

# Indictment Decision Sought by Reinecke

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8— California Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke has asked the office of Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski to tell him within a week whether he is going to be indicted in the federal investigation of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. case, a spokesman for Reinecke disclosed.

The spokesman said Thursday that 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 on plans to file his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor, Reinecke said this week 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 knowledgeable about 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, 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. There have also been reports that he appeared before the grand jury, but the lieutenant governor has refused to confirm or deny the reports.

Asked for comment, a spokesman for the special prosecutor's office replied, "We don't have anything to say." The prosecutors have consistently refused to say anything about the progress of their investigation.