**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD**

**PLACE DAY BEGAN**

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

**PRESIDENTIAL VACATION RESIDENCE**

**VAIL, COLORADO**

**DECEMBER 31, 1976**

**TIME DAY**

**7:15 a.m. FRIDAY**

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<td>7:15</td>
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<td>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. The President awoke.</td>
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<td>7:25</td>
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<td>The President went swimming.</td>
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<td>7:35</td>
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<td>The President had breakfast.</td>
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<td>9:45</td>
<td>10:00</td>
<td>The President met with his Deputy Assistant, James H. Cavanaugh.</td>
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<td>9:59</td>
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<td>The President was telephoned by Senator John G. Tower (R-Texas). The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>11:00</td>
<td>11:05</td>
<td>The President participated in a question and answer session with members of the press.</td>
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<td>1:58</td>
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<td>The President returned to the Presidential vacation residence.</td>
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<td>2:07</td>
<td>2:08</td>
<td>P The President talked with Mr. Brown.</td>
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<td>2:45</td>
<td>3:50</td>
<td>The President had lunch with: Mr. Gart Mr. Ward Mr. Evers Mr. Brown Mr. Gramshammer Mr. Patty</td>
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### The Daily Diary of President Gerald R. Ford

**Place Day Began**: Presidential Vacation Residence

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<td>6:05</td>
<td>6:06 R The President talked with his Executive Assistant, Robert E. Barrett.</td>
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<td>7:12</td>
<td>The President went to his motorcade.</td>
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<td>7:12</td>
<td>7:14 The President motored from the Presidential vacation residence to the Vail Village Center.</td>
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<td>7:14</td>
<td>7:58 The President attended a party for reporters and staff who traveled aboard Air Force Two with Vice President Ford. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX &quot;A.&quot; The President returned to his motorcade.</td>
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<td>7:58</td>
<td>8:04 The President motored from the Vail Village Center to the Presidential vacation residence.</td>
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<td>8:30</td>
<td>9:15 The President had dinner with: The First Lady Jack Ford Becky Bond, friend of Jack Ford</td>
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<td>9:17</td>
<td>9:22 R The President talked with Anne W. Compton, correspondent for the American Broadcasting Company (ABC).</td>
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<td>10:00</td>
<td>1:30 The President and the First Lady hosted a New Years Eve Party. For a list of guests, see APPENDIX &quot;B.&quot; For a record of the President's activities after midnight, see the daily diary for January 1, 1977.</td>
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PARTY FOR THE PRESS WHO TRAVELED WITH VICE PRESIDENT FORD ABOARD AF-II

Vail Village Center
Vail, Colorado
December 31, 1976

The President

Roger Gittines, United Press International
Phil Jones, Columbia Broadcasting Company (CBS)
Mrs. Phil Jones
Robert Leonard, Voice of America
Tom DeFrank, Newsweek
Mrs. Tom DeFrank
David Beckwith

John W. "Bill" Roberts, Assistant Press Secretary
APPENDIX "B"


continued ...
Michael Raoul-Duval, Special Counsel to the President

Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio)
Mrs. John Glenn

Pepi Gramshammer, restaurant and lodge owner, Gasthof Gramshammer, Incorporated, Vail, Colorado
Mrs. Pepi (Sheika) Gramshammer

Richard H. Crowald, correspondent for United Press International (UPI)
Joanne M. Holm, Special Assistant to the President for Women
Tom Jarriel, correspondent for the American Broadcasting Company (ABC)
Mrs. Tom (Joan) Jarriel

Philip Jones, correspondent for CBS
Mrs. Philip (Patsy) Jones

Charles E. "Ted" Kindel, member of the Board of Vail Associates, Vail, Colorado
Mrs. Charles E. "Ted" (Nancy) Kindel

Richard E. Lerner, correspondent for UPI
Mrs. Richard E. (Jan) Lerner

Frances L. Lewine, correspondent for AP

Rear Adm. William M. Lukash, Physician to the President
Lorraine A. Hodkinson, Staff Assistant to the President
Col. Robert C. McFarlane, Military Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Mrs. Robert C. (Jonda) McFarlane

John Moeller

Terrence O'Donnell, Aide to the President
Mrs. Terrence (Margaret) O'Donnell

John O'Laughlin, retired attorney, Vail, Colorado
Mrs. John (Susan) O'Laughlin

Henri J.F. Patty, Vice President for Marketing, Rosignol Ski Company, Williston, Vermont
Mrs. Henri J.F. (Cheryl) Patty

John Purcell, owner of Purcell's Restaurant, Vail, Colorado
Jan Coats, friend of Mr. Purcell

Fitzhugh Scott, architect, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and homeowner in Vail, Colorado
Mrs. Fitzhugh (Eileen) Scott
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Assistant for National Security Affairs
Karen Scowcroft, daughter

Philip Shabecoff, correspondent for the *New York Times*
Mrs. Philip (Alice) Shabecoff

Peter W. Siebert, Chairman of the Board of Vail Associates, Vail, Colorado
Mrs. Peter W. (Joy) Siebert

Marvin Traub
Mrs. Marvin (Lee) Traub

Sheila R. (Mrs. Edward L.) Weidenfeld, Press Secretary to the First Lady
Edward L. Weidenfeld

James L. Woolner, President of Beconia, Incorporated, a ski equipment company
in Elmsford, New York
Mrs. James L. (Trudy) Woolner