

PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD AND THEIR PARTY ARRIVED AT THE LEFT BANK ABOUT 830 P.M. THE GROUP INCLUDED MR. AND MRS. ROGERS MORTON, MR. AND MRS. JAMES BROWN, AND GENERAL BRENT SKOWCROFT. THE PRESIDENT WAS DRESSED IN AN OPEN-NECKED SPORT SHIRT AND A BEIGE SPORT COAT AND SEEMED VERY RELAXED AS HE GREETED PEOPLE ON THE WAY IN. DURING DINNER HE CAME OVER TO A TABLE OF REPORTERS AND WHITE HOUSE STAFF GUESTS (OF THE REPORTERS) TO CONGRATULATE FRANK CORMIER ON HIS BIRTHDAY AND TO CHAT AMIABLY.

AFTER DINNER THE PARTY ADJOURNED TO SHAIKA'S (IN PEPI'S BASEMENT), WHERE THE INK SPOTS ARE FEATURED. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD DANCED WITH EACH OTHER AND OTHERS IN THE GROUP. THEN ONE OF THE INK SPOTS ASKED MRS. FORD TO JOIN HIM IN A DANCE, WHICH SHE DID. IT WAS A KIND OF BUCK-AND-WING SHUFFLE, AND SHE SEEMED TO ENJOY IT WITH NO EVIDENCE OF PAIN. CINDY NESSEN SANG A FEW NUMBERS, AND INVITED PRESIDENT FORD TO JOIN HER IN A DANCE. IT WAS CLEARLY WHAT WE CALIFORNIANS USED TO CALL 'THE NEW YORKER.' THE PRESIDENT SEEME TO FEEL NO PAIN EITHER. THE PARTY DEPARTED SHAIKA'S ABOUT 1210 A.M (THIS POOL DELAYED BECAUSE THE PRESS ROOM WAS LOCKED WHEN THE PARTY ENDED!)

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