

November 29 - December 1, 1975

POOL REPORT - AIR FORCE ONE - - FAIRBANKS; ANCHORAGE; TOKYO;
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FAIRBANKS - ANCHORAGE

Air Force One wheels up at 1:49 p. m. AST, 36 minutes ahead of schedule. Uneventful 46-minute flight to Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage.

Nessen reported official party is unchanged from Green Book. Jos. Sisco is aboard, but not a member of official Peking party.

At boarding, Kissinger came aboard worse the wear from his pipeline inspection, remarked that "it is indeed a great pipeline. Now starts the interesting part of the trip."

ANCHORAGE OVERNIGHT

Landed at Elmendorf at 2:35 p. m. AST, 40 minutes early. Temperature 14 degrees F., clear, breezy. Before entering Presidential limousine, Ford, bareheaded, no topcoat, spent 3-4 minutes being serenaded by two dozen girl scouts. Sun was setting during 3-mile route into city much of it through sprawling Elmendorf base. Small knots of GI families at corners, nothing impressive. Lobby of Anchorage Westward Hotel crowded. President greeted, went immediately to the International Suite. At 6:45 p. m. President, after a private session with former Governor (and Interior Secretary) Hickel, attended an unscheduled meeting in Turnagain Suite with approximately 30 Alaskan elected officials and GOP party workers, Hickel, Stevens, Cong. Young all attended. Immediately following, Ford and Mrs. Ford attended a Stevens birthday party (52nd) in Grand Ballroom. Approximately 750 people paid \$17.50 each. President spent a half hour doing the room. Kissinger also appeared, also greeted Alaskans. President's speech, previously distributed, was expanded slightly to drive home theme of China visit that "No reason we can't work together, not to confront but to consult." President and First Lady left party at 8:15 p. m. went immediately to International Suite to retire. (It was 1:30 a. m. Washington time).

ANCHORAGE - TOKYO

Sparse crowd in lobby, none in streets when motorcade left hotel for airport at 7:30 a. m. (AST). Air Force One wheels up at 7:50 a. m. (AST), 15 minutes early in anticipation of headwinds. FOR BACKGROUND: Kissinger dropped back briefly, said Chinese charge d'affaires would be joining welcoming party at Tokyo refueling stop. (Nessen promised full Tokyo list; if forthcoming, will be attached to report).

Kissinger made three points: (1) Tokyo stop is to be strictly ceremonial. U. S. is anxious not to give impressions that anything substantive would be discussed between U. S. - Japan in advance of visit. Kissinger will break off at Manila, return to Tokyo to brief the Japanese. (2) He is "moderately optimistic" on extension of U. N. peacekeeping force in Golan. (3) No chance of Ford-Brezhnev meeting when the Soviet leader visits the Caribbean. It is not even being discussed, nothing like this is being planned. U. S. would prefer to have a few more exchanges before a summit can be arranged.

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Landed Tokyo's Haneda International Airport at 10:30 a. m. (JST). President and Mrs. Ford and rest of official party greeted by Foreign Minister Miyazawa, Ambassador Hodgson and Chinese charge in Tokyo Mi Kuo Chun. Heavy press coverage, no public in restricted apron area. Proceeded private lounge for 35 minute visit with Japanese, strictly ceremonial. Mrs. Ford received flowers in behalf of the Empress, the President received fruit in behalf of Emperor Hirohito, considered a significant gesture. Get-together lasted 35 minutes. Kissinger remarked to Miyazawa he had seen him eight times since April, would see him a ninth time Monday, and added in humorous vein that Japanese had no grounds for complaint about not being adequately consulted.

Wheels up at 11:07 a. m. (JST) for Peking flying over Shanghai. This southerly route taken because North Koreans did not want Air Force One overflight, and Chinese didn't want visiting plane flying over South Korea.

En route, Sheila Weidenfeld said Mrs. Ford's schedule would be available, on paper, in Peking. Reminded that the Fords had spent 15 days in China during June-July 1972 visit, saw communes, factories, etc. This is Susan Ford's first visit overseas.

Kissinger noted with satisfaction the six-month extension of UNDOF on Golan Heights, word of which he had just received, and joked (BACKGROUND ONLY) that it was amazing what could be accomplished when he was out of the country.

A senior American official called attention to Secretary Kissinger's Detroit speech on November 24 (copy was included in the Green Book) as a carefully-considered speech which will have by this time been read in Peking. Apropos the last paragraph on Page 8 (and especially the last three sentences) the senior official regarded this a part of the central issue--that neither side should instruct the other on its methods of resisting expansion.

Nessen said a precise briefing schedule had not yet been worked out. There will be a substantive briefing at the end, of course, and he hoped to arrange a report each day of the visit -- time to be established later.

Nessen will gather information on description of President's quarters and perhaps the toast for tonight's banquet and try to brief an hour or two after President's arrival.

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