

western union

Telegram

NO. WDS.—CL. OF SVC.

PD. OR COLL.

CASH NO.

CHARGE TO THE ACCOUNT OF

 OVER NIGHT TELEGRAM

UNLESS BOX ABOVE IS CHECKED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE SENT AS A TELEGRAM

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Pool Report # 4

*our of Ford Motor Company auto parts plant

He ~~stayed~~ ^{was} there until nearly 8:20 p.m.
 Ford arrived at plant--the Sterling-Van Dyke Plant--at about ~~xx~~ 7:30p.m.

Ford Motor President Lee Iacoca was first to greet President. Outside, Ford shook a few hands, looked at a cutaway version of one of the plant's products, an auto front suspension system.

At the start of his tour through the plant--a 1.7 million square feet facility built in 1967--Ford donned safety glasses. ^{on} President, ^{at} what a plant spokesman described as an abbreviated tour, shook hands ~~with~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and signed autographs on assorted scraps of paper (including lottery tickets and job application forms). Unscientific survey by pool found response generally favorable; one worker told pooler President Ford "doesn't have a snowball's chance" in next Tuesday's primary. But same worker was seen sneaking back for a second handshake with President.

President stopped several times to watch machinery--including such contraptions as a 2,200 ton stamping press--in action. At one point, a pooler saw President reach for a hand and nearly get grazed by a slowly moving auto part moving by on overhead assembly line.

Early in tour, which was conducted by plant manager Thomas E. Harris,

President and party passed under bright red sign that cautioned:


"Warning: Ear Protection Must Be Worn in This Area." ^{No one in President's party got earplugs.} A President's own

MD advised that ^{pool} ~~brief~~ exposure to racket ^{on a tour} wouldn't affect hearing.

According to a Ford Motor Company handout, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

some of the plant's 1,400 workers were laid off in the 1974-75

recession but all had been recalled by January of this year.

 Don Falson
Mike Wright