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Whirlwind visits by high officials have almost become a Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory specialty. Latest was that of Vice President Gerald R. Ford, who visited LASL on the morning of Friday, July 12.

Ford came to New Mexico to address the National Lieutenant Governors' Conference in Santa Fe on Friday afternoon, but managed to squeeze in a visit to LASL that morning. Accompanying him on a two-engine charter plane from Albuquerque were U.S. Representatives Manuel Lujan, Jr., and Harold Runnels (both N.M.), AEC Commissioner William Kriegsman, and H. C. Donnelly, manager of the AEC's Albuquerque Operations Office.

Greeting Ford and his party at the Los Alamos Airport were AEC Chairman Dixy Lee Ray and her technical assistant, David Jenkins (both had arrived the night before), and Laboratory Director Harold Agnew. A few brief welcoming formalities, a word or two to the press, and the Vice President and his party were whisked away to a busy morning indeed.

A Distinguished Guest from Washington

Vice President Ford Visits LASL

The press scrambles for positions, some moving ladders to get a view from the top.

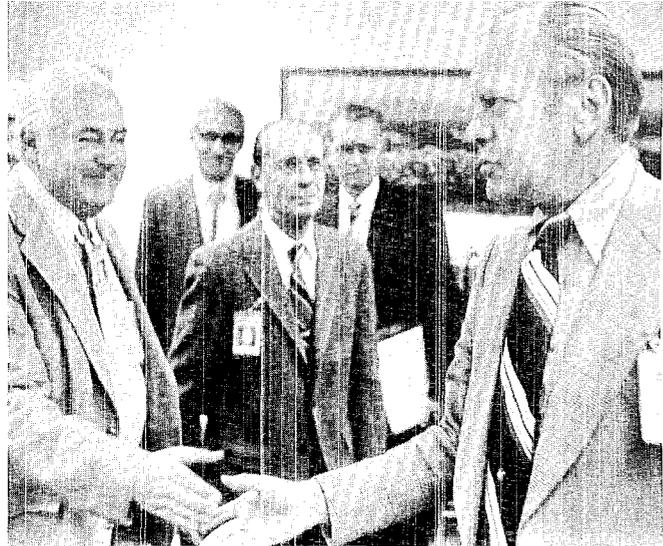


The Vice President arrives, waves to admirers. Lujan and Runnels are to the right.



Ford pauses for a few brief words to the press, accompanied by Agnew (left), Ray, and Runnels (right).

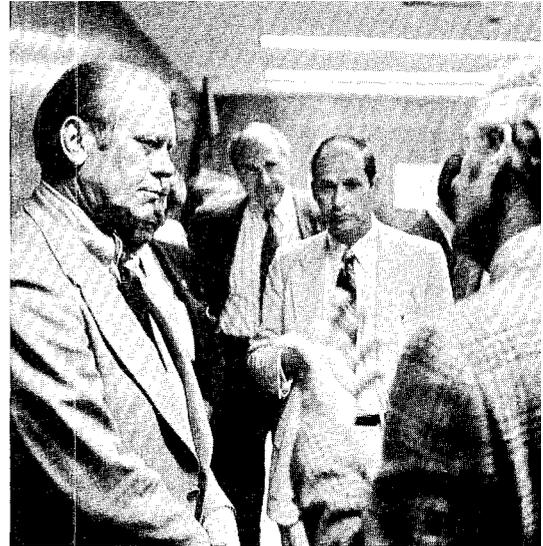




Keith Boyer, I-Division leader, meets Ford. Watching are Richard Taschek, ADR; Richard Baker, CMB division leader; and Morton C. Smith, Q-22 group leader.



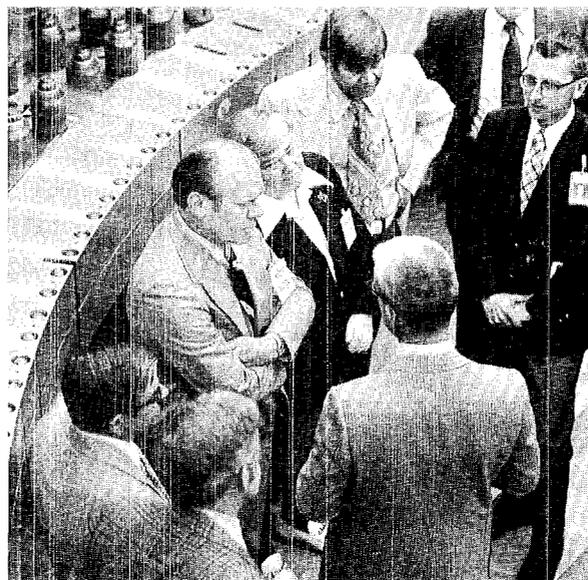
Agnew explains fine points of display to Ford in the Green Room.



More explanations in the Blue Room as Donnelly and Kriegsman listen.



A moment of relaxation and it's off to Scyllac. Left to right: Agnew, Ford, Ray, and Jenkins.



Ford, Ray, and Runnels learn "all" about Scyllac from George Sawyer, CTR alternate division leader, and Warren Quinn, CTR-3 group leader.



Looking into things more closely are Lujan (front) and Ford.

Highlight of Scyllac briefing: Ford receives a sample of trinitite, fused soil and rock from historic Trinity site.

Another whirlwind visit ends all too soon. The Vice President departs for the National Lieutenant Governors' Conference in Santa Fe just before noon.

