

REINECKE CONFERS ON LEGAL STATUS

Californian Seeks to Learn
if He Faces Indictment in
I.T.T.-Convention Case

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Lieut. Gov. Ed Reinecke of California is in the capital conferring with the Watergate special prosecutor's office to determine if he is going to be indicted.

Questions about Mr. Reinecke's legal status have been raised because Mr. Reinecke and John N. Mitchell, former United States Attorney General, have given apparently conflicting versions of their meetings in connection with the Republican National Convention in 1972.

Mr. Reinecke wrote the special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, asking to clear up any possible shadow over his career.

In an interoffice memorandum of Dita D. Beard, a lobbyist for the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, Mr. Reinecke was identified as one of five persons who knew of a "noble commitment" of \$400,000 for the corporation to help with expenses of the Republican convention.

Neither Mr. Reinecke, who is staying at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, nor the special prosecutor's office would comment on what answer the California Republican politician had received.

Mr. Reinecke is an all but announced candidate for Gov-

error. In his letter to Mr. Jaworski, the Californian indicated that he would not run if indicted in the I.T.T. affair, according to sources in California.

'Personal Business' Trip

Earl Parker, Mr. Reinecke's press secretary in Sacramento, Calif., described the trip here as "personal business." He indicated that the special prosecutor may not have given Mr. Reinecke the quick, clean bill of health he sought.

Mr. Parker said the matter had been hanging over Mr. Reinecke for the last two years and he was seeking to force it to some conclusion. At the time of the reported I.T.T. commitment, the corporation was attempting to arrange a settlement of an anti-trust suit against it brought by the Justice Department.

In related matters today, the special prosecutor's office announced that it had turned over the subpoena of President Nixon issued by a California court to lawyers for John D. Ehrlichman for action in Superior Court in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ehrlichman, former Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, faces burglary conspiracy charges in connection with the break-in by a White House-sponsored team at the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist in Beverly Hills, Calif.

His lawyers had asked California Superior Court Judge Gordon Ringer to subpoena Mr. Nixon for a personal appearance at the trial. The subpoena, delayed in the mails, went to Mr. Jaworski today for action.

A spokesman for the special prosecutor said the subpoena had been sent on to John J. Wilson, Mr. Ehrlichman's Washington lawyer, for further action.

At the White House, meanwhile, the deputy press secretary, Gerald L. Warren, said his superior, Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, had this week made a second appearance before one of the Watergate grand juries.