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POOL REPORT

MEETING WITH GOP GOVERNORS

The President arrived in PFC offices at 8:45 grinning broadly. Shook hands, told them "I feel great and I will feel better tonight." Posing for pictures with his arm around a small volunteer, the President said, "It was a great night and it came about because of all the hard work of people like you here and around the country. It is a big step toward the result that we are going to get tonight and, more important, the result we are going to get in November."

Volunteers applauded, cheered.

President then proceeded to office of motor pool staff, shook more hands. One man told him, "I would work for the President of the United States for free."

President paused on balcony overlooking main lobby of hotel, waved at people, who looked surprised. Not many people around at that hour. Inspected the waterfall, said, "this place is hopping."

Entering elevator, President was asked if he had any vice presidential candidates coming in to see him today. He said, "I might have a lot of them."

President then went back up to 18th floor office where he posed for pictures sitting around a marble topped table with nine governors. Two more -- Holshouser and Moore -- were delayed in traffic but due to arrive.

All GOP governors there except Meldrim Thompson and Edwards of South Carolina. Ford made a point of congratulating Governor Robert Ray of Iowa for "all his hard work with some very tough problems" as chairman of the platform committee.

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