

Reinecke Perjury Case Dropped

Washington

The office of the special prosecutor announced yesterday that it will not pursue its prosecution against former California Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Reinecke was convicted in 1974 of perjury arising from his testimony to a Senate committee about his role in an offer from International Telephone and Telegraph of \$400,000 to help underwrite the 1972 Republican national convention.

Reinecke resigned as lieutenant governor after the conviction, but the U.S. Court of Appeals overturned the conviction last December.

The higher court held that a quorum of the Senate committee was not present when Reinecke testified.

Reinecke's attorney here, Clarice Feldman, said yesterday she feels Reinecke was "really vindicated at the Court of Appeals level, but what this now means is that he will not have to fear further legal burdens."

A spokesman for Special Prosecutor Charles Ruff said, "The decision not to challenge the Court of Appeals ruling was based purely on legal grounds. It was Mr. Ruff's decision to make, and he made the decision."

Asked if there had been any "input" from the White House on the case, the spokesman replied, "None."

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