

POOL REPORT - Trip of President from New York to Andrews AF Base,
Maryland, on December 10, 1974.

Departure from New York was routine. The President's aircraft took off from Kennedy International Airport at 10:56 p.m. and arrived at Andrews at 11:37 p.m. President Ford made no appearance during the flight. In the party returning with the President were Frank G. Zarb, who is designated to be Federal Energy Administrator, and White House Chief of Staff Donald Rumsfeld.

We assume you have the schedule for Wednesday. Ron Nessen said the 8 am congressional leadership meeting would deal with legislation Mr. Ford wants passed before adjournment. The 10 am economic meeting will concern the President's speech to be delivered to the Business Council Wednesday evening at the Mayflower Hotel. The 11 am Domestic Council meeting will touch on Social Security and other matters. The 12:30 pm meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission (United States, western Europe and Japan) will be concerned with problems of the industrialized nations.

As to the Business Council speech, Nessen said the speech had gone through eight drafts and was back to ground zero. He will know more about it after the 10 am economic meeting. He could not characterize the speech except to say that it will have "a strong section on confidence"

"...It will have a strong component of assuring business men they have reason to be confident in the future health of the American economy," Nessen said. He expected the text would not be available until late in the afternoon or early evening.

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