. After thanking PFC staffers and police, Ford boarded AOne and departed 4:14 pm

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