

Pool Report

October 15, 1974

Air Force One Washington to Kansas City

Wheels up Andrews AFB 4:47 p.m.

Nothing until Nessen came to pool compartment at 5:30 p.m.

and only news at that point was that President would be making a statement on the Boston school situation shortly and that the President would meet with Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Hotel Muehlebach at Dole's request to talk about "the wheat situation in Kansas."

Nessen said he really did not know what that situation was. He said Dole would be available at the hotel after the 15-minute meeting. A pool would be ~~admitted~~ admitted at the beginning of the meeting. At 5:35

p.m. an aide told Nessen "The President wants you," presumably in connection with the Boston statement.

Statement is to be released at the ^{the} White House also.

Nessen returned at 6:30 that Boston statement had been released at the White House and it was not yet available on the plane. The first of it was he said, was that Gov. Sargent had not formally requested federal troops, that he had not used all of his aut critics. Nessen said Sargent had talked to Kenneth Cole, executive director of the Domestic Council, not the President. Therefore a formal request from Sargent to the President has ~~not~~

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Dean Burch said the GOP national cmte is paying for the entire trip because of the questions raised as to the political-non-political character of the KC visit..

The plane experienced turbulence from 6:08 to 6:15 ap prox. Nessen said the President buckled his belt and remarked, "I thought Air Force One would be smoother than this."

Nessen then quoted a copy of the Boston statement issued in Washington saying the mayor and governor had not used all resources at their disposal and saying that "The president feels federal troops should only be used as a last resort."

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