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## POOL REPORT

President Ford skied for three and a half hours today - 10:30 to 2:00 p. m. and returned with a group of skiers to be met at the bottom of the slope by a crowd of reporters, cameramen and other skiers.

He said it was "10 below" up on the mountain and "the snow was excellent. It was just a beautiful day for skiing, an ideal day. I got my legs in shape." One youngster asked the President if he would shake hands and Ford laughingly said, "sure if you want to shake a cold one" and they shook hands.

The President said that he had skied on Flapjack and Simba trails and he was accompanied by friends, whom he identified only as "from all over the country." An excited crowd gathered about him as he ended his second day in a row ski run.

The President was redfaced and somewhat out of breath from his exercises and he appeared to want to cut short the chit chat. He said "I'm going in and have some lunch right now." He also said he had a couple of hours of work ahead, mentioning a stack of bills passed by the 93rd Congress that are awaiting his signature.

The President wore a different outfit for skiing today - a chocolate brown ski jacket and matching pants. But he had on the same red plastic ski boots and orange and white striped wool hat.

Daughter Susan was also out skiing today and romping near the Ford's rented home with their golden retriever dog, Liberty.

Mrs. Ford, meanwhile, went out to lunch at one of the nearby restaurants (check Press Secretary Weidenfeld for details of Mrs. Ford's lunch, which we believe was at Pepi's Gasthof Gramshammer).

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