

AIR FORCE #1 pool report Andrews to Ypsilanti

Wheels up nearly ten minutes early...Nessen came back and read the manifest: The Pres and Mrs. Ford., Cheney, Nessen, Buchen, Seidman, Orbin, Penny, Sheila Weidenfeld, Senator Robert Griffin, r-Mich, Congressman Marvin Esch-r-mich.

Also aboard State Senator Carl Purcell, who is Running for the Esch congressional seat because Esch is the Republican Senate nominee. Ann Arbor his ~~representative~~ in the Esch Congr. district.

Nessen explained 8 Congressmen were scheduled to be aboard AF #1 but they remained in Washington to vote on the clean air bill....

rodgers, macartney, wright

EMBARGOED till 6pm

Paul
~~Speechwriter~~ Oneill: says ford speech is outline of things he'd like congress to do the next 4 years...He says ~~the~~ the medicaid proposal is not new but rather restating of last years state of the union message, the idea being to consolidate fed medical programs into one block grant including medicaid and than letting the states distribute it... States would be required to have an independent audit of those funds and each year a governor would have to certify the program has been run free of scandal and fraud...This speech according to Oneil is to call attention to the presdents belief in the need for reform. Pres believes presente medicaid distribution very uneven...There is a "very marked maldistribution of funds between the states"with more federal funds going to states with richest treasuries..."ord wants low income folks to get their fair share..

Education: Next year he will propose a constitution way to provide relief to parents who sent their children to non public schools (both parochial and in the South). President favors doing this thru the tax system...and its his intention to find a way to help families with burden of college tuition again probably thru tax break..

Housing: these are new proposals: no idea of what it will cost nor specifics but its based on the idea young families can space out mortgagae over a longer period paying more in their later years..

More to come

Ford has directed HUD to publish in fed register soon. details on graduated mortgage program.."This can be done by the Pres direction..." Paul Oneill