POOL REPORT # 24

ARRIVALS AT AKASAKA PALACE

JUNE 29, 1979

It was raining Friday morning. It was a good rain, grey and slow as the pace of most of the heads of state who arrived in it.

Members of this pool had been held under umbrellas by security officers for some 20 minutes before they were allowed to approach the entrance to the Imperial Palace. That delay meant that few, if any, cameras were in place when Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira arrived at 8:18 a.m. Minister of Internath Trade and Industry Esaki arrived at 8:23.

Then the plastic tarp covering the red carpet from the good rain was lifted, at 8:27. Foreign Minister Sonoda arrived at 8:38.

The EC delegation arrived at 9:12, followed by Joe Clark of Canada. Mr. Clark walked over to a bleachers and talked in French for several seconds to several Americans who didn't understand what he said. Mr. Clark indicated that he envied the position of the reporters and technicians, there in the good rain, and expressed concern that he mightn't get a chance to take a stroll before lunch.

West German and British officials arrived at 9:17 and 9:19, respectively, followed by Mr. Andreotti of Italy at 9:21. During the interim, Mr. Tanogashira swept off the accumulated rain from the red carpet. He used a wooden broom and was dressed in a beige leisure (energy-saving) suit.

Then came a raft of senior officials, from France at 9:23, Secretaries Blumenthal and Schlesinger at 9:24, trailed by Henry Owen and Bob Hormats. Secretary Vance came at 9:26.

At 9:32:08, President Carter and Mrs. Thatcher pulled up together and got out of the back seat of the Cadillac limousine. The rain had slackened sufficiently so that neither used an umbrella. Mrs. Thatcher looked spiffy in a royal blue dress, the President looked tired and grim.

Helmut Schmidt was the penultimate head of state to show, emerging at 9:34 with his hand in his pocket. Finally, the head of state of the Republic of France, appearing alert and smiling, completed the cycle of dignitaries.

The rain, which remained good throughout, continued to fall, and Mr. Tanogashira got out his broom and began to sweep the carpet again.

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THE WHITE HOUSE THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER DATE (Mo., Day, Yr.) LOCATION JUNE 29, 1979 U.S. EMBASSY RESIDENCE TIME DAY TOKYO, JAPAN 5:30 a.m. FRIDAY PHONE P-Placed R-Rec'd TIME ACTIVITY To From The President received a wake up call from the White House R 5:30 signal board operator. The President talked with Vice President Walter F. Mondale. 6:45 P 6:36 The President talked with his Press Secretary, Joseph L. "Jody" 7:04 7:06 R Powell. The President talked with his Deputy Appointments Secretary, R 7:16 7:15 Frances M. "Fran" Voorde. The President went to the entrance of the U.S. Embassy residence. The President made a statement to the press regarding OPEC 7:40 7:28 oil prices. The President returned to the residence. The President met with his Assistant for National Security 7:41 7:57 Affairs, Zbigniew Brzezinski. The President went to his motorcade. 7:57 The President motored from the U.S. Embassy residence to the 8:06 7:57 residence of the French Embassy. The President went to the dining area. The President participated in a breakfast meeting with Heads of 8:07 9:15 State and Government and their ministers attending the Economic Summit. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX "A." The President returned to his motorcade. He was accompanied by Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britian and Northern Ireland IUK) Margaret R. Thatcher. The President and Prime Minister Thatcher motored from the 9:19 9:21 French Embassy residence to the Akasaka Palace. The President was greeted by Prime Minister of Japan Masayoshi Ohira. The President went to the U.S. Delegation Room. 9:28