

POOL REPORT-- AIR FORCE ONE--ANDRES WS AFB TO PARIS--NOV. 15, 1975

wheels up 11:52 p.m., slightly late. The President walked the 150 yards from 26000 on returning from the South to 27000 for the trip to Paris. He was greeted by the French ambassador to the U.S., the French military attache, protocol chief Henry Catto, and Nancy Kissinger. The president, wearing a ~~black~~ raincoat, ~~dark~~, chatted for about five minutes before boarding the plane. After coming aboard he was visited by Mrs. Ford, who drove out from Washington to bid her husband farewell. She then walked through the plane wishing everyone else bon voyage.

FYI, there was no rpt no departure statement.

Nessen came back to say that he will try to have either Kissinger or Simon give the press a readout of Saturday night's dinner session and the working session before. He advised checking at the George V press center around six p.m. on this point; any such briefing would be made at the George V, not at Rambouillet.

Only the president, perhaps a steward and ~~one~~ lower-ranking aides like O'Donnell and Cavendish will stay at the chateau. The other staffers will stay at the Sofitel Hotel in Paris.

As for the summit itself, Nessen said we shouldn't ~~run~~ go in with the idea there will be some major announcement at the end. There will probably be individual statements from each leader on how he thinks the talks have gone, however, at the conclusion. Nessen unsure if there will be a joint communique.

asked about reports from Paris that the U.S. was expecting a major new program to emerge from the meeting, Nessen said he hadn't heard of any major new ~~program~~ "structures or new mechanisms." Rather, a recognition of "the interdependence of the six and the effect of the six on the rest of the world ~~and~~ including the less-developed countries."

"The idea is for the six leaders of the great industrial democracies to get together to share views on what the world economy will look like. There's no question it's a worthwhile thing to do."

Nessen said he hoped to have a copy of Ford's opening statement on energy by Saturday night, but he cautioned that "this is a very, very fluid, kind of relaxed, unstructured weekend." It's not yet set when precisely Ford will even give his statement.

Nessen said the composition of the sessions will shift--sometimes only the six heads of government, sometimes 18 (adding the finance and foreign ministers).

"I think President Ford is going in thinking about ~~it~~ into it in terms of how it will affect the American economy--the consumer, the businessman...what will this mean in practical terms, the president has always thought of it in practical terms."

He again described the sessions as "a free-form meeting, a genuine discussion and exploration."

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