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GRAND RAPIDS TO SAGINAW AND  
MOTORCADE TO SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The flight from Grand Rapids to Saginaw and the motorcade from the Saginaw airport to the Sherwood elementary school were uneventful.

Nessen said aboard Air Force One that the President was advised upon arising this morning that he had secured the editorial support of ten additional Michigan newspapers. "As far as we know, no newspaper has endorsed Reagan," Nessen said.

Backtrack a bit on the subject of newspapers: Nessen complained to the pool earlier today about what he said were ten of the first eleven paragraphs of the Detroit Free Press this morning, specifically those paragraphs dealing with the shout and Presidential response. Nessen said that other White House aides shared his criticism that the paper had taken a minor incident out of proportion.

On predictions aboard Air Force One, Nessen said that Mr. Ford is predicting victory, but not a percentage thereof. "It is hard to tell because it is a totally open primary," Nessen said.

You are aware that the President responded to a few questions at Saginaw airport, and then shook hands along the fence, as did Mrs. Ford and Susan Ford, before the motorcade.

Larry O'Rourke, Philadelphia Bulletin  
Mike Wright, U.S. News  
Phil Jones, CBS

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