

JOEL REPORT ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE GRAND JUNCTION TO ANDREWS ABB

Air Force One took off at 2:50 p.m. EST. President Ford, hatless, boarded wearing a winter overcoat and business suit. Mrs. Ford wore a fur coat. Also aboard were the Fords' sons, Jack and Steve; the Fords' three dogs, Misty, Iva and Liberty; Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his family; staff members Dick Cheney, Brent Scowcroft and Ron Nessen; and a White House nurse, Joanne O'Brien, who was there because Mrs. Ford had been ill with the intestinal flu Sunday and Monday. But Sheila Weidenfeld said the first lady had no temperature Tuesday and was feeling fine. On board, Mr. Ford worked on some paperwork, talked to Cheney and Nessen for about 20 minutes and granted an interview to Lou Cannon and David Broder of the Washington Post. Mrs. Weidenfeld said Steve Ford planned to leave Jan. 3 to return to Utah State but that he hoped to go to Southern California where he could like to work and go to school, both part-time.

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