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AF - 1 POOL, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA TO ANDREWS AFB, 1X 15/76
 Wheels up, 10 a.m., PST. Aboard: Jack & Susan Ford, Cheney,
 [redacted] Lynn, Greenspan, Nessen, the lovely and talented Weidenfeld.

President Ford did not come back. Nessen did and said there is a possible trip this weekend to Vice President Rockefeller's Pocantico (cq?) Hills Estate in Tarrytown, N.Y. Rockefeller invited the President. Nessen says there's a good chance the President will go. Nessen said it would be for a weekend of relaxation with a "Friend, colleague."

As for a Press conference this week, nessen said "I don't have any plans to announce. There are no plans to announce. No plans." (no plans for one this week)

The meeting between Carter and Ford has not yet been arranged. Nessen: "Its hard to say if work will be done this week on a meeting."

Tuesday Schedule: Staff meetings in the morning, a three hour budget meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m., with Lynn and others.

Nessen will brief Tuesday.

On President's mood, on return, Nessen said: "Relaxed and rested and ready to complete the duties of his Presidency."

Occupying the President's time in the next month, primarily, will be the budget and state of union message. As to whether that will be combined with a farewell, Nessen said, it could be the same, but it hasn't been thought out. As [redacted] to whether President will deliver in person...no decision.

Newsweek Magazine has reported that President Ford will sell his home in Alexandria, Va., and move to Palm Springs. Nessen said [redacted] "To my knowledge, he has not decided to sell that house. If he has, I don't know about it." As for moving to Palm Springs, Nessen confirmed that Ford had looked at a [redacted] couple of houses and lots. But as to a full time move, Nessen said, "I think the fords will spend some time in Palm Springs, as they have in the last ten to twelve years. Beyond that, plans are not final." Nessen added "The basic decision has not been made of where his base of operations will be."

Nessen said he [redacted] will sit down tomorrow and talk to the President in detail as to his future plans and report to us. Nessen said he didn't want to give this thing out in piecemeal.



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Nessen left open the question of when he would have anything to tell us about Mister Ford's future plans.

Vail Trip: Mid december, roughly. Others report, perhaps 12/19 through 1/2.

Q: Has Mary ~~Smith~~ Louise Smith been in touch with the President about her role. Nessen: "They had a conversation about three or four days before he left (the President left wash) and I don't know what was decided."

Mrs. Ford, not accompanied by the President, will attend an affair honoring Martha Graham, tomorrow...at JFK center.

Nessen described the next month as a "Normal, busy routine."

Your faithful pooler, Jamieson -- NBC News

P.S. NO COMMENT ON LERNER'S FLIGHT
TO AVOID PROSECUTION.