

ITT's Geneen Had

Colson on His Mind

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Groping for influence in the White House, ITT President Harold Geneen succeeded in arranging a March 3, 1971, meeting with domestic affairs adviser John D. Ehrlichman, only to flub some of his lines.

As Geneen's Washington office vice president told Ehrlichman in a letter the next day, "Hal was upset with himself for having called you 'Chuck' on several occasions during the meeting with you." Then the official, William P. Merriam, explained:

"We had previously discussed our contacts with Chuck Colson and apparently that stuck in his mind. I hope I rightly assured him that you would understand."