

POOL REPORT

Andrews AFB - Detroit
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After an uneventful takeoff in overcast at 2:12 pm, Nessen came back to report the following:

The President's opening statement at the news conference will deal with grain, "but not in the way you think." He denied that the President will announce a grain deal with the USSR.

The President's meeting with Norwegian King Olaf lasted 40 minutes, dealt with 150th anniversary of Norwegian immigration, plus exchange of greetings.

President's meeting with Portugese Foreign Minister Nelo Antunes and Portugese Ambassador Joao Hill Themido lasted 45 minutes, was also attended by Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft. Meeting was a continuation of "high level consultations" begun last October when Portugese President Francisco Costa Gomes visited Washington. Meeting consisted of a general review of US-Portugese relations. On the current situation in Portugal, discussed Portugese needs for US aid, plus relief and resettlement assistance for Angolan refugees. President told Antunes Administration will send Congress a proposed assistance program which will include (ON BACKGROUND) \$55 million in fiscal 1976 (\$35 million for immediate relief, \$20 million in long-term assistance. Also agree to double U.S. airlift from Angola, starting October 14. (ALL THE PORTUGESE MEETING WAS REPORTED AT WHITE HOUSE BY LARRY SPEAKS.)

Riding on Air Force One were Mrs. Ford and the following Michigan Republicans: Senator and Mrs. Robert P. Griffin and Reps. Garry Brown, Ed Hutchinson (and Mrs.); Guy Vander Jage (and Mrs.); Marvin Esch (and Mrs.) and MRS. Al Cederberg.

Staffers on Air Force One: Seidman, Cheney, Hartmann, Nessen, James Connor.

Asked if President plans other stops in Europe, Nessen replied: "I don't have anything on that," then said the President "has to get back in time to leave" (for China?)

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