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POOL REPORT FROM ALLSTATE TO NBC STUDIO

En route to the studio Ford got a long look at urban congestion learning that even an escorted presidential motorcade can be slowed to a crawl on the Kennedy Expressway at rush hour. It took the motorcade roughly twice as long to make the estimated fifteen mile trip from Allstate to WLS. Outside the studio Ford walked over to a crowd of several hundred people and shook a few hands.

Before filming his commercial, Ford met with about 30 members of the Cook Co. Republican Central Committee in NBC Studio C. He spoke briefly and said he was honored to be on the ticket with Jim Thompson, candidate for Governor of Illinois. "I wish I had the kind of lead he has," Ford said "I'd like to run on his coattails." Ford said every poll shows that this is the "closest election in this century." He said nine states -- New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Texas and California -- "are going to make the difference because Carter will get some of the others. "But if we don't win states like Illinois it will be virtually impossible to win the election."

Bill Vance - Knight

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