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THE BRIEFING ROOM

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MR. NESSEN: All right, this is that moment you have all been waiting for.

I think many of you know that Bob Barrett, a former Major in the United States Army, has resigned his commission and will be the Chief of Staff for President Ford after January 20th, and that Larry Speakes will be remaining with the transition as the President's spokesman after January 20th.

They would like to just kind of get acquainted in an informal way here today and make you aware of some of the plans for after January 20th. They have handed out three separate releases and would be happy, I think, to take on your questions.

Bob, do you want to do this a little more informally?

MR. BARRETT: Yes.

MR. NESSEN: Bob, I think, and Larry, really anticipated doing this more informally than in the form of a regular briefing.

MR. BARRETT: I just thought that it might be helpful on some specific things that are included in the materials given out, relatively austere but by comparison with activities between what he has been doing in his course as sitting President and what he will do as a former President, there is, of course, going to be a difference.

The outline of his plans for about the first two weeks are included in the material that you have. Perhaps I can just sort of touch on two major areas as sort of subjective, first to the transition effort, if you will, and then the second thing is some of the general rules that President Ford has set up, and maybe that will give you some idea of what to expect down the line, and then if there are a couple questions we will answer them.

Q Can't we have lights and have this on film?

MR. BARRETT: I really would feel very uncomfortable with it. I am starting a de-emphasis of this right now, to be perfectly frank with you. We tried to do this ahead of time to give some people an idea that might be ongoing, maybe at least through the 20th or 21st.

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We would like to think that from now on, every once in a while we will be news, but we are not going to be in a situation where we are trying to make it, if that is okay.

The transition effort, as you may or may not know -- I am sure you got readings on the Transition Act and also on the Former Presidents Act, which are the two specific pieces of paper that govern the activities subsequent to the 20th of January.

We have a transition staff set up that will be approximately 24 people. The staff will be pared down over the transition period, which for most purposes is extended through the 21st of July. Due to the fact that the fiscal year ending has been changed from 30 June to 30 September, there are certain features of the transition that continue on through the 30th of September, but we will be trying to taper the staff down, small as it is, to probably a staff that he will have as former President of about eight people.

This is very speculative at this point because we just don't really know the range and the extent and the volume of activity that we will run into out there, but that is basically the plan.

The staff will be housed here in Washington, right over at Jackson Place.

Q Can you tell us which part of the staff will be here and which will be traveling with the President?

MR. BARRETT: Okay. They have about five people who would be traveling with him, Fran. I will basically be with him all the time. There will be a secretary that will go with us.

Q Who is that?

MR. BARRETT: Probably Joy Chiles, and in the future could be Dorothy Downton. This is the type of thing that I mean. It will depend upon what type of activities. Sometimes there will be no need to go out with somebody. We will just have to adjust accordingly. It is sort of hard because when you are doing this you are trying to figure out something that you don't really know about, that there is not really a precedent for, at least in contemporary 20th Century times, for somebody like him, where there has been an awful lot of demand for his appearing, and so forth. What it will create for us in terms of work we will have to wait and see.

There will never be more than five traveling with him, I think. That is leaving out of here, Fran. That is a little bit wrong. On a regular trip I think there might be two people who will travel with him subsequent to the actual 20th.

The staff will be housed over on Jackson Place, two townhouse-type buildings, 734 and 736. There will be Larry's office. We will have sort of a small staff that represents the functions that we will determine will be ongoing -- press liaison, scheduling, counsel in the form of Barry Roth

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for a little while, principally to coordinate the completion in the proper manner of all the papers to the library through the National Archives, and a strong correspondence department, because we are expecting, and it already is starting to show, a great deal of mail coming in. Using some past experiences of other Presidents who have left office, we have quite an activity there, at least for a few months.

That is basically the idea behind the transition. As I said, we will phase out and then we will go into the Former Presidents Act, and at that time we would expect that he would be able to have a staff of about seven or eight people.

Q That would be after July or September, you mean?

MR. BARRETT: Right. We would probably try to get there by six months after the inauguration, which would be July 21st, but the provision exists, again as I said, because of the unique funding situation you have at the end of the fiscal year, for us to go with a little bit, a couple more people if we needed to, until the 30th of September.

By the 30th of September we will definitely have to have that done, because then you go under a different government statute.

As far as the President's own general plans are concerned, we have generally set forth a schedule that would probably occupy at least initially about 30 percent of his time. That was per his desire. Now, if that is too much, too little, and so forth, then we will have to get some empirical data to confirm it, and I am sure he will let us know in very short order one way or the other.

The other thing is that we are going to get involved with academic work. Considering the stature of his position, I guess it would be extensive, because we would probably anticipate spending about 12 weeks out of the calendar year on college campuses. Now, some of them we have a fairly good idea of, but some of them we do not. So I would rather not go into the specific institutions, but there would be a number, definitely much more than one single type of involvement as he moves around the country.

Q I have a specific question about the University of Kansas. Is he going to make an appearance there?

MR. BARRETT: It is very possible. Nothing is confirmed yet, but it is one of I don't know how many schools. There are probably 80-some-odd schools that have come forth.

Q When you say 12 weeks a year, do you mean 12 weeks in every calendar year or this calendar year?

MR. BARRETT: We are starting out with this year, but we have planned that if it showed itself to be successful, I guess we would continue it on.

Q Could we ask about the University of Michigan, since that came up and was mentioned and was written about?

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MR. BARRETT: It is obvious the President will always have a deference to Michigan, which is probably the only school that we would want him to lean to with any favoritism, but for obvious reasons. He certainly could root for them if they were playing USC, and everybody could well understand why. Michigan will be included in our academic plans, and the exact format of those plans, as I said, is not developed, but Michigan will certainly be included, and then the fact that the library is there, obviously there is a little bit more of a focus on Michigan.

Q Has he expressed an interest in talking to undergraduate students as well as graduates?

MR. BARRETT: There has been no stipulation whatsoever in that regard yet. I think that would be developed in about the next month.

Q Along those same lines?

Q Can I go back to the question about the 12 weeks, just to get that straight? Were you talking about 12 weeks of this coming year?

MR. BARRETT: No. The calendar year, I think I said. There would be some adjustment of the fact there --

Q When you are talking about over 1977, you expect him to spend about 12 weeks?

MR. BARRETT: Yes. In other words, with one month more or less gone and with the little bit of confusion that this onset of the year has caused, it might be a little bit less than 12 weeks this year, but basically, yes.

Q Can you describe in any way what you mean by involvement with academic work? Does that mean that he would be visiting one campus after another and giving a series of lectures, as he is going to do at Yale, for example?

MR. BARRETT: I think what will happen, Dick, is that we will probably have some idea of what we would like to have happen when we go onto a campus, but by the same token, characteristic of him, we will probably receive from the faculty their proposal. I think we would most likely, unless there was something rather extreme in it, defer to that so that we could be a gracious guest, if you will.

The schools do vary, you know. Some of them have a different approach in terms of the size of classes or their structure of colleges, within a university, or something like that. I don't think we would want to say anything specific about that.

Q But you are not talking, when you talk about involvement, it might be just visiting one night and making one appearance. Is that it?

MR. BARRETT: No. I would say when we go in, like we will go in for probably a short week. I say 12 weeks. It might be like four days of work, including travel to a place and travel out. It might give him four days, so to speak, for

involvement. It might involve an address to a large group of students and then there might be seminars that he would participate in. If some schools would have symposia or certain institutes ongoing, that might be beneficial for some faculties and student groups to have. We will sort of wait and see how each one proposes best utilizing him when he goes.

Q You started to say 80 colleges. Is that the number that have sent in requests?

MR. BARRETT: Yes. I would just treat it generally. It is in excess of 80. You know, at every level there have been at least 80. I am very safe in that. There may be more. If it becomes important, we can check it.

Q What about junior colleges? What about Grand Rapids Junior College? Is that going to be on that list?

MR. BARRETT: We have received information from them, and there is, in our consideration, involvement with the schools in the Grand Rapids area, although unspecified at this point in time.

Q Bob, can you give us some idea -- I realize this isn't exactly your bailiwick -- to what extent the Secret Service detail you presently have will be scaled down under the Former Presidents Act, and what is the full size detail that will be covering him from here on out?

MR. BARRETT: Walt, I really don't know. In other words, that is probably an interesting area for you to get into. I can't go into it because I just probably would be as wrong as anything else.

The other thing is that it is a little bit unique. It might be interesting for you to ask them, because with his popularity, and so forth, they may not make the same types of adjustments that have been made in the past. It is so different that I wouldn't touch it. Okay?

Q When you talked about five people traveling with him, you weren't including agents, were you?

MR. BARRETT: No, no. In that five, as I stipulated to Fran, it was five on the day of departure. Subsequent to that time, John, we could possibly just have one or two people with him at the most, maybe one person. It would depend on the nature of the stop and what his activity was.

Q Bob, when you talk about his popularity being a difference in the size of the Secret Service detail, would that mean he would need fewer because he is a more popular man?

MR. BARRETT: No. What I am saying is that his activity is such that there is as much popularity expressed in having him go places. I don't know what the Secret Service's approach or reaction is to that.

Q Where are you going to make the announcement on February 1st? Where is that going to be? You say you will announce further plans.

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MR. BARRETT: Probably Larry will have it here in Washington, and I might make something from wherever we are, which at that point probably would be Palm Springs.

Q What is the guest list going with him to California on Thursday?

MR. BARRETT: Guest list?

Q Yes. I understand he has invited several people to go with him to California.

MR. BARRETT: I don't think we have squared away the manifest, but we will have it by Thursday.

Q Bob, what is the address of the house he is going to lease in Rancho Mirage?

MR. BARRETT: Larry, have we got that? It is up on Smoke Tree Lane, Fran. I don't know the actual number of it. We can get it.

Q We would like it, because we have had queries for it.

Q Can you give us an idea what he will be doing the rest of the year?

MR. BARRETT: Not really. We are going to use the opportunity to get out to California and settle down. Quite honestly, we just haven't approached it, and that is it.

Q Can you tell us some more about the housing arrangements? Can you tell us how much the President is going to be paying in rent?

MR. BARRETT: No.

Q Can you tell us how long? I haven't had a chance to read all this.

MR. BARRETT: That is why we gave it out like that.

Q Does it say how long he will be renting this An indefinite lease?

MR. BARRETT: Yes, it is an indefinite thing. He will go in there and we will finally settle down once and for all on what he is going to do. There has been a lot of speculation. He has some ideas that he is reasonably comfortable with, but there is, very frankly, still a possibility of any number of different things developing.

Q Major, have you looked at a budget figure for this first phase transition? Under law, as you know, you are entitled to \$1 million, which is exactly half of what Carter used to take over the store. Do you anticipate that you will spend a million dollars between now and six months from now?

MR. BARRETT: Well, first of all, it is not six months. You know the authority goes through the 30th of September.

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No, I don't think we would spend a million dollars. Some of that money has been directed toward Vice President Rockefeller's transition in a like manner as the incoming administration did.

What it does is that it leaves us an amount of \$905,000 that we have. You start out -- it is a very uncharted area -- to see what type of activity he maintains, and so forth, and how much of it is totally very appropriately in the domain of the Former President's Act activity, if you will. I would hope that we would be able to return some of that, but the amount or anything, it would be just sheer speculation.

Q May I ask just one more question? There have been reports that the President is planning to write a book and that is a likely thing for a President to do. Do you plan to use any of that transition money to do research for a private contract book?

MR. BARRETT: No, there would be no involvement in that. I am sure the question answers itself, but just to answer it, no, not at all.

Q Bob, where will you be headquartered in California? Where can you be reached?

MR. BARRETT: Initially, because we are still in the process of setting up our telephone communication system out there, your best bet is to go with the information published for the Washington transition office, because they will always be able to get us, and then the tie-in would go there. The numbers, if they are not available, I am sure Larry could get them for you.

Q He takes 26000 to go to the Bing Crosby Pro-Am. Does he take 26000 there and then does he start traveling commercial, or how long does he keep 26000, and when does --

MR. BARRETT: I think the plan is to have it turn around and come right back. That is subject to -- the Military Office would know about that. I am sure that is even within flight time. That is gone right after we land.

Q Excuse me. So beyond Monterey, he either takes somebody's private jet or he flies commercial from here on?

MR. BARRETT: There will be occasions when we would make a request for military aircraft, and that would be, of course, incumbent upon myself to make sure the propriety of the request was there in terms of it being an activity or event that was purely and appropriately in the domain of a former President, probably for the benefit of the entire country for him to appear at something. A charity-type of event comes to mind, a dedication of something, or an appearance that is certainly above any political or commercial considerations.

Q Bob, how many of these activities will be income-producing events for the former President?

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MR. BARRETT: Tom, I don't think we know right now. I would say that --

Q College lectures, for example. Are they paid?

MR. BARRETT: Well, there are several approaches we can take for that. A foundation, for example, could and might get involved with that. That is why, quite honestly, it is premature to address it, but I don't mind talking about the different ways it could be approached, which obliquely answers your question. A foundation might come in and the merits of somebody picking up something like a program that provides for moving him around the country geographically in all parts at all types of schools presenting him in some way, with a program addressing the office of the Presidency, or topics contained therein, obviously has merit, based upon the interests and inquiries we have received about it. That is one thing that might develop. Yes, there would be income in that regard.

Individual involvement with schools, certainly the request has been there for that, too, including positions at schools, as well as appearances, from Chancellor on down in many cases. Visiting professorships have been suggested. The establishment of Gerald R. Ford Institutes, things like that that would call for some more expanded degree of permanent presence or extended presence on campuses for him.

So yes. I can't say what percentage would be income producing, but there would certainly be a number of activities that would be income producing. We are just not going to go near certain things for quite a while. We are going to sit back and look, and that is another stipulation on being able to answer the question properly. What do we need? What does he want? Where does he want to go and what might be expected of him?

I don't think anybody can really answer those questions now. They will sort of settle down within a couple of months and we will be able to speak then.

Q Bob, what about Mrs. Ford? Does any of the staff work deal directly with her?

MR. BARRETT: The entire staff is really going to -- the Former Presidents Act is just that. Quite honestly, Mrs. Ford has been requested a great deal, too, and in that regard we will again look at each type of event and, if it is something that is helpful, that will be helpful to everybody that she might appear, again, charity events, things along that line, we would look at the nature of the participation and what it would take. In most cases, of course, her activities will have to be financed either by a requesting group or by herself if she chooses to do it.

There are, I think, probably one or two selected times throughout the year when the two of them in tandem would be doing something that obviously would be in the best interests of the entire country, and then we would look at it accordingly.

Q Bob, what are the salaries of the various staff members that you have mentioned here?

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MR. BARRETT: Okay. We can put out a schedule, Fran. That is no problem. I will tell Larry to do so. I don't recall what it is.

Q What is the top salary?

MR. BARRETT: Okay. The top salary is my salary, which is that of a GS-18.

Q How much is that?

MR. BARRETT: Which is \$39,600.

Q It is like General Brown's, isn't it? Is that a promotion?

MR. BARRETT: I will tell you, I thought it was about a month ago, but I don't think so now. I get a lot less happening for me now than I used to, if that is any indication of anything at all.

Q How old are you?

MR. BARRETT: Thirty-eight.

Q Do you lose your PX privileges?

MR. BARRETT: PX privileges? If you know how to work that, you can do a lot with it.

Q What is this military ceremony at 1:00 p.m. on departure day?

MR. BARRETT: It is at Andrews, I imagine. The 1:00 p.m., I think, is a good time, plus or minus. I guess it depends on the length of the inauguration ceremony. Ron might know as much about that as I do. I know at Andrews it will be very formal, although not necessarily stiff.

He will arrive out of the helicopter and he will receive honors in the form of ruffles and flourishes and the playing of the National Anthem. He will probably review troops and then proceed by way of a cordon to the plane, board the plane and take off.

Q Will there be Members of the Cabinet there, and other Government officials?

MR. BARRETT: Not at this time.

Q What happened about that? There apparently had been tentative plans to.

MR. BARRETT: No. When you plan things, you have different people come and make different comments, and so forth. You might have caught that somewhere along the line, but there never were plans. There was discussion as to what might happen where and when, but there were never plans.

Q Will he speak there?

MR. BARRETT: I doubt it.

Q Bob, have you consulted on the transition with your opposite number of Mr. Nixon's staff?

MR. BARRETT: I have talked to Jack Brennan, and Tom Johnson, who had a similar charge for President Johnson. Then there were some other readings available that go back to General Schultz with General Eisenhower. I guess specifically in terms of names, those will be the only real sources available.

Q Bob, the President said in Vail he planned to return in March. Is that still on his schedule?

MR. BARRETT: I think he probably will. That is like 75-25 right now that we will.

Q And what can you say about the condominium in Vail? There was talk about him selling that and building a home there.

MR. BARRETT: He just deferred any special change in the way that he goes to Vail for an indefinite period of time. Something might come up that is attractive or something that might renew our interest in doing something a little bit sooner. But right now, first we will sort of settle getting into the Palm Springs area. What are you going to do here? What is it going to take to get it done? The Vail situation is a little bit more stable. He will probably use the same residence that he has -- of Dick Bass -- when he goes in there for a visit or two.

Q Do you have any plans?

Q Bob, can you or Ron tell us anything about what they are doing in the last couple of days? Specifically, are they living like people who are about to move out of their house in a few days, or are things pretty normal?

MR. BARRETT: That is for Ron to say.

MR. NESSEN: I am going to have a briefing tomorrow and try to pull together all the last-minute information I think everybody needs.

Q A briefing? What time, Ron?

MR. NESSEN: Probably the regular time, 11:00 or 11:30.

Q Champagne?

MR. NESSEN: It is up to you.

Q Bob, do you have any idea when the President would be coming back to Washington again?

MR. BARRETT: No, not specifically. I would say it is unlikely that he would return to Washington before April 15th and it is not to hand-carry his taxes back, come to think of it.

Q Why?

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MR. BARRETT: The possibility does exist some time after that, but he hasn't even looked at the events that I am considering now. But there are a couple of things in there that might have some attraction for him.

Q Can you tell us, does he have a date around April 15th?

MR. BARRETT: No.

Q Is there anything special around April 15th?

MR. BARRETT: No. I would say it would not be before that, based upon what we know. Don't hold me to that. Something could come up unexpectedly.

Q Was that in March?

Q No, that is Vail in March.

Q Who is Darius Keaton, the home in Monterey?

MR. BARRETT: I would have to get exactly what his title is and what is involved in it. Walt, I would be very happy to do it, but he is first off in the category of a friend. He does have a corporate identity that we can get hold of, like we do for the guys who --

Q Is his home in Monterey?

MR. BARRETT: The one he is staying at?

Q Yes, the Keaton house.

MR. BARRETT: Yes. It is in Monterey proper.

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Q As a general rule, when major events occur, either decisions of a Presidential nature or events on the world scene, in the general course of things, does the President plan to comment, make himself available, issue statements, keep in the news that way?

MR. BARRETT: No. As I said, like repeating myself, there will be occasions -- and certainly we are not going into any type of obscurity or anything -- there will be occasions when I think we are news but we will make no attempt to create a news situation.

For a period of some months, subject to some unexpected type of occurrence, I think that you would almost see us refrain from anything that required a substantive keynote type of comment, you know, just to let things get going.

Q If an enterprising reporter tried to get a hold of you or Larry and asked a question, the general reaction would be, "We don't want to get involved," is that what you are saying?

MR. BARRETT: Right -- no, I tell you what. I do hate to say. I am sure Ron would do it the same way. I think you will find we will receive every question. I just would not yield to any generalization and say one way or the other. We are going to try to be responsive to it.

Q Bob, have you heard him say that he is going to have a moratorium of like three months or one hundred days or whatever on commenting on anything that the new Administration does?

MR. BARRETT: That is just what I was sort of alluding to in so many words, John. We are going to refrain, of course. It is an extension of the same spirit of transition that he has conducted this period with and certainly the new Administration, it's his feeling, they need every opportunity to get off the mark on the technical things that are learned very quickly once you get exposed to them.

And to start taking shots at anybody in that period he is just not going to be given to that type of thing at all.

Q For how long, did you say?

MR. BARRETT: Nothing specifically. It will be a few months.

Q A few days?

MR. BARRETT: A few days? Months. We will probably go back to the office and find a big statement now.

Q Are we correct that he is to take something of a political Sabbath to give Carter a sort of grace period before he comes in?

MR. BARRETT: I think it is multi-purposed, Walt. That is absolutely true what you say there. It is also a time for people, some of us who were to gather at Palm Springs who

were asking a number of questions, the point being what is he going to do. You know you have got a coming together of the past, the present and the future, the day after tomorrow. They really all hammer into one 24-hour period there.

Like after we get through the 20th, then we are just dealing with the present and the future, if you will. What will his political activity be? Obviously, that is up in the air.

What is going to be the extent, in carrying Tom's question, how many involvements will he get in academically? I think we just need a little bit of time to sit back and decide what is the best thing to do for him, and he wants to do that himself.

Q In one of his interviews he said he may be willing to help Jimmy Carter in any way. Do you care to elaborate on that?

MR. BARRETT: No, not within any political framework, because that is not my -- but I just know him personally, that --

Q To keep the line open, let's say.

MR. BARRETT: Sure, gosh, if he comes in and makes a request of the President down the line, you know doggone well he is going to listen and be sort of responsive to something that is in the best interests of the country.

Q Bob, any plans on foreign travel?

MR. BARRETT: No, none whatsoever at this time.

Q Before Ron gets away, can we ask about gasoline decontrol and amnesty? Anything coming out today or tomorrow?

MR. BARRETT: Will there be anything else?

Q Yes. I want to know is this military ceremony something special for President Ford? Did they have it for Johnson?

MR. BARRETT: Yes. When people say something is traditional and this has precedent, there is no such thing. If you look at these things, every departure has been different.

Then somebody cites the last one or the one they want to endorse and that becomes a precedent. But there is none. Each President sort of does what he wants. It just so happens that what is occurring at Andrews did occur in a very like manner for President Johnson before his departure, that particular part of his departure.

Q Is this his last official ceremony, official ceremony as an outgoing President, or what?

MR. BARRETT: Well, technically, I guess you answered your own question. It is not as an outgoing President. It is the last official ceremony for him.

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Q Okay.

MR. BARRETT: Because we have left the Capitol already.

Q On the question of the helicopter, where is it taking off from, and isn't there a problem because there are going to be such crowds there?

MR. BARRETT: It is a problem that is being addressed right now. There is an area that apparently he can operate from and the people are taking care of that right now. They are meeting on it.

Q Up on the Hill you mean, up near the Hill?

MR. BARRETT: Somewhere near the Hill, right. I am sure they will accommodate all the safety and security considerations like they always do because they are the first ones to make sure that is right.

Q Another question. I understand why you might not have a phone number yet, but are you contemplating on having an office for your transition staff?

MR. BARRETT: We have an office for the transition staff. Until we settle in we will maintain the offices here. We will receive everything through them. We will have communications with them in very short order that people will be able to call us.

We will have a post office box. But because we might be charged to operate a certain or establish a certain office, we don't put anything up right away. So, we may operate in a very austere fashion for a week or two.

Q Bob, are the Firestones going to be in residence at the time the Fords are there, or are they turning it over to him?

MR. BARRETT: No. They will be the guests of the Firestones for that period of time.

Q Bob, can you say the President has ruled out the purchase of Fred Wilson's home?

MR. BARRETT: Yes.

Q Ron, what about decontrol and amnesty?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have anything for you.

Q Do you expect something tomorrow on either one?

MR. NESSEN: I hope to have a good rundown tomorrow.

Q Do you expect him to buy a house there or what?

MR. BARRETT: I didn't hear the question.

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Q Do you know whether he will buy a house there?

MR. BARRETT: We are very close to one of those two decisions, , Fran, but it is not made and it will be made in very short order after we get out there and he can make his final considerations without everything that he has got to confront himself with here.

Q Bob, do you not have a lease or have another option on a vacant lot right now?

MR. BARRETT: We do not, in answer to that question, have any option on any vacant lot right now.

Q Have you been asked specifically about an office? Is he renting an office out there yet or is he building an office?

MR. BARRETT: No. We will be establishing the offices, the transition staff and myself, and we will be going into sort of a similar situation as we did on the Palm Springs visit, where we will be working out of a temporary residence or something like that for a very short period of time.

Q And this will be a very temporary office until you can --

MR. BARRETT: Yes.

Q Is there a decent Federal building in Palm Springs where you can go?

MR. BARRETT: No.

Q Bob, is he definitely going to write a book?

MR. BARRETT: I think it is reasonable you can expect him to do that. The format of the book, what it encompasses, he hasn't focussed on that a bit yet, whether it is, you know, you get the use of the terms memoirs or autobiography, and so forth, that hasn't been decided.

Q Bob, this announcement that you are talking about on February 1st, in quickly taking a look at the releases, there is no indication that the President is going to have any source of income for the time being, apart from what he is entitled to by virtue of his previous position.

There is a reference to positions of a more permanent nature. Does that suggest that he will be taking a job?

MR. BARRETT: Not a job. I think, again, going back to Tom Charles' point, academically or otherwise, the involvement of the President is, you know, everybody would like to have him and the generation of income is something that is just going to be looked at very carefully -- what do you want to get involved with and who would be the sponsoring groups, and things along that line. There would be never a job, as such. Positions, institutes, symposiums, academic campuses --

Q What about board of directors of corporations?

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MR. BARRETT: No.

Q That is out?

MR. BARRETT: We won't even look at them for six months, if then.

Q Bob, you have mentioned the President and Mrs. Ford are going out to California. What about the children? Are they going out? Is Susan going out?

MR. BARRETT: Susan is going back to school. She is out in Topeka, Kansas right now and will be continuing her studies there. Jack is going to take some time and head out to California. He is still considering a couple of opportunities.

Q He is flying out?

MR. BARRETT: No, not with us. He will probably precede us. Steve is out there in school in California right now and, of course, Mike is up in the northeast.

Q Bob, you didn't say whether the President has an option on a house in the Palm Springs area.

MR. BARRETT: No, he doesn't. Anything else?

THE PRESS: Thank you.

MR. BARRETT: Thank you.

Larry asked me to say you are supposed to have three sheets and they are available in the press room if you don't have them.

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(AT 3:45 P.M. EST)