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Tonight, the President has been invited to attend a buffet dinner at his own condominium -- that is the one he owns that is being used by Dick Bass during this trip. The hosts for the party are Dick Bass and also another friend of the President's, named Jim Brown. There will be about 20 couples there, most of them are close friends of the Fords from previous years of skiing here in Vail and the few members of the staff have been invited, too.

The buffet will be tenderloin roast, salad and potatoes.

Q Could you identify Mr. Brown?

MR. NESSEN: Mr. Brown is an executive with the Thiokol Chemical Corporation.

Q Could you give us the spelling on Brown?

MR. NESSEN: B-r-o-w-n. He and his wife live 70 miles from Salt Lake City in a town called Tremonton, Utah.

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Mr. Brown met the President about nine or ten years ago when then Congressman Ford came to Utah to give a speech. Mr. Brown was a Republican campaign official and was assigned to pick Congressman Ford up at the airport.

During their drive, they found that they shared an interest in skiing and the Fords went to Utah that Easter with the Browns. They have skied in the ensuing nine or ten years together a number of times, either in Utah, or at Sun Valley, and then in recent years here at Vail.

I believe also that one of the Ford sons has spent some time on a ranch that the Browns own in Utah.

Q Do you know what he is with the Thiokol Chemical Company? What is the middle initial and so forth?

MR. NESSEN: Sheila was checking on all of the Brown information. If you don't know his full name, check with Sheila, she will get it after the briefing. He is a group executive.

Q What is the coverage at the party tonight and what time is it?

MR. NESSEN: I think 8 o'clock is the starting time and there is no coverage inside.

Q Who will cover the party?

MR. NESSEN: The day-long protective pool --

Q I think the starting time for the party is 7 o'clock.

MR. NESSEN: Check with Sheila for the information.

Q At the party will there be a vice-chairman of the U.S. Steel board? Can you tell us about him?

MR. NESSEN: Sheila is doing the social stuff and you should get together with her after the briefing and find out who is on the guest list.

Since he is a guest and the Browns and Besses are giving the party, you should check with them.

Q My question is: Is he associated in any way with the President's official party? Is he a close friend of the President here in Vail?

MR. NESSEN: I have never heard of him before.

Q The reason I ask is we do have an important story vis-a-vis U.S. Steel.

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the Town Council for approval of programs and direction.

She said a council member from East Vail would help ease the residents of the area into becoming more familiar with the town operations since they were just recently annexed, and residents of the area would

feel freer to talk to a neighborhood council member.

She added that if the Town of Vail continues to annex land, it will eventually have to go to a precinct system of elections. Vail presently elects all council members at-large. She said

the Vail community was already segmented, citing interests in the village core, LionsHead and East Vail as being different. Richards suggested that if the Council had appointed an East Vail resident, alienation of East Vail residents could have been avoided.

Ruder, in an interview

Saturday, said he looked forward to the 1975 November elections when four new council members may be elected. With the annexation of East Vail, a large segment of new voters entered the town and will have a significant impact on the outcome of the elections.

## Jim Brown: Ford's skiing friend

by Peter Cary

Although they will be staying in the Dick Bass house, if this Christmas vacation is like the past the Fords will be spending most of their time with the James E. Browns of Tremonton, Utah. Brown is a long time skier and

Ford for the first time last year in Vail at a cocktail party thrown by the Bases. The Browns were invited and reportedly asked if they could bring the Fords along.

And it was Jim Brown who apparently made the initial overture to Bass about exchanging homes with the president this

cial, picked up Ford, who was going to make a political speech, at the Salt Lake City airport.

They renewed their friendship and the Fords went to Utah that Easter to ski with the Browns. They skied together ever since at Christmas time, the first five years at Sun Valley in

of the board of directors of the Bear River State Bank in Tremonton, a town of 3,000 approximately 70 miles outside Salt Lake City.

The Browns own a ranch in Tremonton where the Ford boys, Steve and Jack, spent some time last sum-