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THE WHITE HOUSE

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION  
WITH THE PRESIDENT  
UPON HIS ARRIVAL  
AT LAMBERT FIELD

10:15 A.M. CST

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning, everybody. How are you this morning?

QUESTION: Good morning.

THE PRESIDENT: It is great to be here in St. Louis with Governor Kit Bond and Attorney General Jack Danforth, as well as others. I enjoy this nice warm weather you are having here. (Laughter)

QUESTION: Will you be doing much campaigning in New Hampshire?

THE PRESIDENT: We will be up there some, as I have said, but the main job, of course, will be working in the Oval Office on very important Presidential matters.

QUESTION: Will you be spending any more than one day up there?

THE PRESIDENT: We have not finalized the exact amount, but we will be there some, and I think enough.

QUESTION: Mr. President, a lot of the delegates to the Convention are concerned about the way foreign policy and farm policy are tied together right now.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think if you listen to my speech this morning before the American Farm Bureau Federation, you will find that we don't think that a cut-off of grain to the Soviet Union would be successful, nor would it be advisable in the Angolan situation, and we believe that there are better ways to approach the matter.

QUESTION: What are you going to do about the Angolan situation? Are you going to call for a ceasefire there?

THE PRESIDENT: I have said that a ceasefire is, by far, the best way to permit the Angolans to settle the Angolan problem. It seems to me that if all foreign intervention was eliminated that the Angolans could, among themselves, resolve the difficulties and go on from being freed from Portuguese control.

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QUESTION: What other leverage do we have in Angola, Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think we have the prestige of the United States in working bilaterally, as well as with the Organization of African Unity. I think, in the final analysis, most African nations would prefer to have the Angolan problem solved by the Angolans themselves and we are working on a very broad basis, as well as on a bilateral basis, in order to try and achieve that result.

Thank you very, very much.

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(AT 10:17 A.M. CST)