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POOL REPORT ON FORD'S MORNING SKIING, dec. 31.

the president arrived at the chairlifts at approx.

10:20, carrying skis over his shoulders. he was dressed in blue,
blue jacket, blue pants. Red ski boots. White hat.

He walked briskly; his face appeared to be windburned and perhaps smeared with an ointment.

here's the as-delivered:

reporter: do you have any new years resolutions?

Pres: I'll make them tonight.

Reporter: any cabinet or ambassadorial appointments?

Pres: No, but ron's got somethings for you today.

Reporter: You gonna buy any gold, Mr. President?

Pres: No, I'm not a speculator.

ford was accompanied by the usual ski patrol and and ss detail, as well as sheika grammshammer (?sp/), wife of pepi, the local entropreneur, and Mrs. James are Brown, wife of old ford friend.

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--van riper, ny news engberg, westinghouse

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