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POOL REPORT KIMPO AIRPORT INTO SEOUL

According to Ron Nessen an official of the Ministry of Police estimates the crowd, airport to hotel, at two million plus. Assume all press read the placards en route.

Ford got out of his car twice. Once, in a well-controlled area, he walked along the right side of the street shaking hands and waving. He did this for about five minutes over a distance of perhaps 200 yards.

He was asked what he thought of the scene. "Just tremendous," he said.
"I think it's just a great tribute to the United States and to our American people and our friendship." Ever seen anything like this in Grand Rapids? The President laughed. "Yes, on a smaller scale." Near the hotel the President got out of the car again, worked both sides of the street and went back to the limo for the rest of the brief ride to the hotel lobby.

President Park rode with the President. He too got out of the car but for only a brief period. Park did not attempt to work the crowd and walked behind the President.

As the President's c approached the City Hall plaza what seemed like tons of multi-colored paper flakes were litterly shoveled from the tops of several buildings creating a sparkling storm of raining confetti in the bright sunlight. There was also a balloon drop.

Crowds, although surging were kept under very tight control. Following the President's car and the U.S. Secret Service follow-up, there was an open jeep-like machine with three south Korean military men. Each was facing a different direction with a sub-machine gun at the ready.

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