

## POOL REPORT

DECEMBER 21, 1976

President Ford walked from his home to chair lift 6, at Golden peak, arriving about 11:00 a.m. With him were Pepi Gramshammer, Miami Dolphin Head Coach Don Shula, and Dolphin Defensive Back Dick Anderson.

Ford paused briefly to greet some skiers before going into the ropes that lead to the chair. Bill Brown, a senior Vail official, met them there, and Ford introduced him to Shula and Anderson.

To Shula, Brown said, "I wish you were at Denver," a reference to Brown's apparent unhappiness with Denver Bronco Coach John Ralston, whose contract was renewed the last day or so.

Shula smiled and said, "No tampering."

Then Ford, decked in a royal blue ski outfit, got on the chair with Larry Buendorf, his trusted and faithful companion.

Shortly after 3:00 p.m., Ford came down, riding on chair 16, behind the Los Amigos.

Stopped briefly to exchange small talk with reporters. Said it was "great...and beautiful" on the ski slopes. Queried about the skiing ability of his friend, Ford said Anderson was "excellent" but Shula "is a little further behind."

Bob Barrett, his deposed military aide and rising star, who has Cheney and Nessen looking over their shoulders, told us the Fords expect to spend the evening at home, but may have some friends in.

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