

## New Report on Reinecke, ITT

Washington

California Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke has told Watergate prosecutors that he is willing to testify that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell did not tell the truth when he denied knowing of an offer by the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. to help finance the 1972 Republican National Convention, informed sources said yesterday.

Reinecke, fighting for his political life in California, reportedly has told the prosecutors he discussed the prospective contribution with Mitchell before the Justice Department settled a massive antitrust case against ITT in 1971.

Reinecke, who in 1971 was trying to help San Diego become the site of the convention, has given varying accounts of his conversations with Mitchell. His latest version, and the one reportedly given to the prosecutors, is that he did discuss the issue with Mitchell prior to the settlement.

Both men denied this under oath in 1972 testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee during confirmation hearings on the nomination of Richard Kleindienst to be attorney general.

A White House statement

issued January 8, when President Nixon was in San Clemente, said that the antitrust settlement and the selection of San Diego as the GOP convention site were "separate and unrelated."

Reinecke had been considered the political favorite to win the GOP nomination in this year's California gubernatorial race.

But Governor Ronald Reagan's backers have deserted Reinecke en masse in recent weeks after repeated reports that the lieutenant governor stood to be indicted in the ITT case.

Reinecke last week told The Los Angeles Times that he had asked the office of special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski to tell him within a week whether he stood to be cleared or indicted for perjury.

On Monday the lieutenant governor left Sacramento without announcement and flew to Washington for the second time in a week. His whereabouts was discovered only because the Democratic president of the state Senate issued a release as "acting governor," in the absence from the state of both Reagan and Reinecke.

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