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Press Pool Report - AF#1 to Andrews to New Orleans

Wheels up at 7:15 a. m. Guests and staff aboard: Mrs. Ford (no children); Secretary Earl Butz, Secretary William Simon, Alan Greenspan, Richard Cheney, John Marsh, Senator Strom Thurmond, Max Friedersdorf, Deputy OMB Director, Paul O'Neill; RNC Chairperson, Mary Louise Smith; PFC's James Baker, Rogers Morton; Milton Friedman from speech staff, Sheila Weidenfeld.

Nessen said Butz, Simon, Greenspan along for benefit of publishers and editors to be aboard SS Natchez. Nessen also said President may have some sort of session, "probably not a press conference but something," aboard boat.

Nessen said reference in Bible to live TV coverage of boat landing in New Orleans is to NBC weekly campaign program that intends to carry part of Ford's debarkation ceremony.

Gibbons--UPI Audio
Osborne--New Republic

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