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POOL REPORT

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Trip largely uneventful. Saw nothing of President.

Hushen 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 Congressmen 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 helipad 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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