

POOL REPORT

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President Ford arrived at chair lift six a little before 11:00 a.m. to wish every man, woman, and child across the world a Happy New Year. "Well, I certainly want all Americans and all people throughout the world to have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year, and I believe the opportunities are there that they will. If we all pray and work, I think we'll all have a happy and prosperous New Year."

When asked what his New Year's resolutions were, Ford said, "I don't reveal them," and then he repeated what he had said earlier about a happy, prosperous, and healthy new year.

As he was putting on his Rossignols, he chatted about tomorrow's football, "I want to get back (from skiing) to the football games" and in response to a question from the crowd about who he favored in the Super Bowl, Ford laughed and said: "I just want a good game--I don't want to make any enemies."

Ford boarded the lift in style around 11:05 a.m. As the chair was pulling around he dropped his right pole and didn't know whether to pick it up or sit down on the rapidly approaching chair. He bumped down, startled, and the pole was sent up to him,

Sorry about the lack of Puerto Rican questions. The statement was released after the pool had left the newsroom.

Marguerite Michaels, Time

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