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Rep. Ford Says He Won't Run For President

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Vice president-designate Gerald R. Ford said last night that for the present he is ruling himself out as a presidential candidate in 1976 and "any time thereafter."

At a news conference before addressing a dinner to benefit Israel, Ford said he has "no intention whatever" of running for any political office in 1976 but then added, "I can't speculate beyond saying what my present intention is."

Asked if he is ruling himself out as a presidential candidate, Ford said "I am very definitely ruling myself out as a presidential candidate . . . in '76 and certainly for any time thereafter."

He spoke before sitting down to a \$250-a-plate benefit dinner for the United Jewish Appeal Emergency Fund.

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