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wheels up 12:39 p.m. nessen came back and was asked about the case of convicted mercenary daniel gearhart. he said there was nothing new on the subject and that to his knowledge senator charles mathias had not talked with the white house before leaving for angola to plead for gearhart's life. Mathias had spoken with the state department, however, he said.

this morning the president worked on paperwork in the oval office. he may play golf tomorrow at burning tree after church.

nessen said there will be no toasts at tonight's dinner and no text for his speech to the U.S. Olympic athletes.

on the olympic situation, nessen said there was nothing new to report. asked if the U.S. might withdraw from the Olympics if Taiwan were ~~not~~ not allowed to participate, nessen said, "it's soon to consider that question" since there's a week or so go before the Olympics begin and conceivably the matter could be worked out.

nessen reiterated that there are no plans for the president to attend the olympic games in montreal.

the pool was not given a manifest for the flight. The president is flying the backup plane (26000) because of the large number of guests flying back late this evening from the queen's dinner. (Mrs. Ford and Susan, FYI, are flying up separately and will meet the President in Newport but will return aboard AFOne.)

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