

Pool Rep Nov. 30 President's trip to Army-Navy

Marine One left the White House at 11:40 a.m. on schedule.

When the President landed at the Philadelphia Naval Base at 12:50, there was a crowd of about 200 to greet him. There was a large sign with the words "Welcome Mr. President." After he was greeted by Philadelphia Mayor Rizzo, he worked the crowds for about ten minutes. It was mostly all small talk with the President saying he was "looking forward to the game."

Just outside JFK stadium, a group of about dozen men in fatigues, identifying themselves as Vietnam vets, were holding placards. One said "We're tired of bting the bullet for OMB." Another said "Vietnam Hvets want the GI bill now."

While he sat on the Navy side at the game, the President sat rather quietly watching the action. He clapped his hands when Navy kicked a field goal to go into a 3-0 lead. Later in the first half he turned to the Naval commandant, when it was 17-0, and said "I'm bringing you luck."

At halftime, the President crossed the field, stopping to talk to the handlers of the mascots for both academies. On the Army side, he was presented an Army sweater which he ~~xx~~ promptly put on.

The President was interviewed by ABS sports commentator Bill Fleming on the field. We couldn't ~~xx~~ catch much of the conversation which was televised. They did talk about the 30-30 brunch at the White House for his old high school teammates. He described the halfback (Silas McGee) as "big a ham Thursday as when we were playing."

On the Army side, Bob Hope whispered something to the President. He laughed out loud and asked if he could use it. Hope said: "Sure, t it's a good one for you." Later, Hope said he told the President he was "the first American ever sent to Siberia."

The President left the stadium ~~xx~~ and arrived at the White House a few minutes ahead of schedule (around 5:20 p.m.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today declared a major disaster for the State of Texas as a result of damage caused by severe storms and flooding beginning about September 12, which caused damage to public, private, and agricultural property. The President's action will permit the use of Federal funds in relief and recovery efforts in designated areas of the State.

Federal assistance from the President's Disaster Relief Fund will consist primarily of temporary housing assistance for families who have lost their homes as a result of the flooding; Disaster Unemployment Assistance; and the repair or restoration of damaged streets, roads, bridges, and public facilities and utilities. Low-interest rate disaster loans for homeowners and businesses will be made available by the Small Business Administration under the authorities of Public Law 93-24, and emergency loan assistance will be made available by the Farmers Home Administration.

Federal relief activities in Texas will be coordinated by the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the direction of Administrator Thomas P. Dunne. Mr. Dunne will designate the specific areas within the State eligible for Federal assistance, based upon Federal and State damage assessments.

Mr. Joe D. Winkle, Regional Director of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, HUD Region VI, will be designated as the Federal Coordinating Officer to work with the State in providing Federal disaster assistance under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Public Law 93-288.

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