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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today announced his intention to nominate Edwin R. Bethune, Jr., of Searcy, Arkansas, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas. He will succeed Oren Harris who retired effective February 3, 1976.

Since 1972, Mr. Bethune has been in the private practice of law in Searcy, Arkansas.

A biographical sketch is attached.

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EDWIN R. BETHUNE, JR.

Born: December 19, 1935 Pocahontas, Arkansas

Legal Residence: Arkansas

Marital Status: Married Wife--Lana Sharron Douthit
2 children

Education: 1953-1954 University of Arkansas
1958-1959 B.S. degree (1960)
1960-1963 J.D. degree (1963)

1957-1958 Little Rock Junior College

Bar: 1963 Arkansas

Military Service: 1954-1957 United States Marine Corps

Experience: 1963 Practice of Law with Herbert H.
McAdams, Jonesboro, Arkansas

1963-1964 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for
Randolph County, Arkansas

1964-1968 Special Agent, Federal Bureau of
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1968-1970 Pollard, Bethune & Cavaneau
Searcy, Arkansas

1970-1971 Prosecuting Attorney of the First
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1971-1972 Pollard, Bethune & Cavaneau

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