

pool report on ford flight greensboro to andrews, march 13, 1975

ten minutes before landing, peter kaye came back to pool and began to talk about north carolina primary. he said 54 delegates at stake, it is a proportional election, 33 elected by district and 21 at large. at this point, nessen interceded to announce the schedule for sunday and monday.

sunday-- staff meetings. Monday-- pretty much as announced earlier in press room. no church sunday. staff meetings sunday on economics. Spencer will not attend.

nessen--ford probably go back to north carolina next saturday for one day trip.

following ~~dialog~~ dialog between nessen and pool:

q. think callaway thing hurt you in illinois

n--how could it. i can't imagine. how would you propose that it hurts.

q. influence peddling accusation?

n. what you have some ~~influence~~ ^{evidence} that there's influence ~~peddling~~ peddling here? well, what are you saying then? that is what.. Do you know that? Then what the hell are you saying? Well, it's being investigated, isn't it? And what is the president's role in it?

q. ~~nothing~~ nothing

n. then what the hell are you talking about. all right. you asked me whether it had any effect on the president's campaign in illinois. I can't imagine how it would.

q--fact is callaway stepped aside and you saying consequences of that voluntary act no effect on illinois result.

n-- I'm not. I'm saying. I told frank that at moment the matter of allegations against bo are under investigation. You know what the president has said about bo and I have not heard anybody, unless frank knows something different, suggest that the president is in any way involved. do you know any way that the president is involved? All right.

q--when president find out?

n--yesterday afternoon in marriott hotel. after the press conference when he went up to his suite, around five o'clock

q--you saying in your opinion have no effect on illinois campaign
n- it ce taintly will not as far as i can see. and mr. reagan saic
e didn't think it would have any effect.

q--on illinois campaign

n---on illinois results that's my understanding of what he said.
guess he's the best witness to that.

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