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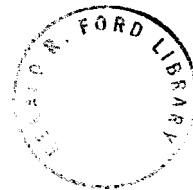
STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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WASHINGTONDATE 20 July 76

TO: CHARLIE LEPPERT

FROM: BILL DIEFENDERFER

This statement was
Released 19 July 76, 3:30 PM.

It will be read at the American
Assoc.
Library Conference Today.

When this conference
was "off" letters went out
saying so now that it is
"on" I thought you might want
to ~~be~~ consider reaffirming those
who were told no conference,



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