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Why Pat

Doesn't Like

Nixon Jet

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President Nixon has discovered that some people—including wife Pat—are not overly fond of his new \$10 million Air Force One plane.

Mrs. Nixon finds, to her occasional annoyance, that the configuration of the craft requires periodic invasions of her private compartment by presidential aides and crew members. 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 one side of the big Boeing jet, which went into service in February.

Others who haven't been heard cheering the new Spirit of '76, as Mr. 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 L. Ziegler and foreign policy adviser Henry A. Kissinger have no complaints. Their staff quarters, just behind Mr. Nixon's, are expanded in the new plane. Probably in jest, Kissinger has declared that he now even has an executive wash-room.

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