

DECEMBER 30, 1974

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

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President is planning to leave at 11:45 a. m. , Thursday morning to return to the White House. Weather permitting, he will go by helicopter from Avon to Grand Junction, where he will board Air Force One and depart at 1:20 p. m.

The helicopter pool will consist of AP, UPI, Los Angeles Times and Washington Post photo and should assemble at the press center at 11:15 a. m. where it will be put in the motorcade for the trip from Vail to Avon. Three other members of the Air Force One pool (a two-man crew from ABC-TV and a lighting technician) will travel to Grand Junction aboard the first Continental Trailways bus which will leave from the Manor Vail at 9:00 a. m. , Thursday. Newsmen wishing to observe the President's departure also should be aboard this bus. Luggage belonging to the pool should be turned in at the Manor Vail press center by 8:00 a. m. , Thursday.

For those returning to Washington on the press plane, luggage may be turned in from 4:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. , Wednesday at the following locations: In the lobby of the Mark Hotel; In the garage under unit 101 of the Scorpio (for residents of Scorpio & Alhorn); and at the baggage truck parked outside the press center at Manor Vail.

On Thursday, baggage may be turned in from 7:00 a. m. to 8:00 a. m. , at the same three locations. In addition, one suitcase per family may be taken aboard the press bus to Grand Junction.

The yellow press bus will begin shuttling from the Mark to Manor Vail at 6:00 a. m. , Thursday.

The second Continental Trailways bus will load and leave from the Mark Hotel at 10:00 a. m. , Thursday. The third bus will load and leave from the Manor Vail at the same time.

Check-in time at Grand Junction for those who are driving rental cars back to Grand Junction is 1:00 p. m. , Thursday. It would be helpful to our Transportation Office if those driving to Grand Junction would take their luggage with them. Please advise Ray Zook if you plan to do that, however.

The Press Plane will depart from Grand Junction at 1:45 p. m. , Thursday (3:45 p. m. Washington time) and arrive at Andrews AFB about 7:00 p. m. , EST. Ray Zook has promised a hot meal on the plane.

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