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FURTHER POOL REPORT
ON OUTDOOR DINNER BY THE POOL

The final person at the President's table, the lovely blond is the Duchess d'Uzes of Paris, France, who, I understand, is formerly an American woman from New York named, according to Helen Thomas, Peggy Bancroft. As the evening's program began, President Ford, dressed in the plaid jacket, maroon slacks and white shoes described earlier, moved up to the microphone.

He talked about the discussions earlier in the day and said that they should have included music on the agenda. He then discussed the importance of jazz in American life and ended with an introduction of Sarah Vaughan, whom he kissed. Ms. Vaughan then began her program with "Tonight, Tonight" which she moved up to the Presidents' table to sing. She stood by the French Foreign Minister and gazed at the President as she sang her opening number. After that, she moved back to the bandstand, introduced her trio of accompanying pianists and continued the program which included, "Misty," "Close To You," "Summertime," and "There Will Never Be Another You."

At the conclusion of the program, President Ford came over to her table to thank Ms. Vaughan, chatted with her briefly, was joined by the President of France and they then posed for photographers. At one point, the President was overheard to say, "Thank you again," to Sarah Vaughan.

Immediately after he left her table, Henry Kissinger moved over to give his personal thanks.

In the early part of the program, President Ford, after the lights went off, put his glasses on. At about the same time, Helmut Sonnenfeldt left the dinner party together with one of his aides, obviously to return to work on the communique and other unfinished business.

As the evening wore on, it became clear that a number of chairs were empty, apparently indicating several others had left to return to work. After the program, President Ford chatted briefly with Madame Giscard and then escorted her and her husband, the President of France, to an elevator where he bid them farewell, adieu. The President was last seen back at the side of the swimming pool enjoying after-dinner drinks with members of his staff and possibly some members of the French Party.

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