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Pool Report -- Air Force One

At planeside just before takeoff, Nessen was asked for confirmation of reports about resignations, transfers, etc of Schlesinger, Runsfeld, Kissinger, Scowcroft, Colby, Bush and Cheney.

Nessen listened to several attempts to elicit an answer, but would only say, "I'm sorry. I can't." He was asked if he would have anything to say on the plane. "No." He was asked if there would be an announcement on landing. He said "No." A note was dispatched to Nessen to come back to talk to us. He sent Sheila Wiedenfeld back to say that he would not, and relay Monday schedule -- "mostly staff meetings."

Shortly after takeoff, a note was sent to Kissinger asking for an explanation of the reported events, telling him of the widespread newsplay and telling him of speculation that might be expected lacking any information from the White House. Kissinger jokingly answered, "It's a coup-- a military coup. Don't be surprised if we land at an air force base." Earlier, at planeside, when he was asked about the "rumors," he said, "What rumors? I don't know what you are talking about." Kissinger was pleasant enough, but refused to respond to repeated requests for information.

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When the president left the San Jose Country Club, a reddish mark was noticed over his right eyebrow. It looked like a skinned place. But since nobody has been able to talk to Nessen, there's no explanation.