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POOL REPORT #1

Andrews AFB to Jackson, Mississippi

Wheels up about 11:20 a.m. Aboard: Michigan Senator Robert Griffin, Ford's floor leader at the convention; Republican Representatives Trent Lott and Thad Cochran, both Mississippi; Harry Dent, PFC Southern States Coordinator.

Asked about how Ford's going to do in Mississippi, Nessen says Ford feels he has more than 1,130 votes overall, but he doesn't know about the exact Mississippi count. "He wants to go into the convention not with just a bare majority. He wants to go in with a good strong showing" in every section of the country "as a way of knitting the party for the fall."

On another subject, Nessen says the FEA expires at midnight tonight. Ford may have to take some administrative steps if Congress doesn't extend FEA's life further, Nessen says.

Later today Nessen will give out info on planned White House luncheon Saturday for a number of Ford's law school classmates at Yale.

This morning at the White House, Ford had routine meetings with his staff and the NSC, Nessen said.

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