

Abdication with honor

- ① After farewell speech to WH staff, "the band played 'Hail to the Chief' for him ... in the East Room."
WXP 10 Aug 74, p. 20, Lou Cannon
~~red carpet, Executive Mansion to helicopter~~
- ② "And then he was gone, walking down a red carpet on the south lawn to his helicopter Army One, taking the salutes of a 21-man cordon in the dress uniforms of four services."
Newsweek 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 22
- ③ "Nixon immediately walked with his family through the applause in the East Room, out to the south lawn and into Army One, ~~xcxc the helicopter xcxc~~ the ... helicopter ... which was waiting to ferry them to Andrews Air Force Base. There Air Force One ... was in turn waiting for the ... flight to California."
Time Magazine 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 15
- ④ "According to unconfirmed reports [story datelined 8 Aug], the Nixon family will travel aboard a Government jet, but not Air Force One."
NYT 9 Aug 74, p. 2, Philip Shabecoff
- ⑤ Nixon plane landed at El Toro Marine Air Base, "Mr. Nixon had asked that ordinary citizens be admitted to the air base, which has happened infrequently on

19 Aug 74, 8 Aug 74, 9 Aug 74

many previous Presidential trips there.² Marines
set up bleachers "

NYT 10 Aug 74, p. 4, Wallace Turner

⑤ "Nixon left trying to disguise what everyone knew."

"It was Nixon who decided on both the helicopter and
the circumstances for his final departure."

SF Sunday Ex & Chr 11 Aug 74, p. 5; Patrick J.
Sloyan, Ex correspondent, WX

"'Oh, God,' said one crestfallen White House aide,

'Why did he have to go this way.' But it was Nixon

[by inference, watching N's departure from WH]

- 7 George F. Will, quoting from article in National Review,
16 Aug 74 by former WH speech writer who collaborated
with another WH aide who had spoke directly with ~~Mc~~
Nixon the day Agnew resigned: "'The President told him
he had counseled Agnew Tuesday [day before Agnew
resigned] in these terms: the important thing is to
stand unbowed, not to let 'them' think they've broken you.
I've faced these situations, Nixon went on, everyone in
politics has to face them, and you can weather them if
you just refuse to appear as a beaten man. That, said
the President, was the way he had survived the loss in
1960 '"

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