

POOL REPORT # 5

Hilton Hotel to Yonkers to White Plains
to Rockland County Court House

October 13, 1976

President's motorcade left the Hilton at 8:52 am after he talked briefly with hotel employees. Dwight Chapin was standing outside the hotel watching the motorcade, and was recognized by Doug Blaser. Blaser went over and talked with Chapin for a few minutes. Chapin could be overheard saying, "I was just walking by -- couldn't believe it."

As everyone knows, he went past the empty Yankee Stadium en route to Yonkers where, once in town, he popped up out of the limousine, microphone in hand, to begin saying "How are you this morning? Nice to see you. Thank you for coming out. Good morning."

He approached the Yonkers City Hall steps on Molzydlowski Circle, handshaking all the way. You have the speech, and bill signing.

After the bill signing, he left 20 minutes early, standing in his car with the microphone talking at the people, driving slowly. Among them were two policemen on an overpass, saying "Thanks, fellas, very much." More of the same in White Plains before his speech there. The official crowd estimate in White Plains was 15,000; however local police officers said the crowd was much smaller than that.

He then went on to New City with the same style of standing up in the car as he entered town, talking over the microphone in the automobile.

Total mileage of motorcade to this stop: 52 miles.

Gaylord Shaw
Phil Jones
Jim Doyle

P.S. We've learned that crowds were not out to see the President, but were there to see Gay Pirozzi, a native of Westchester County. Gay was overheard to say, "Good morning, Hi, how are you? Nice to see you. Thank you for coming out."

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