

POOL REPORT

Pool #9 - Mavar Cannery (Biloxi)  
to Mobile

September 26, 1976

The cannery visit was so far as the pool could tell, uneventful. Most of the time the Secret Service would not let us get near enough to hear anything the **Mavars** were saying to the President or vice versa.

You saw everything except the crowds entering Mobile. They were strung out for several miles along Airport Boulevard and for about 20 minutes Ford stood through the hatch of his limousine waving with both arms, giving a vee sign, and saying through the car's public address system, "It's nice to be in Alabama. Thank you. Hi - how are you?" He never stopped and therefore got no answer to his question, but everybody seemed friendly.

The pool asked Governor Wallace -- or rather attempted to -- what to make of his appearance with the President. He did not reply and a pooler was ushered away by one of Wallace's aides. Asked, though, from a distance if he would address the crowd, Wallace seemed to sum up his purpose in replying, "I'm going to welcome the President."

Jim Naughton - New York Times  
John Osborne - The New Republic

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