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POOL REPORT
Thursday Morning

President arrived at Gondola No. 1 at 11:08 a. m. Wearing the orange parka that he started out with, the one with the Flash Gordon black and yellow streaks. There was a short colloquy with the press and then got on the gondola and was hoisted aloft. The usual cluster of Secret Service agents around him, plus David Kennerly. We didn't spot the ski instructor but he may have been there.

Verbatim colloquy follows:

President: Good morning everybody.

Question: Do you have any big New Year's eve party planned yet?

President: No, I think we'll have a quiet New Year's eve. We'll leave it all to you to tear the town up. (Inaudible) bright and early the next day.

Question: Have your energy advisers arrived yet?

President: No, they're getting in tomorrow morning early. (Inaudible question)

President: I think the whole group's coming out tomorrow morning.

QUESTION: Will you discuss a gas tax with your energy advisers?

President: We'll talk about all the options.

Question: Is that still a live option, Mr. President?

President: That's about as dead as any option I know.

Question: You must have brought it out here and froze it a little bit.

President: But it's going to be considered. I think there are many better choices.

Question: Do you have more work to do this afternoon or are you going to ski all day?

President: No, I'm going to ski till about 1:30 or 2 o'clock. I may not ski tomorrow with all the people out here, so I may ski a little longer today.

Question: On energy, Mr. Ford, do you favor some type of consumption tax at some point?

President: I'm not going to pre-empt what they submit to me.

Question: Do you expect to get that report from Dr. Kissinger on the CIA today, Mr. President?

President: I hope so, yes.

Question: Do you have any intention of making it public?

President: We'll have to read it first.

Question: Is there a possibility it will be made public?

President: I wouldn't rule it out, but it depends on the content. We'll see you later.

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