

McGovern Thinks Nixon Will Be Out

Washington

Senator George S. McGovern said yesterday he is convinced that confirmation of Representative Gerald R. Ford as vice president is a precondition to any successful effort to remove President Nixon.

McGovern predicted that Mr. Nixon, the man who overwhelmingly defeated him one year ago, will be forced out of office after Ford is confirmed.

"I'd be very surprised to see Mr. Nixon in the presidency at this time next

year," McGovern said in an interview.

McGovern said that after Ford is installed as vice president, McGovern would favor the impeachment method as "the best way to deal with the problem — either to clear the President or to find him guilty and remove him from office."

"That gives the President his day in court," the South Dakota senator said. "But I would predict that either we're going to get an impeachment or a resignation."

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