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WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD ANNOUNCED TODAY HE HAS CHOSEN U.S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOHN PAUL STEVENS OF CHICAGO TO SUCCEED RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS.

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Disappointed it wasn't a woman, but confident that he picked the most capable person. Confident he chose person best prepared for the job.
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FORD SAID HIS WIFE BETTY PROBABLY WOULD ASK HIM TO REPLACE DOUGLAS ON THE SUPREME COURT WITH A WOMAN.

IN A BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH REPORTERS, FORD WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD CONSIDER A WOMAN AS REPLACEMENT.

"I JUST GOT THE RESIGNATION," FORD SAID, THEN ADDED "I'LL PROBABLY WEAR ABOUT THAT" LATER WHEN HE TALKS WITH MRS. FORD.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The Justice Department has included two women on a second list of potential Supreme Court nominees sent to the American Bar Association for study, it was reported today.

Betty Ford said, meanwhile, that President Ford is not giving her any clues on who he is considering to replace retired Justice William O. Douglas.

"He's very unrevealing," Mrs. Ford said Wednesday of her efforts to get a woman on the Court.

The Washington Post reported today that Secretary Carla Hills and U.S. District Court Judge Cornelia Kennedy of Detroit were on the new list of names submitted to the ABA Committee on the Federal Judiciary Tuesday by Attorney General Edward Levi.

The ABA has already submitted informal recommendations from an earlier list of names provided by the Justice Department.