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220 Photog Visit Said Politics By Cherberg

OLYMPIA (AP) — Lt. Gov. John A. Cherberg said a photographer visited his office while he was away Thursday to take a picture of his vacant desk and chair for campaign purposes.

Cherberg didn't say who sent the photographer, but he told about it in a letter to State Republican Chairman C. Montgomery Johnson.

Anyway, the photographer didn't get the picture, because the office was locked.

In his letter to Johnson, Cherberg said:

"I should like to cordially invite you and your photographer, and if you desire your Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, to visit the office of lieutenant governor at any time you may wish to arrange it with me to take as many photographs as you may desire and for any purpose."

The Republican candidate, Arthur Fletcher of Pasco, was not available for comment.

Cherberg said he was fulfilling speaking engagements Thursday at Holy Rosary High School, Shorecrest High School, the North King County Democratic Club and Father Murphy's Catholic Seamen's Club luncheon.

"As a former student and baseball player of mine at Queen Anne High School," Cherberg told Johnson, "you are aware that many years of my life have been spent on the athletic field . . . the proving ground of fair play."

"During my tenure, the office of lieutenant governor has earned the reputation of being the most accessible to the public of all state offices."