

POOL REPORT

Washington, D. C. to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 9-9-74

"At this point there is no clarification of my role," Jack Hushen told the pool. He said he was deputy press secretary. He said the deputy obviously became acting. Hartmann, Haig, and Hushen aboard, but not Jack Marsh, who scratched himself, according to Hushen.

Second graf of speech, second sentence reads you know we have too many automobiles at the wrong place at the wrong time ... and not enough gasoline at the right place at the right time.

Sixth graf last sentence change last word to somewhere to downtown.

Meeting this afternoon with Waldheim at 2:30 p.m. in White House.

Asked if the President asked him to become Press Secretary, Hushen said "no."

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AF 1 touched down at 1:45 P.M.

John W. Hushen, who said he should be referred to as deputy press secretary, came back to the pool about half hour before touchdown and said President had postponed "indefinitely" a decision on amnesty.

Hushen said: "The events of the past week, especially of the last 72 hours, have not allowed the President to focus on the ~~subject~~^{question} of the conditional amnesty program. He has not finished his considerations of just what he plans to do. It is more complex than he thought initially and he wants to be personally involved in the entire matter. So there will be no announcement tomorrow."

Asked if the pardon for former President Nixon was regarded as more urgent than the question of amnesty, Hushen replied "That's a conclusion you can draw because one(event) followed the other."

He said he could give no guidance on when the President would announce his amnesty program.

Hushen said that the ~~the~~ President has made no change in his previously announced case by case, category by category approach to the ~~the~~ amnesty issue. ~~that~~ Asked if any chance now-- in context of full pardon for Nixon--there were any chance for an unconditional ~~amnesty~~ amnesty program ~~Hushen~~ Hushen replied "No."

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~~xxxxxx~~ Hushen said the President was aware of public reaction

to his pardon announcement yesterday. He said the President called the White House switchboard last night on another matter and asked an operator about the volume of calls. She replied that it was "very heavy and kind of unfavorable." Hushen said that as of last night there were $\pm$ 3,000 phone calls running two to one against the President. There ~~was~~ was no tabulation of telegrams.

~~"The President's pardon of the five men has been a very good"~~

"He knew it would be controversial," Hushen said.

Upon leaving the Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh the President was greeted by both loud boos and loud ~~loud~~ cheers in about equal volume. About 200-300 demonstrators were outside—a larger crowd than when he went in.

On the plane Hushen said the President "heard the boos."

On the way to the airport the President made two unannounced stops at schools near the airport. One was the Moon Jr. High School and High School complex and the second was at Garnot Elementary School a block or so away. He greeted a total of 3,500 students. He got out of his limousine at both stops and walked along shaking hands with students using a two-handed technique. At the first stop the line was about 500 ~~xxx~~ yards long. ~~It~~ He was warmly greeted by the excited kids. He made a brief talk at both places, praising local and state politicians (Scott, Schweiker, Morgan et al) and telling the students that they are "The biggest and finest asset not just of Moon township but of these whole 50 United States and I am proud of all of you."

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second add pool report

Carl Costanzo, 6-yr-old son of ~~monstr~~ Carnot Principal,
John Costanzo, presented President with football ~~jr~~ Jersey.
The elder Costanzo sent a telegram to the White House on
Friday urging the President to ~~visit~~ visit. The President
made up his mind to do so on the plane out today, Hushen said.

We asked ~~Hushen~~ Hushen to please try to bring
the President back to the press pool on AF 1. He came back
later and said the President would not come back.

~~Phil~~ Phil Shabecoff

Bob Schieffer

Tom Joyce

