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POOL REPORT
ADENDUM

President Ford Visit to Former President
Nixon

During the motorcade from the Century Plaza to the choppers Friday morning, Nessen reported that the President was "subdued" prior to the Nixon visit. The President talked about the reason for going, which Nessen said was "just for a very humane reason."

"Mrs. Nixon said it would help, and the doctor said it would help, so I'm going to do it," Nessen quoted the President. Political considerations had nothing to do with the decision, Nessen continued. "It (politics) doesn't have anything to do with it," Ford was said to have said, "so I don't care."

"I just believe I ought to do it."

And on the trip from Los Angeles to Fresno, Nessen came back to report that the President was convinced that the visit was the right thing to do and that the Nixons family was "extremely pleased" that he had come.

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FYI, the above was omitted from the original pool report due to the press of time and in the belief that it was far less significant than the details of the visit itself.

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