

Ricky Reticent At Reception

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Gov. Ricky Bordallo spent some 30-40 minutes yesterday morning at a reception for U.S. Sen. Robert R. Griffin, R-Mich., before walking out without speaking to the guest of honor.

"He had to leave quickly because there was a workshop staff meeting" in progress at the Governor's Office since 9 a.m., said Ed Gould, the Governor's press secretary.

Bordallo arrived at the Andersen Air Force Base Officers Club in his chauffeur-driven government limousine at shortly after 10 a.m. after meeting four senators as they alighted from a plane on the parking apron at the Andersen air terminal.

The Governor -- along with Lt. Gov. Rudy Sablan and Speaker Joe Ada and several island senators--greeted the visiting politicians at planeside. Most of those in the reception line proceeded to the Officers Club to join a reception in Griffin's honor.

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Griffin initially was kept busy by members of the media but later joined informal discussion groups. He was engaged in discussion by Ada, and Sen. Concepcion Barrett, but the circle soon enlarged to include Sablan, Sen. Jerry Rivera and Carl Gutierrez and others.

Bordallo remained at the other end of the room speaking with a few persons and made no visible attempt to approach the Griffin group. Shortly before 11 a.m. Griffin noticed that Bordallo was no longer in the room and asked about him. When he was informed that apparently the Governor had left, Griffin quickly went to the front of the club but could not find Bordallo.

Griffin remained at the club for lunch, it was reported.