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POOL REPORT #1, Andrews AFB to Keene, NH

Wheels up at 4 p.m. Before takeoff, Peter Kaye, public relations director for the PFC dropped by:

The Committee's phone banks will, by "today or tomorrow", have called 80,000 Republican households, Kaye said. They have found undecideds "still ranging up to about 40 per cent, but that could be skewed a bit because maybe some of the Reagan people are not saying."

The 30,000 who say they are definitely for the President will get callbacks, which have already begun, asking them to help turn out the vote Tuesday. 75 phones from the banks, and 25 home phones are being used. Undecideds will receive a letter and a brochure. As of Wednesday, 2/18, , 20,645 of these have been sent out. A different brochure has been sent to 110,000 registered Republicans in N.H. This weekend shopping centers in Manchester, Nashua, Keene, and Concord will be "blitzed", said Kaye, which entails volunteers giving out brochures and the like.

Kaye noted that Reagan phoners began last fall, and used the same callback technique. But because callbacks began a while ago, they are "not up to date, and that might be a small advantage".

Kaye added that Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey has organized fellow Republican congressmen, Elwood Hillis of Indiana, freshman Joel Pritchard of Washington, and Ron Sarasin of Connecticut, into a campaign team, using Hillis' plane, that will work for the President this weekend. Among the towns they will visit are Dixville Notch and Hart's Location, which are among the towns that release very early returns. Freshman Jim Jeffords of Vermont and Stewart McKinney of Connecticut will be phoning voters on behalf of the President. All of this is being done "on their own" by the congressmen, and at their own expense, Kaye said, "but we welcome it".

The PFC is near its expenditure limit in the state, Kaye said in response to a question, which your poolers believe to be \$212,000. Kaye would make no predictions about the vote, but did not downplay its importance. "We consider all primaries significant, starting with the first," he said. "We are in them all to win. If we don't win the first, we're out to win the second."

Aboard were the Fords, Messrs. Marsh, Nessen, Rep. Jim Cleveland, SBA head Mitchell Kobelinski, enroute a speaking date.

Sheila Weidenfeld came back to report that Mrs. Ford would go to Florida on February 24. Few details, but events will include a visit to Jacksonville to attend the Sertoma (Service to Mankind) Club Bicentennial "Stand Up for America" rally. Time is 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Ford will stay "the week" in Florida, Ms. Weidenfeld said, but she could not be more specific than that. The PFC will pay for the trip.

Mr. Nessen appeared to say that Mr. Ford would go to Florida "one weekend or the other" between the N.H. and the Florida primary.

Hubbard--Newsweek
Pierpoint--CBS
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