

November 2, 1974

POOL REPORT

## Portland to Salt Lake City

President out of hotel on schedule. Shook hands of motorcycle police and waved at 50-75 friendly greeters across the street from the hotel, before an uneventful drive to airport.

Nessen back to tell us that sons Steve, 18, and Jack, 22, will meet President at Salt Lake City airport and stay with him for Utah visit. Steve is a ranch hand at Lolo, Montana, and Jack is a senior in forestry at Utah State, NOT the school where the President is speaking today.

Nessen said President slept from 6 1/2 to 7 hours. "Apparently had a very good night's sleep... unlike some of us," Nessen said.

Before take-off, the President made a tape recording officially closing Expo '74 at Spokane. Described comments as "routine." No plans to release tape to us.

Discussing President's plans for Tuesday night, Nessen said "he wants to watch TV at the White House." Said he may have some members of Congress join him. Nessen heard him mention Sen. Scott and Rep. Rhodes as possible companions, but not sure if they will be in town. Present plans are for White House to release a written statement sometime during the evening with Ford's reactions. Ford knows about the party at the Capitol Hill Club, Nessen said, "but at the moment, he doesn't plan to go."

Nessen anticipates no advance text for Colorado or Kansas stops.

Enroute to airport, Nessen said President has been eyeing golf courses during flight and has indicated he might like to play golf soon. Says he is uncertain if Ford might play golf Sunday, but can't rule it out.

Girard, Norton, Beckman

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## Nessen Remarks Concerning Presidential Travel

Nessen told the pool Friday night that the President would fly directly to Tokyo from Washington on Sunday, November 17, stopping only to refuel. He did not say where he would refuel. He said that discussions of the President spending several days resting in California before the Japanese trip have been abandoned. The only travel between now and the Japanese trip Nessen said, is a trip on November 14 that will have the President speaking to a realtors Convention in Las Vegas and to Sigma Delta Chi in Phoenix. That will be a one day trip and we will return home early that Friday morning before leaving the following Sunday for Japan.

Beckman

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