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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
BY THE PRESIDENT

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THE PRESIDENT: Who do we get, Ann today? (Laughter)

QUESTION: How was it?

THE PRESIDENT: Great, perfect, excellent.
People don't know what they are missing.

QUESTION: How are the skiing conditions?

THE PRESIDENT: Excellent, really. The sun was
wonderful, the snow was good and I fell down once.

QUESTION: What caused that?

THE PRESIDENT: Carelessness. (Laughter)

It was the easiest part of the slope.

QUESTION: What are you going to be doing on
Christmas Day?

THE PRESIDENT: Skiing, opening presents, having
a good time with the family.

QUESTION: How do you feel about the criticism --
or some of your aides have suggested that this is not
politically good for you to come out and being seen frolicking
on the Rockies.

THE PRESIDENT: I see an awful lot of nice people out
here and I think an awful lot of Americans are spending
time with their family, as we are, so I would do it because
of that. Political consequences? I really haven't
thought about it.

QUESTION: Do you think it has any political
consequences?

THE PRESIDENT: I think it's a plus rather than a
minus.

It is real nice to see you all.

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QUESTION: Have you talked to Secretary Dunlop? There is lots of confusion about this on whether or not you have talked with him.

THE PRESIDENT: I talked to him the day I decided to veto.

QUESTION: What is his status? Is he presently thinking about resigning?

THE PRESIDENT: I haven't talked to him.

Bye, everybody.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

END (1:29 P.M. MST)