

POOL REPORT....Andrews AFB to Eielson AFB 11/29/75

President's helicopter arrived at Andrews at 8:09 am. On board with Pres. were Mrs. Ford, Susan, Scowcroft, Hartmann, Chaney, and Nessen. The airport remarks were delivered as released by Press Office. Wheels up...8:20am. Only a small crowd on hand for departure, mostly press.

Shortly after takeoff...Kissinger walked thru briefly...said he always wanted to see a pipeline...said in all his travels to the Mid-East he had never seen a pipeline. Kissinger said he would be leaving the Presidential Party in Manila. He plans to fly to Tokyo to brief Japanese officials on the Peking talks...and will overnite in Tokyo before returning to Washington.

Kissinger was asked about negotiations for keeping the U.N. buffer force in the Golan Heights. He said..."It's going to be close, but I think we'll make it." On a second pass-thru..with Mrs. Ford and Susan...Kissinger, smiling, told Growald he, K., planned to nominate Growald for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Growald asked him to add Poetry, too, and K. agreed. All this followed an exchange between the two on how Growald managed to file a report on a results of Kissinger-Mao meeting last month..while it was still going on.

Nessen came back ~~kw~~...and was asked about the John Paul Stevens nomination. He said Stevens was totally shocked when the President telephoned him with the news. The second call was to Sen. Eastland. ~~Nessen~~ (This was on Friday, yesterday, about 1 p.m.) Nessen quoted the Pres. as saying Eastland told him he would support the nomination.

Next visitor..Sheila Weidenfeld. She offered the following schedule notes on Mrs. Ford and Susan:

Monday..no activities planned for either.

Tuesday..Susan will visit Great Wall. Free Day for Mrs. Ford.
Both to attend ballet Tues nite.

Wednesday..Mrs. Ford to visit Forbidden City and Palace Museum...and that afternoon, a dance school.
Susan to visit a commune (no press on Susan's visit.)

Thursday..Mrs. Ford and Susan to visit a carpet factory in the am....afternoon free, possible shopping trip.

Friday...departure from Peking.

Frank Zarb...with the party only thru the Fairbanks stop...plans to fly to Seattle this afternoon..then to London where he will spend two days conferring with Britian's Energy Minister and others on the North Sea oil reserves...nuclear energy matters...and progress being made on coal liquifaction and gasification.

Zarb said the conference report on Energy still has not been put in final form. He said he would be relaying information on the final bill to the President in Peking. Zarb said if the bill comes out the way the conferees agreed...he would continue to recommend that the President accept it. No Presidential action on the Bill is expected during the travel week ahead, according to Zarb.

Aboard AF One on flite to Fairbanks: Senator Mike Gravel..
Congressman Young,..Jim Lynn and Mrs. Lynn (Sheila sez Mrs. Lynn
is along as companion to Mrs. Ford)...and Under Secretary of State
Joe Sisco. Sisco sez he'll be keeping tabs on the Golan-U.N.
situation. Sisco said this was his first trip to Asia.

Miscellany: Nessen said the President, during the flite, was "doing
what everybody else up there is doing...~~g~~ reading their China
briefing books."

Susan indicated she was all set for Vail over the Christmas
holidays. ~~She~~ Without announcing firm plans, she said it's always
nice when the family gets together at Vail. (No mention of ski
conditions in New Hampshire.)

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