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**POOL REPORT - PRESIDENTIAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
FOR SKI SLOPES**

First I will read you a paragraph written by the UPI writer who was there. There was no pool correspondent there.

The President and Mrs. Ford arrived at the Bass house about 12:20. They were greeted by daughter Susan, Misty, who is one of the Liberty's puppies. Also meeting the President were Mrs. Jim Brown of Utah, a family friend; the Mayor of Vail, John Dobson; and Vail Mountain Manager Bob Brown.

Ford was hatless, wearing a blue and red muted plaid suit and red tie. Mrs. Ford was wearing a fur coat. Sons Michael and Steven, apparently coming back from skiing, met the Fords outside the house.

I can give you a report from the bottom of the ski slope. The President came out a little after 1:30 dressed in a blue parka with orange and yellow at the top of the sleeves, a white cap that is the Colorado Centennial cap; dark slacks, red boots and orange skis. He came down past us to get on the slope itself before he put on his skis and then skated, as you skate on skis, over to the bottom of a chair lift.

He said hello to a lot of well-wishers who were standing around taking his picture with Kodak Instamatics. He did not really talk to us, just said, "Hello, how are you?" to the people around him. He got on a chair lift with Larry Buendorf.

Would you like to hear what Larry was wearing?

Skiing with the President today is Pepe Gramshammer, who is a friend who owns a lodge and ski store and a number of other enterprises. According to the White House, Ted Kindel was in the crowd, although I didn't see Kindel. I am told Denny Hager, his ski instructor, is not with the President this year.

He went right past us and did not stop to answer any questions. When he got on the lift, it swung up, he said, "Goodbye, see you later."

He went up on the chair lift next to Gondola 1, I don't know what number it is, and he was supposed to ski for about an hour -- chair lift 1, I am told.

Susan walked out with him, with both Liberty and Misty on leashes, and said she had skied this morning. Brent Scowcroft was all dressed up in his ski outfit walking outside the Bass house.

That is it unless you have any questions. He is supposed to ski about an hour.

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