

POOL REPORT

Flight to California and trip to the Firestone House
November 6, 1976

Very relaxed, informal flight. Susan and Jack and Steve along. Left Andrews at 1:05 pm. President in gray suit - waved to a few base personnel.

Routine in Palm Springs will be quite relaxed according to Major Robert Barrett. President will spend a couple of hours each morning on business -- with Cheney for the most part. State of the Union Address and Budget to be submitted will be the prime concerns. Then golf in the afternoons -- President could start for the course as early as 10 am each morning. Three or four golf courses around Palm Springs will be used. Mentioned as possible playing partners, Bob Hope and former Army football coach Earl "Red" Blake -- but those are tentative.

Expect some evening socializing, dinner parties, receptions, that kind of thing.

Jack and Steve will likely stay in Palm Springs only a couple of days, and then head for Steve's home in Newport Beach. Susan's plans are uncertain.

Barrett indicates that this trip will not produce any definite decisions on future Ford plans. "This will be a sorting out time," he said. "Some options may be deliniated, but certainly there will be no decisions made."

Nessen says he does not plan daily briefings, but will play things by ear. There will be daily postings about 9:30 or 10:00 am and again about 3:30 pm.

Motorcade went directly to the Firestone home. President went inside, stopping to say to your pool, "Relax, have a good time, no pressure." Your pool was referred to by the President as "the old faithful". Asked if he would play golf this afternoon, the President said, "I sure am, immediately!" Advance folks said there would be no pictures allowed today. There are no Ford plans for tonight. The President's family will stay in.

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