

OCTOBER 15, 1974

## POOL REPORT NUMBER 1

Wheels up Andrews AFB 4:47 p.m. to Kansas City, Missouri.

Nothing until Nessen came to pool compartment at 5:30 p.m. and only news at that point was that President would be making a statement on the Boston school situation shortly, and that the President would meet with Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Hotel Muehlebach at Dole's request to talk about "the wheat situation in Kansas." Nessen said he really did not know what that situation was. He said Dole would be available at the hotel after the 15-minute meeting. A pool would be admitted at the beginning of the meeting. At 5:35 p.m. an aide told Nessen "The President wants you," presumably in connection with the Boston statement. Statement is to be released at the White House also.

Nessen returned at 6:30 p.m. that Boston statement had been released at the White House and it was not yet available on the plane. The thrust of it was he said, was that Gov. Sargent had not formally requested federal troops, that he had not used all of his authorities. Nessen said Sargent had talked to Kenneth Cole, Executive Director of the Domestic Council, not the President. Therefore, a formal request from Sargent to the President has not been made.

Dean Burch said the GOP National Committee is paying for the entire trip because of the questions raised as to the political-nonpolitical character of the Kansas City visit.

The plane experienced turbulence from 6:08 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. approximately. Nessen said the President buckled his belt and remarked, "I thought Air Force One would be smoother than this." Nessen then quoted a copy of the Boston statement issued in Washington saying the mayor and governor had not used all resources at their disposal and saying that "The President feels federal troops should only be used as a last resort."

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