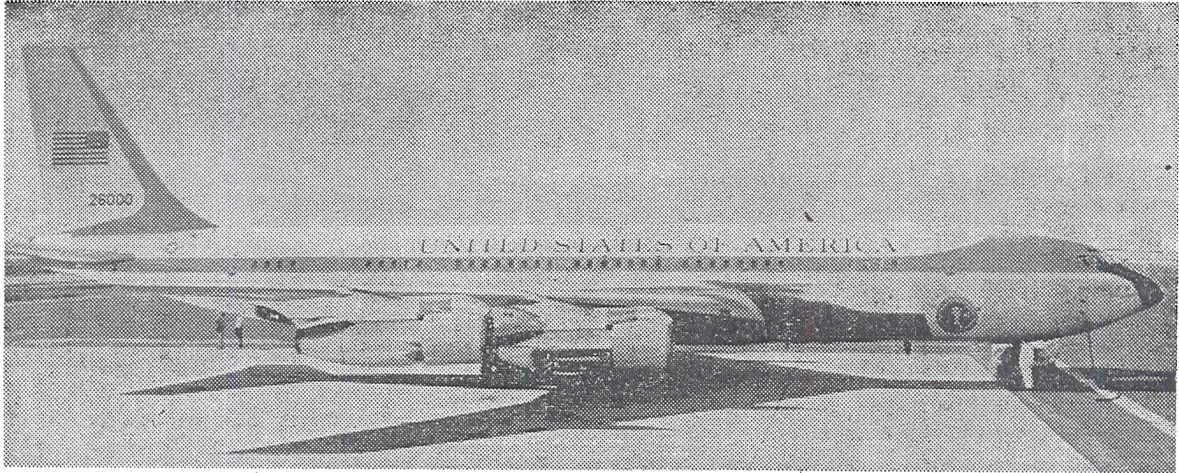


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SWITCH PULLED ON NEW PRESIDENTIAL JET
Old No. 26000, above, was subbed for new No. 27000 Easter weekend

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Pat Snubs Dick's Plane

WASHINGTON — (AP) — As if he didn't have enough troubles, President Nixon has discovered that some people — including his wife — are not overly fond of his new \$10 million jet plane.

Mrs. Nixon finds, to her occasional annoyance, that her private compartment is periodically invaded by presidential aides and crew members. Because of the peculiar way the interior of the plane was designed, it's the only way they can move from one end of the plane to the other.

The President's compartment, by contrast, is separated from the traffic flow by a narrow walled-in walkway that runs along side one of the big Boeing jet, much like the aisle

No Privacy for Her On \$10 Million Jet

alongside railroad passenger car restrooms.

Others who haven't been heard cheering the new Spirit of 76, as Nixon calls the plane, include Secret Service agents.

They sit in a narrow seat that, because of intruding bulkheads, cannot be reclined for comfort on long flights.

However, such presidential aides as Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler and foreign policy adviser Henry Kissinger have no complaints.

Their staff quarters, just behind Nixon's are expanded in the new plane. Probably in jest, Kissinger has declared

with a twinkle that he now has an executive washroom.

For last weekend's Easter trip to Florida, Nixon and his family used the outwardly identical old Air Force One, reportedly because his wife wanted privacy with her daughters, Julie and Tricia, and son-in-law David Eisenhower.

The older craft, in service for more than 10 years, has an enclosed walkway that passes Mrs. Nixon's room as well as the presidential suite.

The new Spirit of 76, bearing the tail number 27000, was ready to take the Nixons to Florida.

Then, in a sudden and unexplained switch, its predecessor with tail number 26000 was rolled up in its place and was boarded by the First Family.

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said only that the two planes, both intercontinental military versions of the Boeing 707, were regarded as interchangeable. Their dimensions are identical and they are look-alikes from the outside.

Mrs. Nixon was said to have chosen the tweedy blue carpeting and simulated walnut paneling that grace No. 27000, which went into service in February. It was not clear whether she was consulted on the new configuration that trespasses on her privacy.