

POOL REPORT

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President returned from skiing at 2:00 p.m. full of praise for the "beautiful snow." Ford said he fell only once today during his three hours of skiing and is "getting better every day." Greeted the photographers warmly, saying, "it's always good to see you as long as I came down intact." He was wearing a black ski outfit, which your pooler neglected to mention this morning.

Ford waved to some three dozen well-wishers who watched him finish his run on Gitalong Trail and go into the house. One shouted something about Michigan in the Rose Bowl and Ford shouted back that Michigan was the underdog.

President also confirmed that he had signed (approved recommendation of) the appropriations for U.S. contributions to UNESCO but didn't remember the precise dollar amount. He expressed surprise that this had not already been announced to press by Brent Scowcroft.

Lou Cannon, Washington Post

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