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Happy where he is, Spong asserts

Convinced from first poppy campaign he left Jon by the retirement of Justice Albert
K. Sanderson Jr., accepted at least a tentative
"sill-like," he began, "I have been asked if
Forum, the first, I will now say that
my name should be considered for...

"It would be an honor to
run for governor on
that ticket. But I'm not quite
talking about that, here. I
mean what I'm doing, particularly
the teaching, and I think that's
most important.

What Spong has been doing
since late 1971 is dedicating all
his efforts to the rebuilding
and improving of the village
school that once was a local
school for children through
Thomas Jefferson and Provi-
dence. He was named to the
Governing Board of Williams and Mary in 1972.

Former "Young Turk"

A former "Young Turk" and
cabinet member in the General
Assembly, Spong left Williams
and Mary in 1962 to become
Virginia's junior U.S. sen-
or in 1967. He was appointed
cassualty of the McGovern
presidential debacle, by Rep-
ublican William Scott, large-
ly as a result of a shocking
electronic media blitz fol-
lowed in the closing days
week by a $50,000 "kick" from one man, the late J.B.
Avery, the leading publisher.

After his defeat, Spong
quietly withdrew from the public
life to concentrate on more
scholarly pursuits (publishing, research and writing in legal
and governmental policy
areas, as well as practicing law
and teaching in courses at
central institutions).

Registered and unregis-
tered friends alike
came to realize the scope
of the impression he was to
make in the academic
world — in one word he
was determined not to
become a professional
university, but to carve out a new career —
that he was not about to leave

It now...