

Pool Report - Friday, December 26 - President's takeoff from the base of the mountain on Gondola One at 10:25 a.m.

The President, in black, with red boots, and a hat with the initials, U.S.A., in red, white and blue, left on Gondola No. 62, Vail, at 10:25 a.m. with Susie Patterson, U.S. ski team slalom skier, and two other representatives of the U.S. Alpine team. He is skiing with Susie, of Sun Valley, and with Graham Anderson, Seattle, vice president of the ski team, Hank Tauber, Gloversville, N.Y., head coach, and Dick Andrews, San Francisco, general manager.

Q: (at the base of the lift) "Are you going to give them any tips?"

President: "No. No. It would ruin their reputation."

Q: "What do you plan to do today?"

President: "I'm going to watch the American Olympic team and try to keep up with them a little bit."

The President met the U.S. team representatives outside his house. "You all look so good," Ford said. "Thank you for coming up. I know it is an inconvenience. I appreciate it very much." The team is about to fly back for some pre-Olympic competition in Europe.

"You set the pace," one skier told the President,

"I saw you on TV yesterday. You look pretty good."

The bronze statue, "The Racer," to be presented the President by the ski team is a figure of a downhill skier, low on his ~~skis~~ skis, with knees deeply bent. It is one of four models being sold to raise money to send U.S. ski team members who qualify to the Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, next February.

Mrs. Hilda Tully and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Tully waited in a sedan outside the rope across the President's drive to see Ford about ~~xxxxTully~~ Hilda's husband John, who drew a long sentence in jail after turning state's evidence. They were told to park elsewhere, but promised they could talk to Dick Cheney later today.

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