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Nixon Was

Over Missouri

Washington

The presidential aircraft, Spirit of '76, was 13 miles southwest of Jefferson City, Mo., flying at 39,000 feet at three minutes past noon EDT yesterday when Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as the 38th president of the United States.

Mr. Nixon was at his desk in the private compartment at the time, and Mrs. Nixon was in the next compartment. Their daughter Tricia and her husband Edward Cox listened to Ford's address over the radio but Mr. Nixon did not, a spokesman said.

The Coxes later told Mr. Nixon about the broadcast and the President's mention of Mr. Nixon.

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