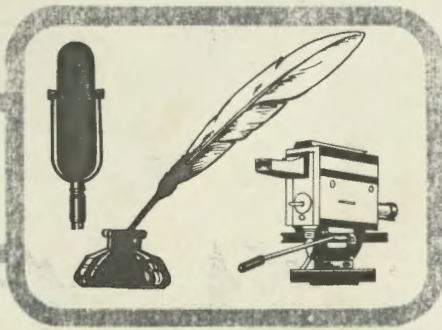


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Statement by Rep. Gerald R. Ford

I feel deeply honored. If the Congress sees fit to approve the nomination, I will serve the Nation in the post of Vice-President to the best of my ability and do my utmost to deserve the trust and faith of the American people. There is a compelling need right now to unite the people of this country. If there is anything I can do to further that end, I will strive mightily to do it.

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