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8am press brfg

9:30 bf arrives ~~(processing center)~~ ^{inter-agency task force} ~~headquarters~~ ^{briefg} room. 10 mins on refugee program ^{room}

Paul Graham, Brig. Gen. commd genl marine
corps base, Camp Pendleton
military coordinator

Nick Thorne, senior civil coordinator
^{in chg}
immigration

9:45 Volunteer ~~agencies~~ ^{agencies} support group
(to place refugees)

i.e., The Catholic Conference
Intl Rescue Comm
World church

verify sponsors, match
sponsors,

walk thru some of bldgs
escorted by Graham, Thorne

10am Arrive Area 8 (5400 - location) been processed,
waiting for
security check
& sponsor
~~Have any sponsors to get~~
~~19,000 total now - 18,000 now~~

10am a) english class - about 50
there - beginning English
ages 10-11 - 3rd class -
class in dining areas - long rectangular
tents "survival english"

10:10 b) PX-line

10:13 c) tent sidewalk
meet people

10:23 a) recreation area

K4-3rd from last tent

(library)



lt col
arthur
brill

provost #-
725-5001

el toro

Press Room

Prov

6p.m.

725-7707

1 garment bag
+ 1 dress

rm 895

San Clemente Inn

492 6103

x128

x126 hunt

x224 me

Depart 8am

Arrive 9:30

prob rec briefing from ^{some type} ~~CP Paul~~ ~~John Graham~~ Nicholas Thom
& mauness + state dept
personnel

greet volunteers involved in ~~big~~ red cross
processing relocation

see ~~the~~ area

Camp 8 - (closest to entr)

(perhaps
(see PX)

classroom teaches
english to Viet

abt 45 mins - 1 hr

recreat - PX -

visit with people
in the camp

10:15 or 10:30

lv El Toro 11

arr andr 7 ish

asked about poss last nite

She wanted to see CP before ~~she~~ isn't
she left + there ~~was~~ to include
time for anything, to include

anything else.

Camp Pndt
(714) 725-7819

main provost



SAN DIEGO ZOO EMPLOYEES TO MEET MRS. FORD

Tilmer White, groundsman-driver, employed since 1959

Charles Coburn, nurseryman, employed since 1972

David Diaz, painter in construction and maintenance dept., employed since 1962

Robert Drewett, senior bird keeper, employed since 1968

Doris Alexander, lead admissions clerk, employed since 1969

Kathleen Mack, sales clerk, employed since 1971

why doesn't she have time
when did it come up
about if she takes to JT
about it
why is she going?
quite - when from

Post Bill P10

from
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room small

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flat against
wall

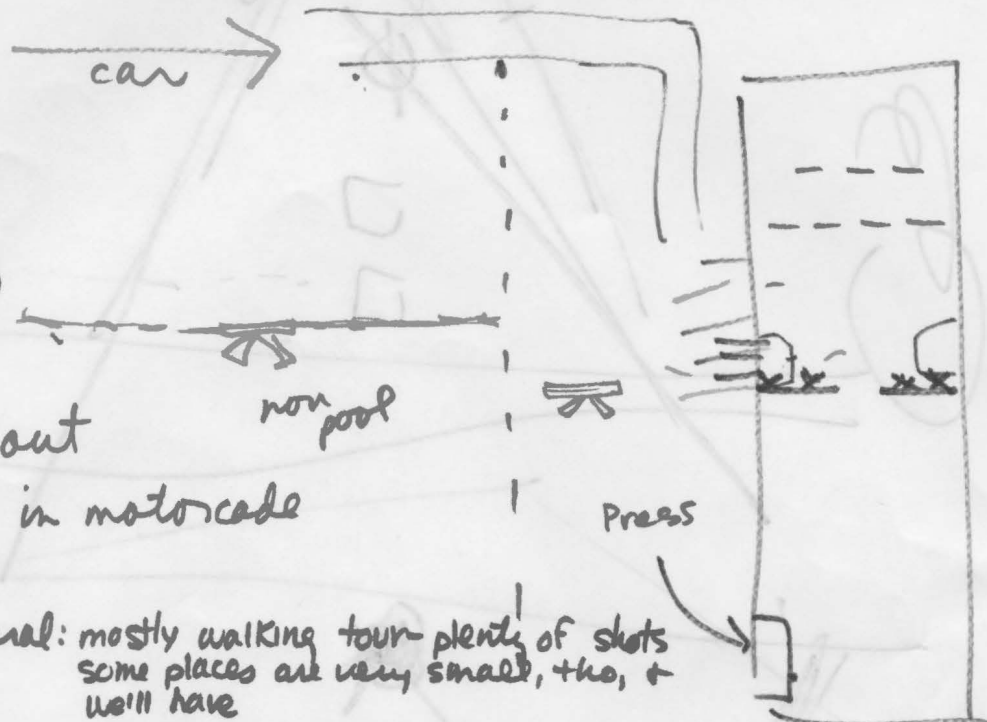
do not go beyond string

idents of who is
in room

table needs to be out

do pool bus right in motorcade

not an interview situation
Col. Art Brill and group re camp



in general: mostly walking tour - plenty of shots
some places are very small, tho, +
we'll have

FIRST place: pool press area to cover arrival
double trailer - not room for all at
once - lasts 10 mins, so we'll do it
in 2 shifts - after arrival, pls go to back trailer
+ I'll move you from there
writers need to stand in the back against wall

photoop - there is a
string on the
floor we ask
+ that you not
go beyond

Second site - inside trailer (volunteers)

Volunteer
agencies

3 reporters

AP, UPI,

maybe one still

dark

Col Brill
move

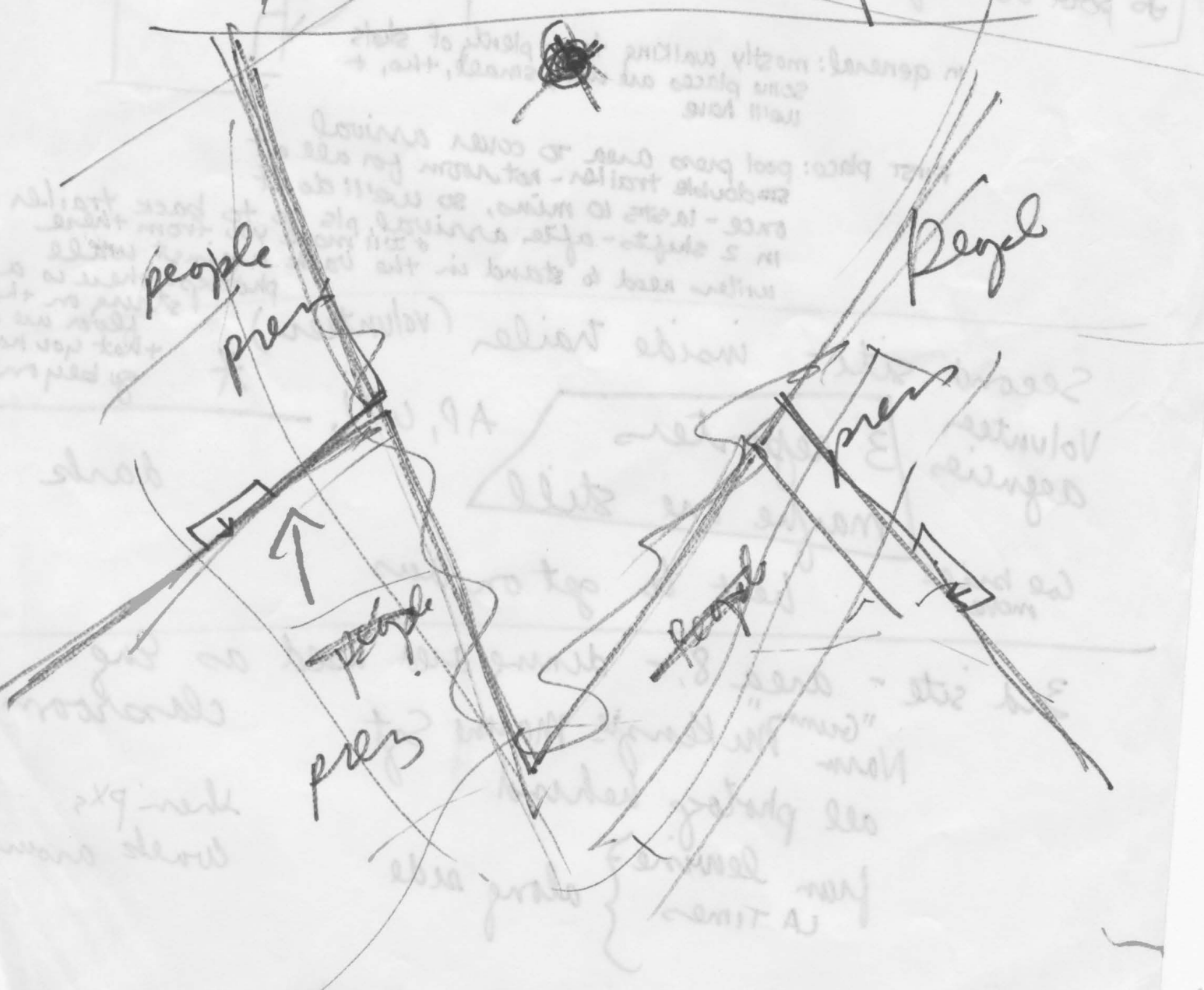
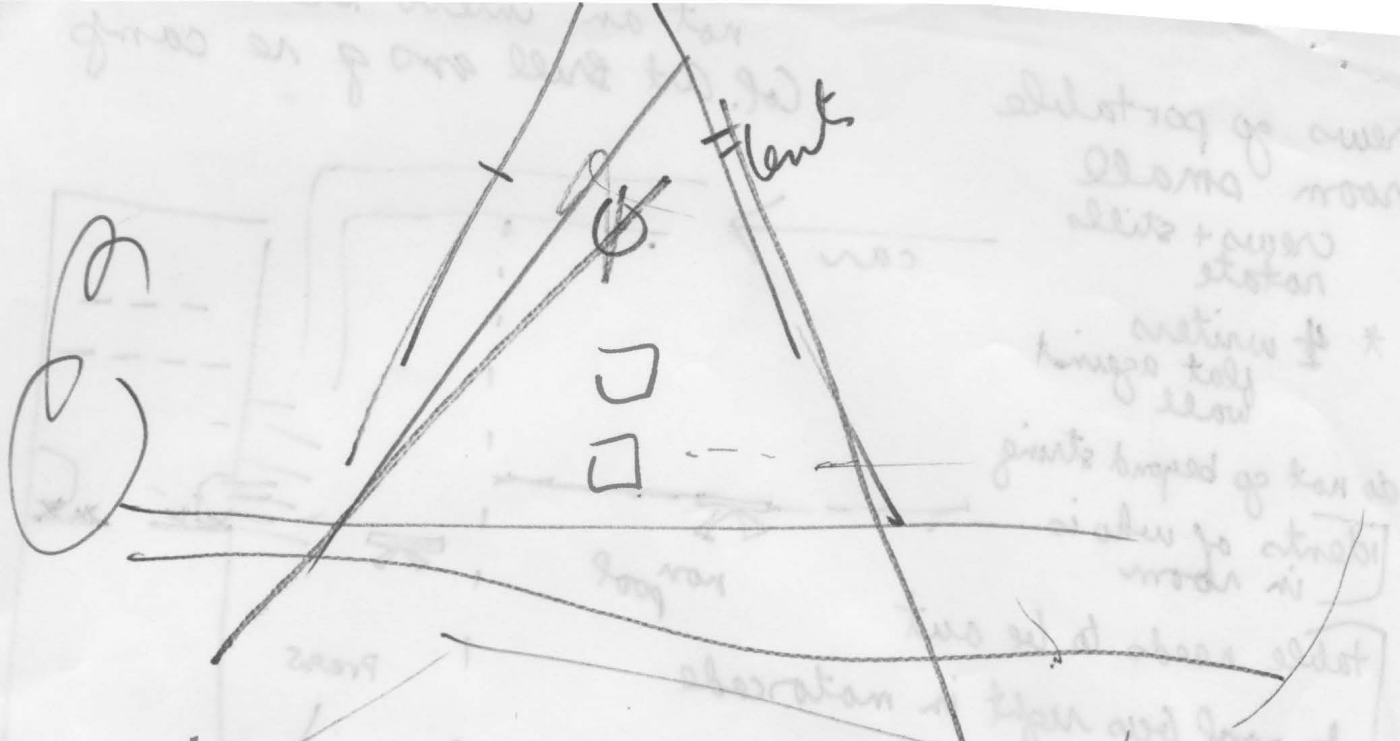
best to get on bus

3rd site - area 8 - dining area used as Eng
classroom

"Gummy"
Norm McKenzie - Marine Sgt
all photos behind

from Levine } along side
LA Times }

then pxs
walk a



POOL

ABC camera, soundman, correspondent

NBC camera, " "

CBS camera, " "

network pool lighting technician

AP reporter, photographer

UPI reporter, photographer

* magazine color photo pool (newsweek)

LA Times, reporter and photographer

New York Times Reporter

San Diego Tribune reporter

San Diego Union reporter



17

14

LA Times
S.D. ~~Times~~ Trib

ABC camera

NBC "

CBS "

Network pool corresp (~~ABC~~)

Network pool lighting
technician

~~(3) sound~~ 3 sound

AP repn

UPI reports

AP photog

UPI photo

~~Time / News~~ Magazine
(color)

LA Times (photo brow)

NY " reporter

San Trib reporter

LA Times reporter

LA Times, photog



Saukam
KH0Y

LA Times Kathy Burke writer
Boris Yaro photo

Trib photog Thane Mc Intosh photo
S.D. union writer Harrison

Sigma Tony Canodi

Newsweek Lester Sloan

CBS Terry Drinkwater corresp
" Robt Dunn camera

" Charles Gayton sound

NBC camera Richard Hutchings
NBC corresp Don Harris
NBC sound Jarvis

TNN camera Thos Harvey
sound



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New York, N.Y. 10003

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New York, N.Y. 10019

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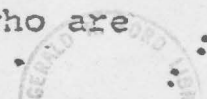
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REMARKS

MY HUSBAND, OUR CHILDREN AND I HAVE FOLLOWED WITH GREAT SADNESS THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN INDOCHINA. WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF, AND HAVE PRAYED FOR YOUR SAFE ARRIVAL.

I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE TROUBLED, AND THAT YOU WONDER WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR YOU. I AM HERE TODAY TO ASSURE YOU THAT AMERICA OFFERS YOU THE SAME OPPORTUNITY THAT IT HAS OFFERED COUNTLESS GENERATIONS OF IMMIGRANTS -- OUR WELCOME IS GENUINE, AND OUR INTENTIONS ARE SINCERE.

I KNOW YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED GREAT HARDSHIP, AND THAT YOUR SITUATION HERE IS NOT IDEAL. BUT THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY SITUATION WHICH, WHEN RESOLVED, WILL ALLOW YOU TO REALIZE A NEW LIFE FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILIES, AND A PROMISING FUTURE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR CHILDRENS' CHILDREN.



THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE -- PEOPLES FROM ALL OVER
THE WORLD, OF ALL RELIGIOUS FAITHS AND POLITICAL
CONVICTIONS -- HAVE IN AMERICA FOUND A NEW HOME.
EVEN AS THEY PRESERVED THEIR MEMORIES AND MANY
CULTURAL TRADITIONS OF THEIR FORMER HOMES, THEY
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BECAUSE OF THE WIDTH OF THE RIVERS
OR HEIGHT OF THE MOUNTAINS.

IT IS HARD ONLY BECAUSE OF THE FEAR WE
HAVE OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THE RIVERS."

Do not fear for America offers
AMERICA OFFERS OPPORTUNITY IN FEAR. IT COMES
opportunity
TO THOSE WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. I KNOW YOU HAVE
THE INDUSTRY, THE STRENGTH AND THE COURAGE TO SEIZE
THAT OPPORTUNITY.



I WANT TO EXTEND TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF ALL
AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS, AS WE ARE ALL IMMIGRANTS,
A WARM HEARTFELT WELCOME.



For release after 10:30 am
Wed, May 21, 1975

~~Ford Remarks~~
The White House

Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs Ford

Remarks: Mrs. Ford
at Camp Repelation
My

husband, our children and I have followed with

great sadness the tragic events in Indo China. We share
your grief, and have prayed for your safe arrival, ~~in good health~~

~~here in America~~

I know many of you are troubled, and that you
wonder what ~~with~~ lies ahead for you. ~~be~~

~~in America~~ the United States. I am here today

to assure you that America offers you the

same promise of opportunity it has offered

countless generations of immigrants. ~~Our~~

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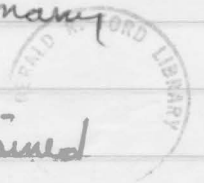
~~better, however, I ask that you be patient,~~



I know you have all experienced great hardships, and that your situation here is not ideal. But this is only a temporary situation, which, when resolved will allow you to realize a new life ^{for yourselves} for yourselves, your families, ~~you~~ and a promising future for your ~~old~~ children, and your children's children.

Those who came before --- peoples from all over the world, of all religions, faiths, and political convictions --- have ^{in America} found a home.

Even as they ~~preserved~~ their memories and many cultural traditions of their former homes, they joined



wholeheartedly in the experience of American life.

There is a lovely Vietnamese proverb from which we can all draw inspiration:

- POEM -

America offers opportunity: ^{not fear:} it comes to those who take advantage of it. I know you have the industry ^{the} and strength ^{is the courage} to seize that opportunity.

I want to extend to you, on behalf of all American immigrants, as we are all ~~are~~ immigrants, a ~~warm~~ warm heartfelt welcome.



delete
 We will draw new strength from you, our most recent generation of immigrants. You may need our help and understanding now, but I know you will soon achieve success on your own.

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Not to be spoken, to be used only by translator

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 VÌ LONG NGƯỜI NGẠI NÚI E
 SÔNG



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~~We can be proud that you have chosen America as your haven and~~
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Mrs. Ford at Pundehon
~~the~~ Camp to Refugees

"We have suffered with
you. We hope we
can help you.

The warmth in our
hearts that I bring
from us &

"After all most of us
came from other
countries.

"The road may seem
long. But I'm sure
you'll find that with
your diligence — ~~conscious~~
~~consciousness~~ — — — — —



Pool Follow Mrs. Ford

MEMORANDUM

Tape recorder

Tape

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Primarily Photo

Event - Observation

~~Pool Cover~~

Interviews

Sound rules - pool for observation not
blz of limited space

Sound at beginning

3/ABC
NBC
CBS

PENDLETON
POOL

Network Pool Cov.
Network Sound

AP Reporter
UPI Report
AP phot.
UPI phot.

Newswh.

Magazine

TVN

NY Times Reporter
LA Times Reporter
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Military

Non-poolers -

Try to help them - ~~accompany~~



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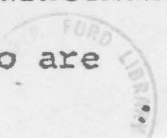
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MEMORANDUM

AREA #8 - large camp 5,400

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All personnel.
Task Force
constituted

Basic reason; location on way out.
People need security of snow
CIA, USA, STATE
DOB, FBI

(1) Arrives at

~~to~~ ~~Processing Center~~ -

"~~headquarters~~" Inter Agency

Task Force ~~Headquarters~~
Briefing Room " Briefed on ~~State~~
program here -

Brief. General Paul Graham,
Commanding Gen. of C. Pend.
Military Coordinator of M.
Mr. Nicholas Thorne - Senior
Civil Coordinator for
the Inter Agency Task Force

10 Min.

He determines processing

(2) Got thru Volunteer Agencies

Volunteer Agency - under contract
to state Dept. Have responsibility
to place refugees -

10
Min.

"Catholic Conference"

"~~Over~~ Internet" / Rescue Center
Lutheran group.

Refugee can get out 2 ways - They have



Interpreter - Seen Vietnamese, Coordinator
Vietnamese war camp → PHAT

MEMORANDUM

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to verify sponsors. Others don't
have sponsors & have to check
them.

9:55 Board Motocade

10:00 Arrive Area & , proceed
English Class - about 50
LILBERT ULEHMET,

Survival
English
Just
starting
3rd Day

Teachers
This is beginning English
10-11 yrs. old

3rd class - Class is in
a dining area, ^{long rectangular} tents
that are screened in. They have
wooden floors.

10:13 Leave Class for PX -
necessities - they have to pay
Soap; toothpaste; clothes;
sneakers. When 1st arrived got
packet

GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

(3)

KY - being
treated like
any other
Refugee.

10:13 Leave PX for Tentside Walk.
2nd cot.
~~10:30~~ \$57,000 lbs. of clothes
distributed under auspices
of Navy Chaplain &

10:23 Arrive Recreation Area -
visit youth - meet & greet

10:30 Proceed to Microphone.

10:35 Depart.



PRESS CENTER
"OPERATION NEW ARRIVALS"
Marine Corps Base
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

17 June 1975

Dear Sheila:

Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed working with you in preparation for Mrs. Ford's visit to our refugee center. It was certainly a valuable learning experience, particularly the pool business.

Things are still going strong out here. Thus far over 2300 newsmen have passed through our press center, and there's no end in sight. It's been interesting being spokesman, not only for the military but for the State Department and all the other federal and volunteer agencies involved. We've had our moments, but editorial feedback around the globe has been favorable regarding the Camp Pendleton phase of the operation, and we hope to keep it that way.

I know you are often involved with large throngs of media, and in retrospect as I look over Mrs. Ford's visit, the pool was the only way to go although perhaps your first suggestion of using ropes in the tent-camp area might have worked, too. The large pool we had that day jammed things up a bit. Perhaps one network would have been the best bet in lieu of all three. Those TV guys can really clutter things up and it's difficult for any of them to get more than a few feet of film at any one time.

FYI, we had a thorough pool report for the non-pool media in our press center as you drove up to El Toro. The San Diego UNION reporter, Don Harrison, made a marvelous pool report, and combined with our tapings of the briefing and Mrs. Ford's remarks, it enabled a reporter to cover the story and not even leave the press center.

It's a shame that the networks do not have a better arrangement to feed their affiliates in pool situations, isn't it? We had a few disturbed regional TV types, and it's too bad the nets can't work something out. All in all, the coverage out here, and I'm sure across the nation, was very complete and got the message across. I'll be glad to forward you some front page clips if you need them.

It was fun meeting you, Sheila. I just wish that Mrs. Ford could have been with us as we strolled through the tent-camp area that evening. Things haven't changed. I'm truly impressed with your professionalism, thoroughness, and good humor. The First Lady is in able hands.

If you ever come out this way again, we'll have a field jacket waiting for you! I look forward to working with you some time in the future.

Sincerely,



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