

FOOL REPORT

FORD SKIING DEPARTURE

DECEMBER 20, 1976

President Ford left for his first skiing this vacation from chairlift 16 at 1:00 p. m. He was wearing maroon ski pants and jacket, blue sweater with grey trim and a red-white-and-blue ski hat. Ford walked quickly by the pool, saying something inaudible to a spectator who greeted him. Press was kept about 30 feet away and out of earshot while Ford put on his skis and chatted with Pepi Gramshammer, the friend and Vail businessman who was Ford's skiing partner this afternoon.

As Ford departed for skiing at MidVail in chair lift with Secret Service agent Larry Buendorf, he called out to the pool: "Hi, have a good day."

Ford was expected to ski for about two hours.

Lou Cannon, Washington Post
Phil Jones, CBS News

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FORD'S RETURN 3:20 P. M.

Ford returned from skiing at 3:00 p. m. after two hours on the slopes. He pronounced the skiing "very good, excellent." When a reporter said to him, "The Indians have done their bit, what are you going to do," the President replied: "We're working on it."

Lou Cannon, Washington Post

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