ANNOUNCEMENT:

PLANS FOR COVERAGE
OF ROCKEFELLER SWEARING IN

I can give you some details on our plans for the White House portion of the swearing-in ceremonies for Vice President-designate Rockefeller. As you probably know, the Senate Press, Radio-TV and Photography galleries are responsible for the press arrangements for the ceremony itself in the Senate Chamber.

For our part, however, we plan to have full press coverage of the arrival at the White House of Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller and their two children, preceding the ceremony. It is expected that will take place at the South Portico about an hour before the ceremony itself.

There will also be full press coverage of the departure from the South Portico of the President and Mrs. Ford, and the Vice President-designate and his family, about 15 minutes before the ceremony is to begin. The two families will travel to the Capitol in a motorcade, with the standard White House Press Travel Pool, plus a special travel pool which Mr. Rockefeller will be bringing with him. On arrival at the Capitol, the two Press Pools will be conducted to the hall outside the Senate Chamber and wait there until the ceremony is over. The members of the travel pools will NOT be admitted to the Senate Chamber for the ceremony.

When the ceremony concludes, the President and Mrs. Ford will leave the Capitol for the White House, with the Presidential Travel Pool accompanying them. The Vice President and his family, accompanied by the Vice Presidential Travel Pool will attend a reception on Capitol Hill, and following that, will return to the White House.

We do NOT plan any coverage of the return to the White House of either motorcade except that provided by the travel pools.