

AUGUST 18, 1976

**POOL REPORT--Crown Center Hotel to Continental Hotel for
drop-by at New York Delegation**

Motorcade left Crown Center about 5:16 p. m. for uneventful drive to Continental. Vice President Rockefeller was in car with Ford.

Ford and Rocky met outside Continental by New York Chairman Dick Rosenbaum. Inside hotel, crowd of about 250 young Ford supporters sang 'We Love You Jerry' to tune of "We Love You Conrad."

Ford walked straight to elevator, rode to reception room on six floor. Pool followed on other elevators, caught up about five minutes later.

Was open coverage at reception. Ford worked way through crowd to platform, posed for pictures with Rockefeller and Rosenbaum, arms raised. After Ford started talking, he joined on platform by Senator Javits, Representative Conable, and New York Attorney General Lefkowitz. Ford introduced by Rosenbaum, who called President "the man the American people can trust. The man who will win." The President and the next President of the United States.

Ford was in blue suit, blue pinstriped shirt. President thanked the New York delegation for their support in last night's convention fight over 16 (c). "It was a good fight. We were on the right side and we did it the right way."

Looking ahead to tonight's session, "The ball game is not over. I've seen an awful lot of good ball teams lose when they didn't play until the final whistle." Ford said the support of New York tonight could be "extremely significant."

Ford also said: "When we're all through with the contest tonight. . . we have to be absolutely certain. . . that we leave the convention as a party unified for the point of view and philosophy that we believe so deeply. And if we do we can win that election November 2."

Ford said: "I will do everything possible to ensure that we march arm-in-arm, shoulder-to-shoulder for the next 75 days so victory is assured for the American people in November."

Ford thanked them again for support through some "tough months." Ford then waded into the crowd to shake hands; pool was hurried out before Ford was through.

Ford left hotel for return to Crown Center about 5:45 p. m.

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