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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

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MR. NESSEN: We have the following items. One, a transcript of Kissinger's briefing for those who don't have it, a bible for tomorrow's trip -- tomorrow and Tuesday's trip -- an advance text of the speech tomorrow at the Iowa State Fair, embargoed for release upon delivery.

I think if you want to say in your overnights, it is a speech on farm policy, you could do that.

There is a pool list for the two days of travel coming up.

Now, you have already gotten, I believe -- correct me if I am wrong -- you have gotten a fact sheet on the Rifle, Colorado oil shale project, is that correct?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: When you all get your bibles here, let me direct your attention at a mistake you can correct by hand. Has everybody got a bible?

On your bibles, turn to page 7, the event that takes place at 10:10 p.m., Central Daylight Time, the arrival at the Twin Cities International Airport, the name of the first person greeting the President, Governor Wendell Anderson. It should be A-N-D-E-R-S-O-N.

While we are at it, you might take a look at page 7 of the Kissinger briefing where there is also a major typo. At the bottom you will see Kissinger saying "That is right". Then you have a question above that and a long answer above that and the next line, it says "Not only the American terrorists and students". It should be "Not only the American tourists".

I don't anticipate that there will be an advance text of tomorrow's speech to the Republican Reception in Des Moines.

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Q Is that the Bel Air Ballroom?

MR. NESSEN: That is the Grand Ballroom tomorrow night in Des Moines, Presidential remarks at 7:18 tomorrow night to a Republic reception. I don't expect to have a text of that. I think we will have for you tomorrow along the way a text of the American Legion speech, the Dirksen Library dedication speech and the Peoria White House Congerence speech.

I think we are making good progress on those.

The only other item I have is, there have been some questions about how is this trip going to be paid for. As you know, there is a formula being worked out so that the Republican National Committee can pay for a prorated share of trips that combine both Republican political activities as well as Presidential activities as tomorrow's trip does.

But the formula is not worked out yet, so in the meanwhile, the Republican National Committee will pay for the entire trip with the exception of the flight to Rifle and from Rifle down to Grand Junction. After that, the Republican Committee will pay for the entire trip.

Q By full trip, you mean the full Monday-Tuesday trip?

MR. NESSEN: Correct.

Q You are not talking about Andrews to Grand Junction?

MR. NESSEN: No.

Q What is the holdup? It's been kicking around for six weeks now, Ron.

MR. NESSEN: I don't know, it is lawyers and bookkeepers and so forth, and accountants.

Q Then they will be reimbursed?

MR. NESSEN: What do you mean, the GOP? You mean tomorrow's trip?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: I don't know whether the formula will be retroactive to tomorrow's and Tuesday's trip.

Q Who goes with the President? Any advisers or family?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know, probably Jack will make the trip, Cheney and I will, Cavaney, O'Donnell, Lukash -- I don't have a full list.

Q How about Greenspan and Zarb?

MR. NESSEN: They may go along because Zarb and Greenspan are both scheduled to be at the White House Conference in Minneapolis.

Q Are they going to the oil shale?

MR. NESSEN: They certainly are. Frank certainly is, yes.

We will go ahead and say there is a lid now until departure time tomorrow.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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(AT 5:05 P.M. MDT)