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POOL REPORT...SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY TO AIRPORT, AIRFORCE 1 etc

President and 1st lady and Susan departed en famille with arms around each others waite, stop ping at random to shake hands with very enthusiastic crowds at the school. At one point after Susan and Betty tried "working the fence" Susan turned to her mother and said "That's dangerous" (an apparent reference to all that grabbing). At the airport the President went into the terminal and ~~did~~ did several closed interviews while Betty and Susan boarded 26000. Emerging slightly behind schedule the President said several goodbyes and the Mich state chairman Bill McLaughlin said to the Pres. "We're gonna do it somehow."

~~Page 2: Sherwood Elementary School PFC Reception in Alexandria~~
Nessen came back and told us about an addition to the schedule tomorrow...at 2pm The President will meet with the Vice President and AID disaster director Daniel Parker, Mr Ford to receive a report on the Italian earthquake.

In addition upon arrival at Andrews A FB Nessen said some members of the Presidents cabinet, WH staff and PFC wives and children had decided to come out and welcome the President home . Nessen insists it was not organized by the President but instead it was spontaneous and its a "nice gesture". Nessen added "we didn't have a thing to do with it...we couldn't turn them back..we didn't encourage it..." The President was not expected to make remarks just shake hands...

Growald asked if Pres talked to Milikin today and Nessen said not to the best of his knowledge...Growald again; has he talked to Reagan; nessen said "he hasn't talked to reagan since reagan called to announce he was getting into the race."

Tonights PFC reception in Alexandria: At the home of Colonel Winfred Smith, sponsored by ad hoc group of "Friends for Ford" (independents and Dems) plus Alexandria PFC also sponsoring it..The hosts will be Mr and Mrs Marshall May .. All attendees are said to be Fords friends from Alexandria days. Do not expect remarks at PFC reception in Alexandria...just more socializing... AIR FORÉE ONE ZEROX MACHINE BROKEN... SORRY THIS IS IT....

pool will post report in WH briefing room on PFC and if anything startling Thym Smyth will put it on 456-2233

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POOL REPORTS.....Andrews arrival and Alexandria reception..

Contrary to what we were told the President did make a small speech to the Cabinet and their families at Andrews but it was essentially thank you for the hours you sacrifice when your husbands are at work..... 250 to 300 persons were there and included were Humsfeld, Kissinger Butz Ambass Cato, Scowcroft Greenspan Lynn Marsh Buchen Kleppe, Usery etc...Someone shouted three cheers for the president and so it went with handshaking lots of flags and friendly placards..

At Andrews Betty and Susan split for the White house... and later at the fund raising reception the president tolds someone that Betty and Susan were worn out and he added "you know that bad neck" refering to Bettys pinched nerve.

Uneventful motorcade to Alexandria's old town. Winfred Smith house is 3 story brick colonial furnished lavishly with oriental rugs and antiques...President entered waving to 75 persons across the street and he met with patrons of the ALEXANDRIA FRIENDS OF PRESIDENT FORD (about 8 couples)...who paid \$250 per couple...We were told other tickets were \$100 per couple...and we were told the take was approx ~~22,000~~ \$22,000...We figure at least 150 people were there in courtyard decorated in formal English garden style, boxwood and bricked terrace. Lots of old friends and small talk..Peter Kaye confirmed an Oregon trip Saturday to be followed by California for several days...Pres told someone on Michigan "It looks good".." Its OK ~~and~~ we're goma make it." Shortly before 8 he complained his voice was getting tired..He looked at watch at 8:01 and decided to go and shaking hands all the way.. President was offered one martini from which he took one swallow andhe left therest...Peter Kaye could not confirm whether pres would buy 15 minutes on Mich T V stations tomorrow...

TELL NAOMI NOVER A GREAT BLUE HERON FLEW OVER THE COCKTAIL BERTY BUT WENT UNNOTICED BY THE PRESIDENT..

WALT RODGERS, AP radio