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## POOL REPORT PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The President left his residence about 7:30 and was driven to a small party given by the members of the press who were out here in Vail last year with him. <sup>He stayed about half an hour and then walked to Popi's</sup> where Mrs. Ford had already gone in to the private party. The President was wearing his brown sheepskin jacket and was bareheaded. As he was walking through the lobby, 7 year old Teri Eiser, of Hazelcrest, Illinois, approached him. Ford smiled and asked "Hi, how are you?" The second grader said fine and asked if she could come to his party. Looking on with excited giggles were her two older brothers Steven 14 and Dana 10 and also her father Matthew, who noted afterward the family, which is staying in a condominium nearby, had been to Vail "half a dozen times before but nothing like this had ever happened before." The child took Ford's hand and walked with him a little way through the lobby. The President asked if Mrs. Ford had arrived. The child mistakenly said "no" to which Ford replied "She hasn't? Oh, well, late as usual."

The Ford party went into the private dining room and the pool heard virtually nothing except that dinner was started late. We do not have a menu etc. The party broke up about 11:15 when the pool saw the President chatting with a woman (perhaps Mrs. Grasshammer) and saying something about "Let's do that tomorrow". He left Popi's at 11:18 (making the ABC soundman the winner of the pool on when he would cross the threshold) and walked about 200 yards back to his residence. During the walk, which was made under very pretty conditions with the light snow falling and the full moon visible above and the street decorations looking especially beautiful, several late partiers were surprised by seeing Ford. (One young boy, about 12 or so, came walking in the opposite direction, saw Ford, clapped his hand to his head and said "My gosh, the President" and then fell flat on his back in the snow. A group of girls following the Presidential party called out "JERRY!" in such a voice the President laughed and

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noted with someone with him that it must be that guy's girlfriend