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POOL REPORT

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President Ford did not come back to the press section. Ron Nessen said he looked through a stack of newspapers -- the Star-News and Grand Rapids Press among them -- and reviewed briefing papers on tonight's event.

Nessen still had nothing to say about reports of a delay in Ford's appearance before Hungate's subcommittee until the Watergate jury is sequestered. "I can't say anything about Hungate," said Nessen.

Nessen said a new pool procedure is in effect that will permit closer coverage of Ford on the way to and from events, and at Ford's public appearances. The pool will be issued a separate identification card that will permit them to stay with Ford until he enters holding rooms, private receptions, and other places where no coverage will be permitted. Nessen made several pleas for cooperation with the new system, specifically asking that reporters and photographers not in the pool rely on the pool and don't try to crowd in.

The only guest aboard was Mrs. Win Prouty, widow of the late Vermont Republican Senator. Staff included Rumsfeld, Burch, Nessen, Korologos, and Richard Cheney, a former aid of Rumsfeld's.

Tom DeFrank - Newsweek
Peter Behr - Gannett