

POOL REPORT #9

Independence Courthouse Square to Truman  
Library

May 8, 1976

After his speech at the courthouse, President Ford and his wife shook hands with the crowd on the opposite side of the court square, then stood in their limousine waving to crowds as they drove the short distance to 219 North Delaware Street.

At the Truman home they were greeted by daughter, Margaret, and a sister of Bess Truman's. The 91 year old Mrs. Truman never came outside. The Ford's private visit inside the home lasted about 15 minutes and when they left, they waved to a crowd of spectators roped off across the street. The Truman home is a white Victorian house on a corner with beautiful stained glass windows and lots of what's called gingerbread trim.

The Fords then drove to the top of a nearby hill to visit the Truman Library. In a spacious courtyard President Ford stood at attention in front of the Truman grave, listened with his eyes closed as a minister said a prayer for the former President. Mr. Ford said "Amen" and then stepped forward to place a red, white, and blue carnation wreath on the flat stone grave marker.

The President and Mrs. Ford and Margaret Truman Daniel came inside the museum for a short tour. Several hundred people were scattered through various museum rooms. Most of the pool was not allowed to follow.

More pool report will be filed later.

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