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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AND
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

WEIR-COOK AIRPORT

9:31 A.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: It is nice to be back in Indianapolis, Indiana, Governor Bowen, Mayor Hudnut and the Jaycees.

I will be glad to answer any questions.

QUESTION: Mr. President, is the Federal Government going to participate in any way in the investigation into Don Bolles' death?

THE PRESIDENT: The Federal Government will do whatever it is authorized to do in any way whatsoever, either initiating any activity or working with local authorities.

QUESTION: We have no specific plans, though?

THE PRESIDENT: I can't tell you at the present time. It is a deplorable, despicable act, and we certainly will maximize our effort in any way possible.

QUESTION: Mr. President, some months ago the Indianapolis School Board had written to you requesting that you help along with the school desegregation plan. Do you have any word for them as yet?

THE PRESIDENT: I am going to make some comments today during my remarks about the proposal that I am submitting to the Congress this week, which I think will minimize court-ordered busing and will provide a means and a method to help local authorities in trying to handle the problem at the local level.

QUESTION: Mr. President, what do you think the chances are of winning the nomination on the first ballot?

THE PRESIDENT: I think they are very good and we expect to be nominated in Kansas City, and we expect to win in November.

THE PRESS: Thank you very much.

END (AT 9:33 A.M. CDT)