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# Nixon Lists Top Prospects

President Nixon listed four Republicans yesterday as good possibilities to succeed him in the White House in 1976.

They were Vice President Ford, California Gov. Ronald Reagan, former New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and former Texas Gov. John B. Connally, a Democrat turned Republican.

Mr. Nixon also told a breakfast meeting of a group of Republican congressmen that the political pundits are wrong and the GOP will do better in the November off-year elections than they think.

The President made his remarks at an off-the-record breakfast of about 50 Republicans who belong to the Chowder and Marching Society, a Republican congressional club. The President is a member of the group and hosted this week's meeting at the White House.

Missing from the list was Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.), who is raising money to sound out his own chances for the GOP nomination in 1976. Percy has often been at odds with Mr. Nixon on political and domestic issues.