

October 22, 1974

POOL REPORT

Departure from Hotel enroute Myriad Center
and
Oklahoma City - Cleveland, Ohio

Ford emerged from hotel at 1:14 p.m. EDT waved with both arms to several hundred spectators . . . hundred more watching from office building windows. One minute ride to Myriad Center. Small knots to expectations on street, waving. Ford immediately went into GOP reception. Several hundred in room. No speech.

Ford slowly circled through crowd, shaking hands, saying hello. 1:29 pm out to waiting room during introductions. After speech and more handshaking across face of crowd, 2:42 p.m. depart in motorcade. No incidents 2:58 p.m. works crowd in hangar, base personnel, about 300 persons. 3:10 p.m. take off.

Ron Nessen announced:

President to meet about midday Wednesday (tomorrow) with Terrence Cardinal Cooke at Cardinal's request . . . may be report on Cardinal's recent trip. Tomorrow night "farewell" for General Haig with dinner -- with about 40 people at the White House.

President will meet Friday afternoon with Freedom of Information of ASNE at their request. Also, same afternoon with "about dozen civil rights leaders" . . . Nessen saw Roy Wilkins name on list. For guidance . . . weekend probably at Camp David.

Nessen was asked for more information about Ford warning of "wrong kind of Congress."

Nessen came back to say in response to question that the President had not talked to Kissinger this morning. Nessen said in Ford's reference, President "was thinking particularly of the continuing resolution . . . aid to Turkey."

Nessen did not know where Cardinal Cook had been, but thought Cardinal was to make report to President.

Nessen said Cleveland event is a total of \$500 a plate for dinner and reception.

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