

February 3, 1975

POOL REPORT #3

Governors and Ford, starting at 7:30, had been in President's 21st floor suite for cocktails. This was not mentioned on schedule.

Led by Governor Wallace in his wheelchair, Governors and Ford arrived together at Essex Room at 8:00 p.m. They were accompanied by Candace Bergen who had been admitted to cocktail reception, curtesy of David Kennerly, according to Eric Rosenberger.

Ms. Bergen accompanied Governors into Essex Room while pool was restricted to nearby holding room. A door of which later miraculously opened, sesame style to reveal the party.

The President was in center of rectangular table. To his left, North Carolina Governor, James Holshouser (R); Rumsfeld; Florida Governor Reubin Askew (D); James Falk, of the White House Domestic Council; Mississippi Governor, William Waller (D); Frank Zarb; Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards, HEW Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Alabama Governor, George Wallace (directly across from Ford), James Lynn, South Carolina Governor James Edwards (R); Nessen; Seidman (at right end of table); Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton, (D); Hartmann; and (next to President on his right side) Georgia Governor, George Busbee.

Ford and Busbee talked about Mrs. Ford's report that the Georgia Governor's mansion was especially beautiful, and Ford and Edwin Edwards mentioned oil prices of yore.

Edwards said "\$2 a barrell". Ford said "unbelievable".

China from the dinner was flown in from the White House -- pool veterans said it appears to be (who else's) -- Harry Truman's.

Menu: Cold Maine Lobster
Roast Beef
Rosette potatoes
Banquet of vegetables
Bib lettuce salad with herb dressing
Strawberry Bombe Flambe
Petite Fours (little cakes)

Wines: Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon '69
Almaden Blanc de Blanc '71, Champagne

Phil Jones
Morton Kondracke