

ITT Probe Is Avoided, Pickle Says

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AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 24 (UPI)—Rep. J. J. Pickle (D-Tex.) said neither acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork nor Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski will take the responsibility of investigating possible White House involvement in the merger between International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and the Hartford Fire insurance Co.

Pickle, a member of the House Commerce Investigating Subcommittee, said Friday that each man suggested the other as the investigator.

Bork attributed "exclusive authority" to Jaworski, and Jaworski said jurisdiction should lie in the Justice Department, the Internal Revenue Service or the Securities and Exchange Commission, Pickle said.

"Both IRS and the SEC failed to follow up apparent violations connected with the ITT merger," Pickle said. "Though there may be no illegality involved, facts presented thus far certainly call for a speedy resolution of the jurisdiction question and for a comprehensive investigation of the ITT case."

He said he has sent a second series of letters to Bork, Jaworski, the SEC, the IRS and the President, asking who is doing the investigation.