

POOL REPORT...12/28/75...Reception at Gastof Gramshammer.

The President left the Bass House about 7:25 p.m....arrived at Gastof Gramshammer just after 7:30...went into the building and disappeared from sight. Pool was not allowed into Antler Room, or wherever the reception was held. Mrs. Ford was not with him.

He departed just after 8 p.m. There was a small crowd outside the Lodge Entrance, but the President chatted with well-wishers only ~~ninety~~ a minute or so..before getting into the car for the quick ride back to the Bass House.

While we waited in the bar upstairs, David Wendell passed along word from Ron Nessen that the President was sending letters of condolence to the ~~widow~~ Prime Minister of Australia and the widow of Ambassador Sir Patrick Shaw, who died of a heart attack at his Washington home on Saturday.

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POOL REPORT--SKIING--DECEMBER 28, 1975

the president and his entourage came to a halt in front of the pool at two p.m. after nearly three hours on the slopes. the ~~xx~~ president was clearly bushed, and as he slowed to a stop he emitted a long and loud, "Ohhhhhhhhhhh." he was asked how the skiing had been and replied, "very good."

then the president was asked if the country had been given a bad impression of his "mishaps." ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ he interpreted the question as referring to his occasional tumble on the ski slopes. "No," he replied. "Every skier takes a fall once in awhile."

asked if he thought his mishaps would cost him votes, he said: "No, because I think there are more that fall down than stand up."

then the president changed the subject, ~~asked~~ asking if the pool had seen suzy chaffee, the former olympic skier who was with the ford party today. he was asked how she had done and he said admiringly, "I'd say very ~~and~~ good." he noted that he certainly hadn't outskied her.

he was asked about his evening plans and said, "quiet night." then he asked if the pool were having fun, ditched his rossignols and marched back to the bass house.

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December 28, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary
(Vail, Colorado)

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President and Mrs. Ford will attend a reception this evening at 7:00 p.m. The reception will be hosted by Mr. James Woolner and will be in the Antler's Room of the Gastof Gramshammer Restaurant.

Following the reception, at approximately 8:45 p.m., President and Mrs. Ford will host a dinner in the Bass House. Guests will include:

Mr. and Mrs. Trammel Crowe
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kindel
Mr. and Mrs. James Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Pepi Gramshammer
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patty
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bogner
Mr. and Mrs. Winton (Red) Blount
Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Scott
Ms. Penny Tweedy
Mr. Len Renquist

The menu will include: Steak, potatoes, salad, mixed vegetables, and grand marnier souffle.

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President returned from skiing at approximately 2:10 p.m. and had a light lunch with his skiing partners. The President then took a swim in the pool and spent the remainder of the afternoon reviewing various paperwork. Messrs. Cheney and Scowcroft also met with the President this afternoon.

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NOTICE TO THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES DEPARTURE FROM VAIL

9 PM - 11:00PM MON. DEC. 29: LUGGAGE AND SKIING EQUIPMENT
WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE LOBBY OF THE KIANDRA
AND THE MOUNTAIN HAUS AND IN THE PRESS CENTER
AT MANOR VAIL.

ONE PIECE OF LUGGAGE PER FAMILY MAY BE HELD OUT
AND PUT ON THE TRAILWAYS BUS TUESDAY MORNING.
ANYONE DRIVING THEIR RENTAL CAR BACK TO GRAND
JUNCTION ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THEIR LUGGAGE WITH
THEM AND TURN IT IN AT PLANESIDE AT THE AIRPORT.

NOTE: RENTAL CARS RENTED IN GRAND JUNCTION MUST BE RETURNED THERE
8:00AM TUES. DEC. 30: BUSES WILL LEAVE THE KIANDRA PARKING
LOT AND FROM IN FRONT OF THE MOUNTAIN HAUS AND
WILL COME TO THE MANOR VAIL PRESS CENTER FOR A
FEW MOMENTS.

8:30AM ALL BUSES WILL LEAVE MANOR VAIL PRESS CENTER
ENROUTE GRAND JUNCTION AIRPORT

11:45AM BUSES ARRIVE GRAND JUNCTION AIRPORT

NOTE: IF ANYONE HAS A SPECIAL PROBLEM WITH THESE ARRANGEMENTS
PLEASE NOTIFY RAY ZOOK OR BOB MANNING IN THE MANOR VAIL
PRESS OFFICE.

NOTE: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE PRESS PLANE WILL DEPART GRAND
JUNCTION AT APPROXIMATELY 12:45PM FOR ANDREWS AFB
WITH AN ESTIMATED ARRIVAL ANDREWS AT 6:15PMEST.

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

10:00 a.m. POSTING

The President talked with Bob Michel this morning and extended best wishes for the new year to him.

The President will ski at 10:45 this morning with:

Red Blount - Former Postmaster General
Susan Chaffee - Former Olympic Ski Champion
John Moeller - Caretaker of the Bass property in Vail
Pete Siebert - Chairman of the Board, Vail Associates

THE NEXT POSTING WILL BE AT 5:00 p.m. TODAY.

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