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Pool Report #1
Andrews to Budapest
4/5 December 1994

Mr. Clinton was wearing a blue overcoat as he boarded Air Force One after hosting the Kennedy Center honors; it was not for your pool to see what he was wearing beneath. The plane took off promptly at 6:15 P.M., and we were visited soon after by Anthony Lake, the national security adviser, who was amiable and devoid of news until being told by an aide that a secure telephone call was awaiting him "on the beige phone."

A senior Administration official (who, fyi only, was wearing Mr. Lake's suit) later came back to provide a high-speed briefing that he began by reciting the 20 most common prepositions in the English language so quickly that none were intelligible. (The White House excised that performance from its transcript, which you'll get.) You'll get the transcript, but should note that the officials emphasized that there were "three major deals" connected with the Clinton trip and to predict that Start I, which "would be a huge deal" if we still had a Cold War (but we don't).

Asked why the President had not simply changed his plans so as to allow time to actually talk with his fellow leaders, Dee Dee Myers noted that the group invited to the White House on Monday night includes all 535 members of the outgoing Congress. She suggested that it would have been rude if the President hadn't shown up. "535 people had been invited and made plans," she said, many of them involving purchases of airline tickets. Altogether, Ms. Myers said, the White House expects about 400 members of Congress, each with a guest, to attend the Monday-night party.

We otherwise had no visitors.

Doug Jehl, New York Times
Matt Cooper, U.S. News & World Report

Pool Report #2

**Budapest
December 5, 1994**

Among Mr. Clinton's guests who could be seen climbing from Air Force One with him were outgoing Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, a member of the Helsinki Commission; Representative Steny Hoyer of Maryland, who told reporters aboard the plane that he was the Commission's last surviving and now ranking American member; and Representative Tom Lantos of California, who is of Hungarian decent.

The long, slow motorcade ride to the Congress Center took the President and his party through streets that had been cleared of traffic and passed sidewalks where there were few onlookers apparently due to the public holiday declared by the Hungarian government in honor of the summit. The ride was otherwise uneventful and Mr. Clinton disappeared inside the Congress Center to prepare for his brief speech.

**Matt Cooper, U.S. News & World Report
Doug Jehl, New York Times**