

A Report on Reinecke And ITT

Los Angeles

California Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke has asked the office of Special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski to tell him within a week whether he, Reinecke, is going to be indicted in the federal investigation of the ITT case, a spokesman for Reinecke said yesterday.

The spokesman said Reinecke has informed the prosecutor that his political "career is at stake" and that it is unfair to keep him in doubt about his status for an indefinite period.

After first considering a delay in plans to file his candidacy for the GOP nomination for governor, Reinecke announced yesterday afternoon that he would go ahead and file Monday.

But he postponed a series of news conferences he had planned around the state, and a source close to the Reinecke campaign said the lieutenant governor has called a meeting of his campaign advisers to discuss whether he should go ahead with the race.

There have been reports for some time in Washington, D.C., that a grand jury investigation is dealing in part with whether former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and Reinecke committed perjury before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1972 testimony relating to their private conversations about an ITT offer to help finance the 1972 GOP national convention.

In recent weeks, Reinecke has said he does not expect to be indicted and he has responded affirmatively when asked whether it was conceivable he might be a prosecution witness against Mitchell in the ITT case.

This week, Reinecke was in Washington, where he conferred with Watergate prosecutors on the ITT matter.

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