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An Official GOP Bid to Connally

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SACRAMENTO — Republican National Chairman George Bush yesterday invited John Connally, a fellow Texan, to become a full fledged Republican.

Bush, former ambassador to the United Nations, told newsmen he didn't expect former Governor Connally to change his registration "but I would like him to."

President Nixon last week added to the speculation that Connally might run for President in 1976 as a Republican, saying his former secretary of the treasury "could handle any job that I can think of in this country or in the world."

Bush, here for the GOP state convention, emphasized he was not encouraging any potential presidential candidate.
