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Cherberg Offers 'Empty Chair' To GOP Photographers

Lt. Gov. John Cherberg said yesterday the Republicans can make as many photos of his chair as they want to.

Last week, spokesmen for Art Fletcher, Republican candidate for Cherberg's office, said a photographer dispatched to Olympia to photograph Cherberg's "empty chair" couldn't get past a locked door.

The picture was to have been used in campaign advertising. Fletcher has accused Cherberg of being a part-time lieutenant governor and has said he would devote full time to the job.

Cherberg said he sent a letter to Republican State Chairman C. Montgomery Johnson, inviting him, Fletcher and a photographer to visit the lieutenant governor's office and "take as many photographs as you may desire for any purpose."

Cherberg said he was fulfilling speaking engagements in King County last Thursday morning when the photographer encountered the locked office door.

Cherberg, a Democrat seeking reelection, said he had not received a reply from Johnson.