

CORPORATION SAID IT HAD "SIMPLY PETITIONED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TAKE STEPS THAT WOULD PROTECT ITT'S RIGHTS IN THE CHILE TELEPHONE CO., OF WHICH IT OWNED 70 PER CENT."

MERRIAM TESTIFIED THAT, FOLLOWING GENEEN'S INSTRUCTIONS, HE MET BROE SEVERAL TIMES AND TELEPHONED HIM FREQUENTLY. AT ONE POINT AFTER THE HOTEL MEETING, HE SAID, BROE SENT A MESSENGER TO ITT'S WASHINGTON OFFICE TO COLLECT A MEMORANDUM WRITTEN BY ITT REPRESENTATIVES IN CHILE SUGGESTING 18 WAYS TO BRING ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

MERRIAM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BROE TOLD HIM HE "SUPPORTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS" CONTAINED IN THE ITT MEMO FROM CHILE.

"I HAD NO IDEA HE WAS CONNECTED WITH CLANDESTINE MATTERS," MERRIAM SAID. "WHY, WE MET SEVERAL TIMES IN RESTAURANTS WHERE THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE."

SEN. EDMUND MUSKIE, D-MAINE, ASKED IF MERRIAM AND BROE HAD EVER DISCUSSED PLANS TO "STOP THE ELECTION OF ALLENDE?"

"NO SIR, I DID NOT," MERRIAM REPLIED.

SEN. CLIFFORD P. CASE, R-N.J., ASKED IF MERRIAM HAD EVER DISCUSSED WITH BROE PLANS THAT WOULD "CAUSE THE REMOVAL OF ALLENDE AFTER HIS ELECTION."

"NO SIR, NEVER THAT I CAN RECALL," HE REPLIED.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ITT PRESIDENT HAROLD GENEEN, CONCERNED OVER THE PROSPECT OF A MARXIST TAKEOVER IN CHILE IN 1970, MET IN A WASHINGTON HOTEL ROOM THAT SUMMER WITH THE "HEAD OF THE LATIN-AMERICAN DIVISION" OF THE CIA, SENATE INVESTIGATORS WERE TOLD TUESDAY.

THE SECRET, 25-MINUTE MEETING BETWEEN GENEEN AND WILLIAM V. BROE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WAS DESCRIBED BY WILLIAM MERRIAM, VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORP. (ITT).

MERRIAM TOLD A SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO ARRANGED THE MEETING ON JULY 26, 1970, AT THE SHERATON CARLTON HOTEL, OR WHAT WAS DISCUSSED.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE OPENED HEARINGS TUESDAY ON CHARGES THAT ITT AND THE CIA COOPERATED IN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO BLOCK SALVADOR ALLENDE'S ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER, 1970, AND THEN TO SOUGHT TO FOMENT ECONOMIC CHAOS AND A DOMESTIC INSURRECTION AGAINST HIS MARXIST REGIME.

MERRIAM TESTIFIED HE ESCORTED GENEEN TO THE SHERATON CARLTON, TWO BLOCKS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, WHERE GENEEN INTRODUCED HIM TO BROE AS "HEAD OF THE LATIN-AMERICAN DIVISION" OF THE CIA.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SAID BROE'S TITLE WAS CHIEF OF CLANDESTINE SERVICES, WESTERN HEMISPHERE, DIRECTORATE OF PLANS, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

MERRIAM SAID HE LEFT THE TWO MEN AT THE ELEVATOR AND WAITED IN THE LOBBY, AND THAT WHEN GENEEN EMERGED 25 MINUTES LATER HE INSTRUCTED MERRIAM TO "KEEP IN TOUCH" WITH BROE.

ITT, IN A STATEMENT, DENIED ANY WRONGDOING IN CHILE. THE