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pool report air force one dallas to el paso

uneventful motorcade from fairmont hotel to love field.  
ford shook a few hands and boarded.

shortly before landing, mrs. berylexmi lburn of austin,  
ford campaign director, came back. she said it was a "tight  
race" and the ford visit would have "tremendous significance"  
on the campaign.

she said the ford organization in texas is urging him to  
visit ~~xxxxx~~ East Texas, Tyler and Longview, the Gulf Coast (Corpus  
Christi, Houston), West Texas (Lubbock and Abilene) on the  
next swing through the state before the may 1 primary.

with delegates to be decided by district contests, she said  
"we're running 24 campaigns in Texas."

she said ~~Reagan~~ reagan was popular because he was a ~~fr~~ frequent  
visitor to the state, particularly with fund raising appearances.

~~He~~ she said the Texas Republican was "conservative ideologically"  
and the state's Republicans were dedicated that way. she  
said the president is conservative, too.

she felt connally would remain neutral.

he said there was a big ~~und~~ undecided vote, 30 per cent  
by ford organization ~~xxxxx~~ tests.

"It's loose. They (the undecided) could go either way."

masnek, beckman, boyd