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Salinger Denies Bet Against LBJ

Former White House press secretary Pierre Salinger—responding to reports he has bet President Lyndon B. Johnson won't seek reelection—said today "they're out of their minds." "I've never bet \$4,000 or 4 cents, nor do I believe for a minute that President Johnson will not be a candidate for re-election." Salinger told a reporter.

It was reported by the Washington Post today that Salinger told friends he has bet \$4,000 that Johnson will not seek reelection.

And, the newspaper added, Salinger is so convinced of the President's plans to retire that he is talking of doubling the bet.

The Post also said Salinger is predicting the 1968 Republican presidential ticket will be New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

"As far as Rockefeller and Reagan go," Salinger said, "I do think that would be the most effective ticket the Republicans could put forward. I've said that a number of times."

Dodd to Run Again

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., indicated last night in Hartford, Conn., that he wants the people of Connecticut to decide at the polls whether they believe him guilty or innocent of charges made against him.

In a statement, Dodd said he would not resign and would run for reelection regardless of the outcome of a Senate vote to be taken by his colleagues on May 22.

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