

AIR FORCE ONE PCOL REPORT  
AAFB TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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Relax... no big news... only a few housekeeping matters

1. Those abroad AF One--Congressmen Louis Frey (Florida Ford Chairman), C. W. "Bill" Young, Louis "Skip" Bafalis, National Ford Chairman Howard "Bo" Calloway, Robert Hartmann, James Lynn, Dick Cheney, Ron Nessen and "assorted others" (Kennerly, C'Donnell, etc.).
2. Nessen said President would be working on routine business en route to Florida.
3. Cleanup from President's financial report
  - President paid no Virginia taxes... instead paid Michigan income taxes.
  - As for the \$50,000 expense allowance... this is subject to withholding and taxation. Nessen said it is the same "as ordinary income."
  - Why was President's 74 interest so high? Because he borrowed \$10,000 in 1973 to convert his Virginia home garage into office for Vice Presidential Secret Service detail. President paid back the \$10,000 in '74... but interest was "largely" on money borrowed for this home improvement project.
4. How can the President spend so much money? Nessen explanation... He does pay for his own food which runs "an average of \$800 per month." Groceries are purchased through the White House mess and Nessen says this is more expensive than groceries purchased at your normal stores.

ALSO... President has to pay for food for all private entertainment plus time-and-a-half for White House help working at private parties. ALSO... President had "four college tuitions and children living expenses.

ALSO... maintenance for rental properties

ALSO... clothing for Mrs. Ford (no estimate from Nessen)

ALSO... insurance and upkeep for family vehicles (two jeeps and a mustang)

AS FOR PRESIDENT'S 1975 RETURN... not completed yet but White House will provide same bottom line figures contained in the chart released 2/12/76.

AND NOW... Peter Kaye has just arrived with the following narrative. "We got a lot going on in Florida. We got 8 telephone centers going and four more ready to go. Calling 5,000 a day... have a goal of 125,000 Republican households... concentrated in 5 or 6 counties. We got 67 county chairmen named. Got 24 headquarters or store fronts around state... again concentrated in Broward, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Orange, Brevard. Had a pretty good advocates program this week... Simon, Griffin, Tower. Campaign has been reorganized and beefed up. Headquarters in Orlando. Four of the 5 congressmen in Florida have endorsed the President.

Health, finances, records and candidate availability are the 3 big issues. ADD TC business of Florida congressmen who have endorsed President Cong. Kelly (first name not available) has not... Sorry.. can now report is Richard Kelly. "I don't feel discouraged by Florida we have come a long way in the past couple weeks. We have polls as recent as the last week. We are not going to say anything about it... it is a state-wide poll, "said Kaye.

Jones (CBS), Mashek (U. S. News), Barnes (Star), Cormier (AP), Growald (UPI)