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OMAHA, NEB. (AP)--THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM, 27, ENTERTAINER-EVANGELIST SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY THURSDAY BEFORE A GRAND JURY IN NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON'S PROBE INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SAID MONDAY HE PLANS TO FILE FOR THE NEBRASKA SECOND DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION WHEN HE RETURNS FROM NEW ORLEANS.

BECKHAM SAID HE IS A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN. THE SEAT IS NOW HELD BY REP. GLENN CUNNINGHAM, A REPUBLICAN NOW SERVING HIS SIXTH TERM. "I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO LOSE EVEN IF I DON'T GET ANY VOTES," HE SAID.

BECKHAM RETURNED FROM NEW ORLEANS TO OMAHA FRIDAY FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCES OVER THE WEEKEND. HE SAID HE WOULD LEAVE BY CAR LATE MONDAY FOR NEW ORLEANS.

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