

POOL REPORT     JAN 5/6, 1977

THE FORDS LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE ABOUT 8:30 P.M. FOR THE SHORT DRIVE TO THE "F" STREET CLUB AT 20TH STREET. THEY WERE MET AT CURBSIDE BY VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER, ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVY, AND COMMERCE SECRETARY RICHARDSON.

THE POOL WAS PERMITTED INSIDE FOR PICTURES AFTER THE GROUP HAD SAT DOWN AT FOUR OVAL TABLES. EVERYONE SEEMED IN A GOOD MOOD. THERE WAS ALOT OF LAUGHING AND SMILING ALL AROUND. WE WERE TOLD THE CABINET WOULD PRESENT THE FORDS A SMALL (COFFEE TABLE SIZE) REPLICA OF THE CABINET TABLE, AND EACH MEMBER WOULD AUTOGRAPH IT.

AT ABOUT 12:20 A.M. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD LEFT. GETTING INTO THEIR LIMO. MR. FORD KIDDED THE POOL SAYING, "DON'T YOU LIKE THIS SPRING WEATHER." ASKED ABOUT THE PARTY HE SAID, "I CAN'T SAY IN WORDS WHAT IT MEANT TO US."

OUTSIDE THE SOUTH PORTICO ENTRANCE AT 12:29 A.M. THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED IT SAYING, "GREAT CABINET, GREAT PARTY, WONDERFUL EVENING." MRS. FORD ADDED, "THEY ARE ALL WONDERFUL DANCERS."

SECRETARY RUMSFELD TOLD THE POOL THAT ON SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK THERE WILL BE A SORT OF FAMILY CABINET MEETING WHERE THE WIVES AND CHILDREN OF THE CABINET MEMBERS WILL ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO SEE THE PLACE AND MEET THE FORDS. EXACT DETAILS WERE FUZZY.

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