

Part II Pool report, Honolulu-Andrews
(succeeds and supplements earlier report)

Just before landing at Andrews, the President came back and chatted.

He said he thought everything went "extremely well," starting with Alaska and back through the Hawaii stop. He used several adjectives, including substantive and beneficial, to describe the trip.

He said he had not decided about his Vail plans. That depends on Congress. He didn't want to forecast what they would do, but they have a lot ~~of~~ of things left to do.

been reading

He said he had a good summary of the conference report on oil price decontrol, including analyses of its impact on imports, etc. He was not ready to say what he would do about the bill.

He said every stop on his trip had been significant. In China there had been "very extensive, substantive meetings."

"Everything fit in extremely well. There were no minuses, and a lot of pluses. "

"I was in constant contact with people in Washington. I called several from Peking..." These were Republican leaders about what to do ~~on~~ on the tax bill. So he not only was involved with foreign affairs but managed to keep in touch with Washington.

The discussions in Peking, Jakarta and Manila could only be held with heads of government. Thus the trip was both necessary and worthwhile. (This in response to a question about whether taking such a trip ~~was~~ was a waste of time.)

He said he enjoyed the week. "I get stimulated by the challenge every place we go..." He said he would be in his office "fairly early" Monday morning but not as early as usual.

Asked about a possible Middle Eastern trip, he said he had no definite plans. The subject is of tremendous importance to both the United States ~~and~~ and the Middle East. But he has no specific plans for travel in Europe at all.

Important meetings are set for the next week or 10 days...to determine to an important degree what we will do (about SALT).'

Reference his shopping, he said he had done none. "I didn't buy ~~at~~ a single thing, but ~~of~~ of course my wife and daughter made up for it. "

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2.25 a.m. Monday