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Pool report Greensboro, N. C.-Louisville, Ky. Air Forde One.

Flight generally uneventful. Nessen came back late in the flight with the answer to some questions previously asked him. He said Ford did, in fact, talk by telephone Friday night with Nelson Rockefeller and was informed then about Rockefeller's tax problems. He said the call was initiated by Rockefeller, partly so Ford could ~~talk~~ talk to Happy and partly to tell him of the tax problems.

Later, Nessen, on the same subject said there still was no change in the President's ~~belief~~ belief in Rockefeller's confirmation and his integrity. Nessen was asked if Rocky had offered to withdraw and ~~answered~~ said "Absolutely not."

Regarding tonight's speech said he ~~didn't~~ didn't think there would be an advanced text but "it will be the best of everything you have heard today."

Regarding Mexico trip, Nessen gave a rundown of ~~the~~ a news conference held by the Mexican foreign minister in Mexico City, apparently in answer to earlier queries about what the talks would include.

He ~~said~~ ~~the~~ ~~man~~ ~~quoted~~ the Mexican as saying there would be an open agenda but topics certain to arise include migratory workers, commercial activities, possibly petroleum. Nessen said the Mexican foreign minister denied any pressure brought by the Unistates to discuss petroleum.

Possibly church tomorrow but otherwise Ford's expected to stay home.

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