

Pool report, Ford trip to Columbus statue, union station, Oct. 11, 1976

Your president's motorcade left the white house and moved slowly (abt 25 mph) down Constitution avenue to Union Station. There approximately 1500 people were waiting for the festivities. This left a number of empty seats and lots of standing room -- therefore it looked like a rather small crowd.

The US Navy Band played hail to the chief and then It's a Grand Old Flag. Star Spangled Banner sung by Lucille Capriano Szabo.

Bonnie Angelo was MC -- welcomed all to the bicentennial tripute to the Italian visionary who changed the world's horizon.

Your president sat with his hands folded or on his chin. To mee he looked tanned, relaxed. He laughed easily at assorted jokes. A sign was held up in the crowd which said, on one side, "Carter: A leader for a change." On the other side it said "Ford has no idea."

You heard ford's speech and Icm told you will see it shortly in text.

of red roses and white carnations, with red, white and blue/~~ribbon~~ ribbon
The wreath/was brought out by two men. The pres walked forward and touched it. It was not, in my book, a wreath-laying as promised in the probram.

After festivities, ford shook hands with people in front row, many in clerical garb. Also with a lady who held a cane and remained seated. On leaving someone pointed out to him that Lynda and Charles Robb were on the platform. He came to shake their

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hands. Lynda said I heard you had a chance to see Lucy before the (Tex-Okla) game~~x~~. Charles said He'd been kidding nessen about arranging a 6-6 tie. Ford Said "Not such a bad orgaization."ⁿ

Don Santorelli (former head of LEAA) came up to ford
Ford Greeted him with a big hellow and they talked quietly for a few minutes.

The motorcade returned at same 25 mph.

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