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Pool Report #44 - Air Force One from Cleveland to Milwaukee

President departed Marriott on time... arriving Air Force One 7:37. Departed Cleveland minute or two early. Motorcade to airfield uneventful. On board AFO, Nessen advised that there'd be no prepared text for the Milwaukee speech on education. On the President's hearseness of late, Nessen said Ford doesn't have a sore throat. Nessen said Ford, on advice from Dr. Lukash, inhaled some steam last night. Nessen said Ford's always a little bit nasal when he gets up. Pity.

Nessen was asked about an Aviation Week report on a possible sale of computers to the People's Republic of China. Nessen said he would get Bill Hyland of NSC to come back and talk about it.

Hyland never showed. Nessen returned to say Hyland doesn't have anything new about a possible computer sale. Nessen volunteered that Ford's audience for his education speech today is a 'pretty tough audience.' He said the group is the Wisconsin branch of the National Education Association and that "it's not a pro-Ford" group, as the NEA has endorsed Carter. Nessen said "we know going into it, it's not a pro-Ford group".

On the Texas swing, Nessen said he "assumes" that John Connally will be on the state-wide half-hour paid political broadcast tomorrow. He said tonight's football game will serve "as a little bit of a break for the President." Mrs. Ford is next set to be with Ford in N.J. A rally is planned in Grand Rapids for Ford but Nessen said final details weren't worked out yet.

Kneller - AP Radio
Wright - U.S. News