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POOL REPORT -- Islip to Helipad to Studios to Helipad to Coliseum

As the President entered the Colonie Hill, he posed for pictures with his arms around Joe Frazier, and Lionel Hampton, said: "The two of you here...I really appreciate it." Turned to Frazier and said: "Don't ask me to go one round with you."

While your pool waited for the President to finish the speech, we talked with Lukash some more about the chicken soup bit. He said he gave it to Ford last night, this morning, and he would do it again tonight. Also tea with honey. The soup, he said, "is warm, decreases chance of inflammation and relaxes the vocal cords. The President is doing well."

Lukash said the steam inhalations consist of filling the bathroom sink with steaming hot water, dropping in a lump of Vick's ointment for the vapors and forming a tent with bathroom towels so Ford can breathe the steam. They do not have a vaporizer available so they use the other method, which Lukash says is fine.

On the way to the golf course where the helicopters were waiting, the President talked to people through his mike, and then stopped on the golf course to talk to some golfers and firemen, while waiting for Senator Javits to catch up with the party. When the Senator arrived in an unmarked police car, we went up.

Flew over Coney Island and then to Wall Street helipad, where President shook hands with police, firemen and scuba divers on duty. Looked at the scuba divers and said: Hya, fellows...they look pretty rugged, don't they?

Up F.D.R. drive to 66th Street, then through Central Park -- no muggers but it was daylight after all -- and President talked to clusters of people along the route -- hya, thanks, good to see you, the usual.

Pool watched the taping over a monitor in the press room after we were told we would not be able to do so, and then the President stayed back to watch it on the air from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Javits hung around the lobby of ABC Studios with poolers, said he had seen it when he was on it.

President emerged 7:26 p.m., waved at crowd which was tinged with Carter supporters who made their sentiments known. But generally there were cheers. Javits told poolers New York is now 7-5, favor Carter.

Back through Central Park -- again no muggers, and it was night this time -- and across 65th Street, to Roosevelt Drive. Fair number of people along route, including trick or treaters. Shook hands with police at heliport, airborne at 7:47 p.m.

Poolers need chicken soup.

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