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Comment by Rep. Gerald R. Ford on Agnew Resignation

My reaction when I heard the news was initially one of disbelief and then of great sadness. I can only conclude that he resigned from the Vice-Presidency for the reason stated in a letter from him delivered to me on the floor of the House Wednesday afternoon: "After an extremely difficult weighing of all the factors, my deep concern for the country required this decision." I would only add the comment that the vacancy in the office of Vice-President now should be filled with the greatest possible dispatch.

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