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New Delhi to Lahore. Another hot morning. Chapin and I went for quick shopping trip while President in talks and almost missed the plane.

Brief talk with President regarding domestic, and some trip odds and ends. He's in great shape and attitude. Does sound a little hoarse. Says he's tired because of the extreme heat. Short flight.

Lahore is 10 degrees hotter than Delhi - 109 degrees! Good airport ceremony. Slow step for President's review of troops, then they passed in review. Good motorcade - had not expected much for crowds but there was a very good turnout - and very enthusiastic, although motorcade lineup was really screwed up and we were so far back we could not really tell anything.

Government House, where we are staying, is a real throwback to the Colonial days. Beautiful huge lawns and gardens, teak wood carved paneling, etc. Feels like we've stepped back one hundred years.

President had his talks here in the Residence while the rest of us recovered from the heat. Then a spectacular entertainment on the lawn - dancers with swords and rifles, and massed bagpipes. All the guests sitting around the edge under umbrellas and pavilions. Then a little staff time. President in good mood, really likes the people here.

Dinner was also in Government House, in lovely teakwood hall with very good police band playing from the balcony, alternating Pakistani songs with American. Pretty good dinner. Best conversation of the trip as I sat between Minister for Economic Planning and the Foreign Secretary. Really learned something for a change. No entertainment so to bed fairly early. Still hot as Hades.

Pakistan problem of having to form a new government - and having no constitution under which to do so, is a fascinating one. India in similar situation. Both have elections coming up soon.