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POOL REPORT #1

AIR FORCE ONE WASHINGTON TO KNOXVILLE

Wheelsup at 11:46. Frank Zarb said the meeting with the Appalachian governors will be concerned mostly with deregulation of natural gas. Said a lot of states have problems with shortages and Zarb mentioned Tennessee expects 30% shortage this winter.

Nessen came back and said the President will speak on his tax proposal at the White House Conference. Congressional reaction slow in coming to the speech last night and Nessen offered the opinion that perhaps they were surprised at the scope of the proposal. Within the first hour after the speech the White House got 80 phone calls: 60 in favor of tax cuts, 20 opposed.

Nessen said on the President's views the President said several times in deliberations before the speech "he believes that people ought to keep more of their own money and decide how to spend it instead of sending it down to Washington and let the government spend it. He used this over and over in discussions".

ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENTA ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE:

Tennessee Rep. Senators Howard Baker and Bill Brock; Congressmen James Quillen, (R-Tenn.); and John J. Duncan, (R-Tenn.); also regular staff (White House).

Governors attending the meeting are.

Ray Blanton (D-Tenn.)

William Waller (D-Miss.)

James Holshouser (R-N.C.)

Julian Carroll (D-KY)

Arch Moore (R-W. VA.)

James Rhodes (R-Ohio)

George Busbee (D-GA.)

Governors sending alternates include: George Wallace (D-Ala.); Marvin Mandel (D-Md.); James Edwards (R-S.C.); Mills Godwin (R-VA.); Milton Shapp (D-Penn.); Hugh Carey (D-NY). (Their alternates are attending in their absence.)

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