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# Reinecke Sticks To His ITT Story

SACRAMENTO — (UPI) — Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke last night released a copy of his Washington itinerary for last May to show he did not meet with U.S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell about a \$400,000 ITT offer to help underwrite the Republican National Convention.

This was the subject of controversy last week when Reinecke first told newsmen he discussed the matter with Mitchell in May then backtracked and said it actually was September. Reinecke explained he got his dates confused.

(Sen. John Tunney, the California Democrat, said yesterday in Washington that Reinecke told him less than an hour before issuing his retraction that the meeting was in May.

(Reinecke told three newsmen, in conversations as long ago as last summer, that the meeting was in May.)

## Significant

The date is significant because Mitchell has said he had no knowledge of the convention offer in July, when the Justice Department announced settlement of an antitrust suit against International Telephone & Telegraph Co.

About this time, it also was publicly announced that

Sheraton Corp., a major subsidiary of ITT, had offered to help underwrite the convention. The Senate is investigating whether the money offer was linked with the antitrust case.

Reinecke released copies of his Washington itineraries for April, May and September. Aides said they were requested by newsmen.

## April Meeting

The itineraries showed that Reinecke met with Mitchell in April but not in May. The lieutenant governor also met with Mitchell on Sept. 17, when he says he first discussed the Sheraton offer with the Attorney General.

There were no other Justice Department meetings listed on the itineraries.