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pool report

the president spent a night on the town Friday night and saturday morning. it was a 6-hour marathon.

it all began about 7:20⁵ p.m. when the motorcade left the bass home for the short 5-minute ride to the Lodge. ford got out of the limousine, wearing brown slacks, a camel color turtle neck sweater and sport coat. mrs. ford was wearing a long grey skirt and black wool coat.

ford made small talk with a few people in the lobby and then made his way to the arlberg room for the cocktail party-reception being hosted by dick bass. the pool wasn't admitted. one guest described the scene as "almost shoulder to shoulder." he left early. among the white House guests; Chevey and Nessen. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, on his ski holiday, was there.

while the pool waited in an adjoining bar, jack ford came in and asked for two beers. the bartender told him he could not take them into the next room because it was a private party. jack left without comment. when we told the bartender who Jack was, he appeared a little flustered.

ford left the cocktail party just short of one hour, stopping downstairs to greet the kids of the grownups who attended the reception. he stayed there about five minutes. we heard ford tell one embarrassed teenager: "I've known her since she was this fall." There was some talk of football and then on to the next stop.

as he walked across the street to the left bank restaurant, he fussed over his fall on the slopes earlier in the day. "I was never skiing better until that stupid fall," he said. Later, he called the fall "pure, stupid carelessness."

the president made small talk with about 30 people gathered outside the restaurant. it was mostly about skiing, more snow atvail etc.

the president and mrs. ford then dined for ~~2 1/2~~ 2 1/2 hours with dick bass and escort, harry bass and ~~escort~~ escort, the kids, the browns, the granshammers. they had a corner table. periodically the president's easily detected loud laugh could be heard.

when they finished eating close to 11:30 p.m. the president posed for pictures with the dinner guests and some of the hired hands of the left bank. he shook hands with the bartenders and ~~wix~~ waitresses.

dick bass picked up the check.



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while they were getting ready to leave the restaurant, two SS agents ushered a man outside. he was being rather loud and obnoxious and one agent stayed at his side until the president left.

still coatless, the president continued the festivities by walking about one block to the sheika's discoteque. they had a party, with all the dinner guests still tagging along, went downstairs. the pool was diverted upstairs.

we were told there were about 140 people, or capacity, in the dance room. the ink spots were playing. one of them announced that it was an honor to have the president twice the same year since he stopped by this summer.

the president danced the first two numbers with the first lady, we were told.

one of the wire poolers finally got downstairs. she said betty ford was doing the hustle. in fact, she danced it three times with mrs. granhammer. ~~wixx~~ waitresses wore gypsy outfits. to the strain of sweet lorraine, the president and mrs. ford danced cheek to cheek.

between numbers, the president talked to people on the dance floor. the secret service, ~~wex~~ were told, gave up on trying to cut off the cut-ins on the dance floor.

the final number of the night was old man river.

~~fixx~~ and finally, at about 1:30 a.m., the president and mrs. ford left the night spot. the ~~imse~~ car picked them up. asked if he was going to ski today, the president said "why not?" the pool didn't follow him back to the bass home but figure he got there about 1:35 a.m.

for ~~xxx~~ the slopes, saturday, the president will ski with four of our colleagues. bob barrett said they would be: grace bassett, russ ward, charlie tasvadi and ~~brid~~ david beckwith.

good night

john mashek