

Ford in Dallas calls for end to fear talk

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DALLAS — Urging an end to pessimism in the week President Gerald R. Ford denounced the "doomsayers" who see America crumbling under economic woe, fear of crime and

"I didn't take the sacred oath of office to preside over the decline and fall of the United States of America," Ford told an audience of about 3,000 Republicans in Dallas.

"I most emphatically reject these scenarios of pessimism."

Arriving from Kansas City, Ford also said he considers the investigation of John F. Kennedy's 1963 murder in Dallas a closed book, with no significant new evidence to be considered.

The President, who did not appear to be wearing his new bullet-proof vest, passed through sparse crowds as he drove in a closed limousine to the O.G. women's convention and passed within a quarter mile of the site where Kennedy was shot.

Security was tight, and Ford's parade route was kept narrow.

Secret Service field agents said also: federal, city and state police units—including the Texas Rangers—helped guard the President. Secret Service cars often pulled up alongside Ford's limousine, forming a protective wedge against potential

the convention here. Ford issued a sharp attack on doomsayers.

"Frankly," he said, "I've had it with the negative attitude. I would write a check for the doom for America."

"I've heard much too much from people who say the country is falling apart, how the quality of American life is deteriorating, how the dollar was hurt, how the economy is a disaster. Derogers have been very loudly locked.

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At Dallas, Love, field reporters questioned Ford about the investigation of Kennedy's assassination, including whether it should be reopened because of startling allegations of a conspir-

"I think the right decision was made and I think it would be unwise to reopen the Warren Commission investigation of the assassination," Ford said.

... of significant evidence was revealed by Lee Harvey Oswald...

In Dallas, Ford said he was unshaken about security considerations. Asked whether this visit evoked memories of the Kennedy assassination, he replied: "It never entered my mind."

"It has been a great trip," he said. "The people have been so wonderful."

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