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POOL REPORT

Washington, D. C. - New York

Trip largely uneventful. Saw nothing of President.

Hushka reported that President decided that the Administration will not support the request of Pan American World Airways for direct federal subsidy. At yesterday's meeting with the President and his top advisors, Secy. Brinegar described the Administration's program of specific steps which are underway and which will improve the financial health of U. S. Flag carriers and may enable Pan Am to overcome its problems.

Brinegar holding press conference at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday to elaborate.

Kissinger came back briefly to say that there will be a meeting with the 5 CIA oversight Congressman tomorrow (Thursday) to discuss the CIA-Chile affair, presumably to determine whether covert political operations should be continued. The five include Speaker Carl Albert, Sen. Mike Mansfield, Hugh Scott, Rep. Thomas O'Neill (D-Mass) and Rep. John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.), the latter two respective party leaders in House.

On background only -- Dr. Kissinger said he was confident covert operations of Chile type could be defended on national security grounds. An "overwhelming case" could be made that national security could be damaged if these operations were dropped (not in Chile but generally). Asked if this wasn't endorsing policy of intervention in other countries, Kissinger said that was a philosophic question worth debating.

As the motorcade left heliport area, a few (maybe 30) folks standing along roadside applauded. Kissinger rode with President to UN. In front of building Ambassador Scali and UN protocol officer welcomed President (see Bible for details).

In UN elevator area, pandemonium took over. A security breakdown or breakup led to massive jostling at elevators, screaming, pushing. Credentials were laughable. Secret Service and UN security men showed none of the cooperation for which Ford appealed in his speech.

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Pool for the President's attendance at the Swearing-In of
Ronald Sarro as President of the Washington Press Club -
The Washington Press Club, Wednesday, September 18, 1974.

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After his elevator stuck and he walked the last flight of stairs to the 12th floor of the U. S. mission, the ~~President~~ spoke for about five minutes, paying tribute first to ~~Mr~~ U. N. ambassador John Scali, then Secretary Kissinger again. Of Scali, he said, "We have in Ambassador Scali, the 14th ambassador, an outstanding representative of our ~~government~~ government. I'm proud of him."

Of Kissinger, the President said, "We are lucky and fortunate to have Secretary Kissinger as our Secretary of State and the head of our National Security Council."

After leaving the building, the President stopped outside briefly to shake hands with construction workers on ~~the~~ the sidewalk in front of a construction site adjacent to the U. S. mission.

Army 1 departed Wall St. helo pad at 336, AF 1 off at JFK at 358p.

On return flight, the President talked with Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger, Sen. Stuart Symington and Counselor John Marsh.

During reception following speech at the UN, the President stood between Scali and Kissinger, greeting ambassadors and heads of delegations.

Among those in line to greet the president was Soviet foreign minister ~~Andrei~~ Gromyko, who chatted with the President for two or three ~~long~~ minutes before moving along, apparently on subjects of some amusement to ~~both~~ both. Ambassador Huang Hua of the Peoples' Republic of China greeted the President

Gromyko's reaction to the speech: "I am studying the President's speech."

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Earlier, the ambassador stepped out of the line and spent several minutes talking with Alexander Haig, whom he had met before, apparently during the Nixon China trip.

Enroute to Washington, Jack Hushen released ~~statements~~ two statements by the President: 1. On the release of Emmett Kay, a contract pilot who has been prisoner in Laos since May 1973, ~~when~~ 2. ~~Reaffirming~~ Support of deferral of the Federal pay increase when the Senate takes up the ~~measure~~ pay ~~measure~~ measure Thursday.