

POOL REPORT

Pool #7

Air Force One - Portland to Pendleton

May 23, 1976

Only reportable event was Nessen producing Stuart Spencer and Peter Kaye of PFC for dissertation on delegate situation.

At Phil Jones' suggestion, the pool audio tape will be fed over the mult at the next press center for a verbatim account of the Kaye-Spencer statement. Here are the essential highlights:

Spencer: "We feel that we did better in the convention states yesterday than we had anticipated." In Alaska, where PFC had expected to break even, Ford got 17 of 19. In Vermont, they expected 14 to 4 and got all 18. In Kansas, PFC hoped for 23 to 25 and got 30 to 4 for Reagan. In Pennsylvania, (still quoting Spencer) PFC hoped for 90 commitments and got 88, with five delegates absent. Spencer (paraphrase): if the President carries California, the President has it locked on the first ballot. If the President doesn't take California and makes it on the first ballot, 200 to 300 uncommitted delegates will hold the balance. Spencer said he had no knowledge that Ford initiated through Rockefeller Dick Rosenbaum's call to the New York delegation to commit itself on Monday.

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