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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND  
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION  
AT THE  
FRESNO AIR TERMINAL

11:10 A.M. PST

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning, everybody. It is nice to be in Fresno. We have had a good day and a half in California. Any of you with the local press that would like to ask questions, I would be delighted to try and respond.

QUESTION: After a day and a half, are you ready to predict how you will do?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we have to recognize for practical reasons we started from behind, but I am very impressed with the people that are heading up the organization and I am encouraged by what I understand are the great, great many volunteers that are participating and I think by the time the primary comes in June we will be in very good shape, and we will sure do our best.

QUESTION: If you are nominated, would you consider Governor Reagan as your running mate?

THE PRESIDENT: As I have said a good many times, we have many, many outstanding Republicans who are potentially outstanding Vice Presidential candidates and certainly Governor Reagan would fit on that list without a question.

QUESTION: Mr. President, NBC News has reported some teamster officials feel that they are immune from investigational prosecution by your Administration. Do you have any response to that?

THE PRESIDENT: Anything that involves a criminal investigation or prosecution I don't think it is appropriate for me to comment on. We have an outstanding Attorney General in Ed Levi and I am sure he will handle it properly. I am sure that he will maintain the high standard that Ed Levi is known for.

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QUESTION: Now that Mr. Carter is considered a serious contender, do you plan to do anything differently?

THE PRESIDENT: Not at all. We are concentrating on the Republican side and I will let my good Democratic friends resolve their problems.

QUESTION: Mr. President, Woodward and Bernstein have been quoted quite a lot from their latest book saying former President Nixon had been threatening suicide and drinking heavily in his last days. Could you comment at all on that?

THE PRESIDENT: I have not read the book. I can only say in my personal experiences in those last few days I saw no evidence of it.

It is very nice to see you all. It is beautiful here in Fresno. I wish we could stay longer, but we will be back.

Thank you very, very much.

END (AT 11:14 A.M. PST)