

Pool report from Galt House in Louisville, to airport, to Flint, Mich.

Straggly line of protesters (numbering about 40-50) outside Galt House as Ford left. They jeered, but it is doubtful Pres. heard them since they were kept well back. Thumbs down signal, one UAW sign evident. Motorcade uneventful, but unusual delay in ~~getting~~ getting off, apparently because too early.

Nothing on flight.

At Flint airport, Ford conducted local ~~Q~~ q-and-a. Said had good day in Tenn, Ky. "We're going to make an all-out effort (in Mich.) because Mich. very crucial and we need all the ~~help~~ <sup>help</sup> and assistance we can get. We want ~~Republicans~~ Republicans, Dems, independents who believe as I do that program of peace on the one hand, which we have achieved, peace which we're going to keep, prosperity which ~~we~~ we have been able to turn around and go from a recession to ~~an~~ increasing ~~the~~ employment and decreasing inflation. And of course, the final thing that I want to convey to all of Mich. and to the people of the other ~~the~~ 49 states is that I think I have restored trust and confidence, forthrightness and candor in the White House, and that of course is vitally important in the next four years...."

Asked if he was worried about crossover ~~ER~~ <sup>all.</sup> vote for Reagan, Ford replied: "not at ~~all~~ <sup>all.</sup> I think I'll get more Democrats and more Independents ~~than~~ than he will because, ideologically, I think there are more Democrats who'll agree with me, more independents who'll agree with me and I think I'll get more Republicans than he. ~~So~~ So, when you add it all up, I think we'll ~~get~~ get a good vote." *asked what*

*what* percentage do you need to show your strength? He said, "I'm not going to get into ~~whether it's one figure or another.~~ <sup>whether it's one figure or another.</sup> we're going to win, and we're going to win because we got a lot of support ~~in~~ from Republicans, Democrats and Independents."

*would a* defeat here in your home state hurt you nationwide? "We don't anticipate it," *he said*

Talking to Mayor of Flint, who apologized for not having Buicks out at the ~~Flint~~ airport. "We're selling so ~~many~~ many of them we just don't have enough," sez his honor. Ford's reply was: "Just so you keep making 'em, selling em, getting more jobs."

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They talked some more about economy. "It's really taking off," the mayor said. Ford agreed. (Mayor's name is James Rutherford).

Ford greeted at Holiday Inn by manager Robert ~~Spillane~~ Spillane and his wife. (Pres.'s room overlooks the parking lot).

(Addenda: Mrs. Ford, who is making the train trip, too, arrived at Flint Airport about 10 mins. before president. She was not seen at Holiday Inn, ~~but~~ however).

Frank Jackman  
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