

November 20, 1974

POOL REPORT
FORD-TANAKA MEETING
10:00 a.m. - NOVEMBER 20
AKASAKA PALACE

President Ford emerged from his private quarters on the second floor and walked down a long flight of steps and awaited the arrival of Prime Minister Tanaka, who arrived promptly at 10:00. Mr. Ford wishes him good morning and said, "You have another beautiful day." They walked upstairs together leading their entourages into the second-floor salon.

The two leaders sat on a gilt settee, Mr. Ford in the middle and Mr. Tanaka on his right, their interpreters on small chairs at their sides. Senior aides occupied four gilt armchairs extending to make a deep semicircle. On the U.S. side, the senior aides were Kissinger, Hodgson, Habib and Scowcroft. The U.S. interpreter was James Wickel of the State Department. On the Japanese side, the senior aides were Foreign Minister Toshio Kamura, Ambassador to Washington Takashi Yasukawa, Deputy Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Kiyohiko Tsurumi, and Chief of the American Desk (Foreign Ministry) Toshio Yamazaki.

All that was overheard of their small talk was Mr. Ford's remark that "I thought the coverage in the papers and on TV last night was very accurate," and a brief discussion of Sumo wrestling. Mr. Ford asked, "How do they get so big." Mr. Tanaka replied, "It's the kind of food they eat." (It was not clear whether the reference to news coverage was to U.S., Japanese or both.)

Mr. Ford was dressed in a blue mod-styled suit with slanted pockets, blue and white striped shirt, midnight blue necktie. Mr. Tanaka wore a very dark blue shirt, vest and white shirt, dark tie. The rosebuds in the salon had been replaced since yesterday. A steward served coffee in porcelain cups decorated with tiny blue flowers as the meeting began.

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