

Agnew Ponders Top Spot in '76

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — Vice President Agnew says if he runs for re-election with President Nixon this year he will be thinking about running for the presidency himself four years hence. the Kansas City Star said today in a copyright story.

"There would be little reason for me to be thinking about running for re-election if I had no thoughts of at least keeping my option open to seek the presidency," Agnew was quoted as saying.

Interview

The vice president's views came in an interview with John Chandley, managing editor of the Kansas City Times, and John Cauley and Joe Lastelic of the Star's Washington bureau.

Agnew said his decision as to whether he would accept an invitation from Nixon will wait until if and when

the President asks him to be his running mate.

Asked what he viewed as the principal issues of the 1972 election campaign, Agnew replied:

"I think the principal issue that is developing is an underlying issue in definition—the credibility of government.

Interests

"This runs through quite a few parts of foreign and domestic policy. What the administration must go to the people with is that what it has been doing has not been duplicitous or evasive, but has been in the best interests of the country."

This, he said, applies to such foreign situations as Nixon's visit to China and the ITT controversy.

The other issue, Agnew said, will be the Vietnam war and whether Nixon's plan for ending the war is satisfactory.