

Reinecke Will Take Lie Test On ITT Dispute

By George Murphy

Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke — who has admitted he is fighting for his political life — will take a lie detector test to see if he is telling the truth that he was not involved in the ITT case, he said yesterday.

Reinecke, seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination, said he has accepted the opportunity of taking the test offered by the office of Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

The test, the lieutenant governor stated, will clear him of any possible indictment for perjury in connection with a federal investigation of the activities of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. during the 1972 presidential campaign.

Reinecke and former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell have offered differing versions of their conversations concerning ITT's offer of \$400,000 to help underwrite the cost of the 1972 Republican National Convention, which was originally scheduled for San Diego.

No date has been set for the polygraph test, but it will probably be given next Monday or Tuesday in Washington when Reinecke will be there attending a conference.

Jaworski's office in Washington declined official comment on Reinecke's statement.

But The Chronicle learned from other sources that the lieutenant governor's request for a test had been accepted, that the test will be administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that no firm date has been set, although next week appears to be the preferred

time.

The special prosecutor's office has been looking into Reinecke's possible connection with the ITT offer.

Two weeks ago, Reinecke made an "indict me or clear me" plea to Jaworski, but found his plea was met only by silence.

His offer to take the lie test was finally agreed to by the Jaworski staff — probably last Sunday, although staff members weren't saying.

Reinecke said yesterday in Fresno he was "delighted" to be offered the opportunity of taking the test — "my first ever."

The candidate — whose major opposition for the Republican gubernatorial nomination is Controller Houston Flournoy — wants to clear himself, he said, of allegations of perjury before a U.S. Senate committee.

The committee investigating the ITT bid came up with conflicting stories from Reinecke and Mitchell as to when they discussed the offer.

Reinecke has said "I know damn well I told him (Mitchell) about it by telephone" two months before the Justice department settled an antitrust case against ITT.

Mitchell has maintained his conversation with Reinecke about the convention bid came well after the antitrust settlement.

Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans went on trial in New York yesterday on obstruction of justice charges arising from a case not connected with the ITT matter.