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POOL REPORT #2 - Philadelphia International to Residence

President Ford is now resting at the Barclay House belonging to Dr. F. Otto Haas, who is an executive of the firm of Rohm and Haas, one of the greater chemical companies which is a spinoff of I. G. Farben of World War I fame. The Haases own two houses, Barclay House and a house in the country. Dr. Haas is an official of the Board of the Walnut Street Theatres, one of the company's foundations. Rohm and Haas were one of the principal restorators of the Walnut Street Theatre. Dr. Haas is honorary Counsel of the Federal Republic of Germany. He is Chairman of the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas greeted the President briefly outside the house. This is the first time they have met President Ford. The Haases have turned over the townhouse, Barclay House, to the President and are staying at their home in the country. Mrs. Haas had a ticket for Walnut Theatre tonight, but she has given it to a friend and will watch the debate at home. Asked if she is for President Ford, Mrs. Haas said she has not made up her mind. She will decide after the debate tonight.

President Ford is leaving in a few minutes for, what is called, an audio/visual check at the Theatre. That means he will check the mikes and all the physical aspects of the debate. After the audio/visual check the President will return to Barclay House where he will stay until time to go to the debate.

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