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AIR FORCE ONE POOL REPORT--FLIGHT FROM ANDREWS
AFB TO NORTH CAROLINA

Before leaving the White House, President Ford greeted the U. S. Olympic ski team on the South Lawn--four skiers, some coaches and Rep. Jack Kemp (R-NY). They gave the President a parka and skis.

En route to North Carolina, Nessen came back with the following info:

Nothing expected on Ford's decision on energy bill before early next week when he gets full details on the measure agreed on by Hill conferees.

Nessen said that the White House has submitted no names to the American Bar Association for consideration as Supreme Court nominee. "The Attorney General is consulting with members of the bar," Nessen said, and "the President will consult with members of the bar and others when he makes his decision." But, no matter how we asked it, Nessen would not say whether the President will submit names to the ABA for its formal approval process. He said that Levi's reported submission of names to the ABA "is only part of the President's whole process" in choosing a new Supreme Court Justice. Nessen repeated that there is no timetable in picking a nominee, that it is "one of the most important decisions a President has to make" and that Ford will choose "the best qualified person." He declined to say if any women are under consideration.

Aboard the plane were Senator and Mrs. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and two Republican House members from the state, James Broyhill and James G. Martin. Assistant Commerce Secretary Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell, a former North Carolina congressman, was also aboard. Others: Bo Callaway (whose seat is to be paid by the President Ford Committee), Cheney, Hartmann and Nessen.

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Fred Barnes (WASHINGTON STAR)

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