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Pool Report AF one

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Pinehurst-Andrews =AFB

The President motorcaded Southern Pines Airport, transferred to helicopter for flight to Pope AFB. A crowd of several hundred was on hand at Pope. The President worked the fence, shaking many hands but his remarks could not be heard.

Air Force One took off at 11:17 p.m. for flight to Andrews.

Jack Hushen came back shortly after take off to say that the President was going over papers in preparation for his Thursday meeting with ~~the~~ Israeli Premier Rabin. ~~xxx~~ He said the President would not come back and sure enough, he didn't.

Hushen returned shortly before landing.

He said he ~~did~~ could not say what grounds the President would apply ~~in~~ in determining clemency for Watergate defendants.

Asked who was studying possible clemency for Watergate defendants, he said, "Nobody is studying any clemency for Watergate."

Asked what Philip Buchen was working on, Hushen said, "He has been involved in studies ~~for~~ of ~~the~~ the President's pardoning power including the conditional ~~xxx~~ amnesty program and regarding the pardon for the former President."

"Any request for a pardon would not ~~automatically~~ automatically be thrown in the wastebasket just because it happened to be a Watergate ~~or~~ convicted defendant but we have none under consideration."

Asked if Nixon ~~is~~ requested his pardon or if the initiative came from the White House, Hushen ~~said~~ said the initiative came from the white house.