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Air Force one took off at 11:05 a.m.

Nessen said that the President may sign the refugee aid bill when he returns to the White House this afternoon. But he said there would be no ceremony, no statement, as the President said what he wanted to say yesterday.

Nessen said the strip mining veto message is ready and will be distributed as soon as it is sent to the Hill. It will be released in Washington at the same time, he said.

Kissinger will hold a background pre-trip briefing Saturday or Monday.

Susan Ford is aboard as are Friedersdorf, Hartmann and Cheney.

Some N.C. congressmen could not make the trip because of a bill they are interested in that comes up today, Nessen said. On board: Sen. and Mrs. Helms (R), Sen. Robert Morgan (D), Reps. James T. Broyhill (R), Charles Rose (D), Ike Anderson (D), Stephen L. Neal (D), W.G. Hefner (D), former Rep. Charles Jonas (R) and Mrs. James E. Martin, wife of a congressman.

Nessen said the President met for over an hour this morning with Republican congressional leaders. They told him there was a "good chance" the House would sustain the strip mine veto. They also discussed strategy on energy legislation and it was generally accepted, Nessen said, that the House will not approve a satisfactory energy bill by June 1.

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