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Your poolers agree that nothing on the ground at Glendale requires report; the transcript of Ford's remarks to poolers and a few others before he left Glendale having been separately distributed.

Aboard Air Force One out of Los Angeles, Nessen's only response to questions about the reports about Ford's income and expenditure practices as reflected in an IRS audit in 1973 of his income tax returns for 1972 and preceding 1972 went to the source rather than the substance of the reports. Nessen specifically cited the Washington Post report that a supporter of the Carter-for-President campaign made the IRS study available to that newspaper. Nessen said it is his understanding that the law provides a one-year jail term for someone who illegally distributes confidential tax information. Nessen said he thinks an effort should be made to find out which Carter supporter leaked the material. Nessen talked only in terms of the Washington Post story this morning. He said the same story appeared in a Jack Anderson report two years ago "in a story designated to show how honest the President was."

He was asked about the statement by one of the California Spanish-speaking Americans who met with Ford that Ford has said he would veto the Rodino immigration bill. He said he didn't know anything about that. He also was asked about a report that Ford would impose quotas on imports of foreign beef. He said Ford was reviewing material supplied by the Department of Agriculture on that subject and indicated that something may be coming up on that.

Regarding weekend schedule, Nessen said: tickets for all in press party who wish to attend the Dallas football game will be available. Sunday, Ford will attend the service at the Dallas Southern Baptist Church presided over by the Reverend Criswell whose name and initials are known to everybody except your poolers.

NOTE: Nessen near end of the flight said "we are going to issue a lengthy fact sheet on all the errors on the factual errors and misstatements that appear in the debate in San Francisco. It will open by a five-paragraph statement by the Press Secretary, a kind of a general statement. If anybody wants it, I will read part of it for film and audio tape Friday." This is embargoed for 6:00 p. m. release, (EDT), Saturday, October 9, 1976.

David Nyhan, Boston Globe
Ann Compton, ABC
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