

the trip to the airport was without incident. ford shook hands with his motorcycle escort and boarded air force one for a 7:25 local time departure.

on board were housing secretary lynn, who had attended a meeting on indian housing in phoenix, congressman rhodes, and mr. and mrs. j. w. marriott, sr.

nessen gave the ~~the~~ president's schedule for tomorrow: an eleven ayem cabinet meeting, a three peyem meeting with ash and greenspan and a four peyem <sup>1976</sup> budget review with ash, seidman, simon and aides.

rhodes came back ~~to~~ to the press area for a chat. he predicted that rockefeller would be confirmed before christmas and ~~the~~ said the speaker was firm about completeing the nomination process before adjournment for the ~~the~~ holiday. rhodes said "i would bet that it ((the nomination vote)) would be favorable."

asked if he felt threatened by reports of moves to replace him as minority leader, he said "no i do not."

as to whether ford would run in 1976, he said "the white house is the most virulent virus ~~a~~ known to man." and he said "i know him well enough to know that he'll run," although he said ford had not told him that. rhodes said ford "loves every minute of it."

~~responding to other questions,~~ rhodes agreed with the timing of the nixon pardon and said "his guilt has not been proven.", adding "he ~~resigned~~ resigned because he couldn't govern the country."

the plane touched down at Schieter, Copeland, Lewine, Thomas

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