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POOL REPORT

## PRESIDENTIAL VISITS TO CATTLE, PIG AND SHEEP BARN

Times follow bible.

In cattle barn, Connally shows Ford eight cattle, including white 2450 pound Charolais bull, also a Hereford and Brahma. Conversated with Ms. Carol G. Rogean, 26, pretty stewardess, who was showing a 2-year-old Hereford named "T.C." No talk of meat imports, just photo opportunit

In pig barn, Ford and Connally entered a pen, half the size of tennis court which contained a dozen squealing black and white Hampshire and Spotted Poland pigs which were being judged. Pigs weighed about 250 pounds. Poolers, inside wire enclosure, gestured to a separate pigpen containing two little pigs. Ford, to pooler, "I see you are not inside (pigpen)." Kim Woody, 15, whose March sow won second in the judging, shook hands with Ford and said, "If I was 18, I would vote for him." Ford greeted by "Texas Port Queen" as he emerged from pigpen (green wood chips on floor) and mounted one step to judging stand. Several hundred pigs in pig barn.

In sheep barn, Ford went up and down aisles between 8' square sheep pens, and at one point he patted two yearling Shropshire sheep before cameras. Black face and legs, white bodies, and all sheep tied up in cotton blankets so no dirt will mar their appearance before judging. "They even use ladies' hair spray on them." observed onlooker Mrs. Alma Ward, Claude, Texas. Someone asked Ford who would win football game and he replied "Michigan". About 200 sheep in Barn.

Outside sheep barn, I watched Ford talking with Jim Baker and Peter O'Donnell. Ford asked Baker, "Is that all right what I said this morning? We are going to add to it." Ford said "we" had first checked out the Carter statement in LA Times (referring to \$15 B). Ford went on, "We went down to Savannah and talked to the newspaperman and asked if he had any verification. He said yes, he made it at the Rotary Club." Nods from Baker and O'Donnell.

Nessen said later Ford would have no comment on his ride through Dallas. "He's been to Dallas before. It was no big deal."

Joe Albright, Cox

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