THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL

CANDIDACY

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1975

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PRESIDENT IN 1976.

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I HAVE GIVEN THEM AUTHORITY TO SEEK MY

NOMINATION WITH THREE QUALIFICATIONS, WHICH I WANT ALL

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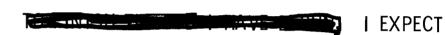
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