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Pool Report:

In addition to the statement given to you on the press plane, Nessen said in answer to questions that Mr. Ekash informed the president in a holding room immediately after his speech at Calvin College. Nessen said the White House got the word about the same time it was on the wires. It came from contact between the former president's staff and the White House staff in Washington. Nessen said there are no plans to see Mr. Nixon or his family on the trip to California, and the report that President Ford is going to fly out there tomorrow to see Mr. Nixon is totally wrong. There has been no contact between President Ford and the Nixon family. There has been no suggestion that military planes be put at their disposal of Julie or Tricia.

At the airport there was a large group waiting to see the president off. He went over in a driving rain to shake hands. Secret Service agents were drenched; Air Force One was full of people mopping rain-soaked heads. First 10 minutes of the flight were very turbulent, with lightning flashing close at hand.

Tomorrow's schedule: 11 a.m. cabinet meeting; 2 p.m., representative of livestock and poultry growers.

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