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June 18, 1975

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Q - Lost to Maddox?

A - ~~Howell~~, Callaway got more votes than Maddox but both got less than 50% so under our const, state legis made the decision.



POSSIBLE QUESTIONS RE EVANS & NOVAK COLUMN OF SUNDAY

The facts

1. Who decides whether the President is traveling as a candidate, as the titular leader of the Republican Party or as the President on official business?
2. If the answer is "the White House," who specifically in the White House?
3. Isn't it a fact that because there is no language in the campaign spending act concerning expenditures by an incumbent President that you are able to use this loophole to charge all of the President's campaign activities to the Republican National Committee?
4. Isn't it true (as E&N reported) that the President will not make any trips this year as a candidate, even though he will be making many campaign type swings around the country? No decision
5. Doesn't it give the President an unfair advantage to be able to charge the RNC for all of his political trips this year? No
6. By charging the RNC for all of his political activities, thus "saving" the President Ford Committee money, isn't the President making somewhat of a mockery of the law he signed and firmly endorsed?
7. How much does it cost to rent Air Force 1? (\$2,206 per hour)
8. When will the White House announce its formula for determining who pays for what trips? After 1/24
POTUS
9. Will the White House ask the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion on the legality of its formula?
10. Don't you think you are giving the American people the impression that you are not living up to the spirit of the Campaign Act, if not the letter of it.



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It's no suprise. He is in now. The President respects him. But the President think he will win the nomination and election.

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MMM Regan, I understand will be doing heavy campaigning in Florida and N.H. and elsewhere. The President expepts to spend most of his time in the White House, doing his job, running the country and f reign policy and being President. So the voters will make their choice between Regan's campaign speeches and the President's record as President. Based on that, the President is confident he will win the nomination and the election.

Will concentrate on later as Pres. Pres. expects the American people to judge him on his record as Pres. And he believes, ~~that~~, based on that, he will be

Q If he command?
A. Never spoken. all has opponent.

POLITICS

November 6, 1975

The PFC is prepared with the following response to questions on the Rockefeller press conference:

" I agree with the Vice President's decision and the reasons behind it. I would hope that his desire to reduce party squabbles will be emulated by others.

"This is a theme voiced by Senator Barry Goldwater and other leaders who realize from long experience that the Republican Party is a minority party and cannot afford the divisiveness of pre-convention squabbling. "

Bo Callaway will talk with reporters -- on a one-on-one basis only on this matter. He will talk by phone or do office interviews. As of 11:15 p.m., there had been no inquiries.

There have been some questions on the President skiing in New Hampshire. PFC and New Hampshire Committee people are answering: "It's news to me. "

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