

PAPER HAS CONNALLY REJECTING G.O.P. JOB

DALLAS, Aug. 22 (UPI) — John B. Connally declined a request by President Ford last week to become chairman of the Republican National Committee, The Dallas Times Herald reported today.

A Presidential aide in Vail, Colo., said that such an offer may have been made.

The newspaper said that persons who worked closely with Mr. Connally during the Republican National Convention said the former Treasury Secretary believed it was too late to organize a winning campaign.

Mr. Connally, once a Democratic governor of Texas, was reported to see no chance for Mr. Ford to defeat Jimmy Carter in November and does not want to be blamed for the loss.

The newspaper reported that Mr. Connally will, as he said before leaving the Republican convention, spend the fall working for the election of Republican congressmen.

One source quoted by The Times Herald said that Mr. Connally would have taken the committee chairmanship if he had been asked 10 months earlier.