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Pool report...President at church...August 22, 1976

Motorcade to church uneventful. President attended Lutheran Services at 9am in the Vail interfaith chapel. Don Simonton, pastor.

President was with Mrs. Ford and Susan.

A small crowd of about fifty outside the chapel applauded on arrival. Mr. Ford went inside quickly. Mrs. Ford was walking very slowly and did not appear to be well. Both going in...and coming out Mr. Ford stayed near her and held her arm whenever she seemed to have trouble moving.

President was wearing a blue sport jacket - rumpled - grey slacks, white shirt and dark solid color tie. Mrs. Ford was in a purple suit - Susan had slacks and a patchwork shirt.

President sat in a pew with Mrs. and Susan about 2/3 of the way back on the right hand side of the church.

During the service the pastor called for an "act of fellowship" shaking hands with those around you. President...Mrs. and Susan shook hands with those in the pew in front and behind. Simonton went up the center aisle shaking hands...and stopped to talk briefly with the Fords.

About 125-150 in the church.

Service was to celebrate something called "Yellowstone Christmas" - August 25th. All the hymns were Christmas hymns. Simonton at the beginning of the service welcomed "...our special guests. We're glad to have them back with us to worship in Vail."

During the yellowstone Christmas sermon...Simonton said the "President and his family must think we talk about nothing else (but Christmas) since when they visit in winter its Christmas and when they visit in summer its Yellowstone Christmas."

During prayers he offered a prayer...for "the President and his family and all those people who assist in the governance of our country." He also offered a prayer for understanding and included in that a mention of the North Koreans.

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Upon leaving the church...there were about 150 people on the sidewalk... polite applause. President posed for pictures with Mrs. Ford...and pastor and his wife.

Mrs. Ford was obviously in some pain...and moving very slowly. She started down the steps...with really labored movement...then President bought her back up for pictures. Her face appeared a bit puffy...

After the pictures the President seemed solicitous as she went down the stairs... taking her arm...and helping her to the car.

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