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AIR FORCE ONE ANDREWS, AFB, TC BARKSDALE AFB, LOUISIANA

Wheels up on time at 1 p.m. On board were Cheney, Orben, Caveney, Carlson among the heavies. Orben said there would be 20 speaking engagements on the entire trip. He referred to them as "speaking opportunities".

Representatives Joe Waggoner and John Breaux both Louisiana Democrats, were aboard.

Carlson said Ford's press conference in Houston on Thursday morning would be a "regional press conference", adding the electrifying news that the traveling national press would get alternate questions with Houston locals. Length of the conference has been expanded to 45 minutes. Sigma Delta Chi is sponsoring. Drawings for the lucky ones who get to ask questions will be held tonight or tomorrow.

Why the stop in Louisiana, a non primary state, on the way to Texas? Carlson said there was a big holiday in Dixie type of event going on. And Shreveport TV does get into East Texas.

Carlson released copies of a Presidential statement on the FEC legislation which all of you will be getting. The gist of the statement is that Ford will not commit himself to sign or veto the legislation until the conferees complete action. Ford again urged Congress to pass the "simple corrections" mandated by the Supreme Court and proposed by him.

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