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## POOL REPORT ON BROOKLYN MOTORCADE

The souccah which the President visited is the traditional temporary shelter constructed for the Jewish celebration of the harvest. Eight teenagers from the Yeshivah selected by their principal, were on hand to greet the President.

At the end of the alley where the structure is located behind a mesh fence a group of perhaps twenty by-standers gathered. One of them, a big man in a red jacket holding a large dog by the leash, raised his voice in continual shouts, "we'll make him a deal," he yelled over and over. "Russian jews for Jewish votes."

The President walked into the souccah ignoring the shouting. With him were Richard Rosenbaum, Jacob Javits, Louis Lefkowitz, and belatedly James Buckley. Carol Feder, sixteen, a student at the school gave the President a little lecture on the significance of the structure and of the silver on the table in front of him. The President said, "thank you very much for your very interesting and enlightening demonstration." "Is this a simulation or a demonstration of how a souccah should look." To which the principal replied in reassuring tones that it was the real thing. The President dutifully admired the silverware, glanced at the fruit bowl with real fruit, ignored the walls adorned with plastic fruit and said "good-by."

He called the children as he left "the gems of the future." During this whole episode the man in the red jacket who had a very loud voice was able to all but drown out the words spoken. He was aided by an elevated train and an airplane.

The motorcade, starting in Flatbush and ending in the Fort Hamilton area of Brooklyn ran a total of twelve miles. Shortly after it began there was a brief stop, the top of the President's limousine was open and from that time until the end the President stood on the right side of the car and intermittently Senators Buckley and Javits stood on the left side. In Boro Park two eggs came from the thin crowd and splattered into the President limousine. Although none of the notables was struck to our perception. There were egg spots on at least two Secret Service men and the front and the back of the limousine had to be cleared when the car finally stopped in front of Sloan Kettering. The crowds at first were thin no more than thirty-five to a block but the advancement had obviously done their work when the motorcade reached 39th Street at 13th Avenue. It was there that the President spoke for the first time. The police captain estimated the crowd in a four-block area surrounding that intersection to be twenty-five thousand.

The President throughout the motorcade was holding the automobile microphone and greeted the crowd saying, "hi," "how are you?" and "it's nice to see you."

The President spoke twice in the Bay Ridge area of Brooklyn, the first at 82d Street and Fifth Avenue, the second time at 84th and Fifth. On the second occasion, there had been chants from the crowd of "we want Ford." They died down after a minute or so and the President holding the microphone started them up again. Saying twice "we want Ford" and then leading the cheers waving his hands in a V-sign in time to the chant. At 84th and Fifth, a woman from the crowd passed a young blond girl with twin ponytails. The President held her in his arms for about thirty seconds when she started crying. The President quickly passed the two year old girl back to her mother.

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