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Pool report Pantlind-Andrews 11/1/76

at 10:45 am Ford appeared in lobby, no introductions, no staff men or rush of agents. Somber but friendly, shook hands all over lobby, with employees of hotel, Mrs. Ford with him. Outside small crowd applauded and cheered him. He waved and clasped hands over head in response.

En route airport, small clusters of people along the curbs, waving as car with Prez and Mrs. Ford passed. He waved back but this time the talking car was silent.

At 11:15 am arrived airport went in the terminal bldg for unveiling. You heard audio piped in. An 8 by 18 foot mural done by black artist Paul Collins----like a family photo album depicting Ford as football center, as Eagle Scout, his childhood and his mother holding him as a baby, his Model T in front of his frame home. Also Grand Rapids Press headline: "Ford Becomes President" plus a scene showing the young marrieds, Betty and Jerry, en route to Congress. As Rep. Guy Vandarrjack described the scenes Ford, sitting in stage pursed his lips, fought back tears and at one point wiped his eyes with back of his wrist.

When Prez said in his remarks, mentioned the mural meant much to him because of his father and mother he fought back tears, his voice broke and he almost lost his composure. After the unveiling, Prez worked a fairly large crowd at the airport, shaking hands and casually taking his time. Airborne 40 minutes late.

Nessen came back to say most of senior staff would take off till 7 or 8 pm tonight. Said a bus would be laid on to transport reporters from White House to Sheraton Park hotel. Fords plan a dinner which will include the Doles. Tomorrow's schedule depends on how long the night is. For planning purposes, off record Palm Springs trip set for "Saturday or Sunday." Greeting by staff on south lawn expected when Fords arrive; open coverage.

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