

# Richardson Eyes Mass. Governorship

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Former U.S. Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson says he would consider running for governor of Massachusetts next year only if Gov. Francis W. Sargent decides not to seek re-election. Both men are Republicans and are second cousins.

Richardson, who resigned rather than fire special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, told the Boston Globe in an article published yesterday that should Sargent "choose not to run, I certainly have to give serious thought to the possibility" of seeking the governor's job.

However, Richardson said he believes Sargent "plans to seek re-election, and any primary contest between cousin Sarge and me would be unpleasant and destructive."

Richardson was attorney general and lieutenant governor in Massachusetts before joining the Nixon administration in 1969.

Rep. Ogden Reid (D-N.Y.) told reporters in Washington yesterday he was "quite close" to announcing he would run for governor of New York in 1974.

Reid, who switched from the Republican Party last year, said he was very encouraged by last week's elections, which saw Democrats make gains throughout New York State, especially in his home county of Westchester.

Reid said the results of the election might even make Republican Gov. Nelson Rockefeller decide not to run for re-election. "Rockefeller is in bad trouble," Reid said.