

PALIN SUGGESTS SHE DOESN'T WANT UNCLE TOOBZ' SEAT

She notes that she didn't do too well under the "white hot" spotlight of DC.

MATT LAUER: Let me talk about your future. There is a possibility that, in the state of Alaska, there will be a special election. If Ted Stevens goes back the Senate, and his colleagues decide to banish him, then the state of Alaska has to come up with a new senator. And it is conceivable that you could run for that seat. Are you interested?

SARAH PALIN: I'm not planning on that.

MATT LAUER: That's a good politician's answer. Most people say, "I'm not planning on it." But the people of Alaska said, "You'd be the right person"?

SARAH PALIN: No, I'm not planning on it because I think the people of Alaska will best be served with me as their governor. Making sure that we are prudently spending the tax dollars. That we are making sure that our resources are being developed responsibly and ethically. And all those things that are a part of my agenda as governor. I think the people of Alaska appreciate me where I am today as their governor.

MATT LAUER: **But wouldn't there be some sense that you'd just seen what it was like in the White House spotlight.** And doesn't some part of you, I mean, I read an article about you that said you're pretty ambitious. Doesn't some part of you want more of that?

SARAH PALIN: You know, when you talk about that white hot spotlight– that’s not really attractive to me. Because, again, you know, you gave some examples of– look what that white hot spotlight...

MATT LAUER: It’s a double edged sword.

SARAH PALIN: ...does to one’s family, you know. And does to one’s credibility and record and word. So that’s not the attraction to me. The attraction is where can I best serve people whom I work for and am accountable to. Right now I am accountable to the people of Alaska. They hired me as their governor. I’m blessed to have the opportunity that I have to serve them as governor. It’s a great job. I love it. [my emphasis]

Shorter Sarah: I’m going back to Alaska where I can hide my incompetence, ethical issues, and ignorance behind my pretty face. Also.

I’m not sure Sarah will remember the "white hot spotlight" in three months or so, when she’d have to decide on a special election. But let it be noted that, at least for the moment, she doesn’t want Uncle Toobz’ seat.