

pool report from air force one Amarillo to Andrews 4/11/76

no dinner. steak (good) served El Paso to Amarillo.

Hartmann first man to approach. Said press were not the only people to complain ~~xxxxxx~~ (about lack of press conference) Been getting complaints from cabinet members about no cabinet meetings.

Tower next man back to chat with pool. Relating to Henry Kissinger. Said he is erroneously ~~perceived~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ (talking specifically about Texas). Said he has been telling Texans Kissinger is tougher than they think.

Where Reagan is strongest, according to Tower: Houston, Midland-Odessa, Panhandle. All political analysis is for/ only. * ^{BACKGROUND}

Predicted a 250,000 votes in the GOP primary ~~2~~ twice any previous ~~turnout~~ turnout. ~~xxxxxx~~ The bigger the turnout the better for Ford but he couldn't ^{say} why he expected double any previous vote.

Said nothing very important going on in the Democratic primary this year. Bentsen race for re-nomination is not a big thing. The possibility of Wallaceites coming into the Republican primary ~~is~~ can't be judged. It's amorphous, a mass of quivering jelly.

On the record, he thinks the president is going to ~~get~~ get a majority of the delegates.

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* quoting a source knowledgeable ~~xxxxxx~~ in Texas Republican Party politics.