# The Daily Diary of President Gerald R. Ford

## December 29, 1976

### Presidential Vacation Residence

**Place**

Vail, Colorado

**Time**

7:45 a.m. Wednesday

### Activity

The President and the First Lady were overnight guests at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bass, Mill Creek Circle, Vail, Colorado. Mr. Bass is General Partner of Snowbird, Limited, a ski area in Utah and owner of the Presidential vacation residence.

7:45 The President awoke.

7:55 The President went swimming.

8:15 The President had breakfast.


9:58 The President met with his Assistant, Richard B. Cheney.

10:21 The President telephoned his Personal Secretary, Dorothy E. Downton. The call was not completed.

10:33 The President talked with Mrs. Downton.

10:50 The President talked with his Personal Assistant, Mildred V. Leonard.

11:08 The President went skiing with:
- Susie Chaffee, former member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team
- Leslie Streeter, owner of the Olympic Head First Ski store, Vail, Colorado and former member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team
- Peter Gramshammer, restaurant and lodge owner, Gasthof Gramshammer, Incorporated, Vail, Colorado
- James E. Brown, Aerospace Group Executive for Thiokol Corporation, Promontory, Utah

11:30 The President participated in a question and answer session with members of the press.

2:02 The President returned to the Presidential vacation residence.

2:30 The President had lunch with:
- Mr. Brown
- Mr. Gramshammer
**THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD**

**PLACE DAY BEGAN**

PRESIDENTIAL VACATION RESIDENCE

VAIL, COLORADO

**DATE (Mo., Day, Yr.)**

DECEMBER 29, 1976

**TIME DAY**

4:10 p.m. WEDNESDAY

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<td>4:10</td>
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<td>The President went swimming.</td>
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<td>5:34</td>
<td>5:51</td>
<td>The President left a message for Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller with the White House operator.</td>
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<td>6:08</td>
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<td>The President telephoned Mrs. David W. Kendall, widow of David W. Kendall, former attorney, Detroit, Michigan. The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>6:09</td>
<td>6:24</td>
<td>The President talked with William A. McKenzie, partner with McKenzie and Baer law firm, Dallas, Texas.</td>
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<td>6:28</td>
<td>6:31</td>
<td>The President talked with Mrs. Kendall. The purpose of the call was to express his condolences upon the death of Mr. Kendall who died December 28, 1976.</td>
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<td>6:31</td>
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<td>The President telephoned William P. Clements, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense. The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>8:40</td>
<td>9:45</td>
<td>The President and the First Lady had dinner with: Charles E. &quot;Ted&quot; Kindel, member of the Board of Vail Associates, Vail, Colorado Mrs. Charles E. &quot;Ted&quot; Kindel Mr. Gramshammer Mrs. Gramshammer Henri J.F. Patty, Vice President for Marketing, Rosignol Ski Company, Incorporated, Williston, Vermont Mrs. Henri J.F. Patty The President and the First Lady were overnight guests at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bass, Vail, Colorado.</td>
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