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Nixon Trip Called TV Spectacle

New York - (AP) - ..... Federal Communications Commissioner Nicholas Johnson yesterday said ... at a news conference ... the public should be informed not just of "the details" of the International Telephone & Telegraph anti-trust action controversy, but of the basic issue involved.

"How can you conduct a democratic government," Johnson said, "when 100 major corporations will give money to those in power to keep the corporations at a financial advantage."

Johnson said, "The problem is not that the 100 largest corporations violate the law, although they do. The problem is that they write the law."

He added, "It's perfectly all right for Richard Nixon to accept hundreds of thousands of dollars from businessmen whose fortunes he controls, so long as the money is called a campaign contribution rather than a bribe.

"What is wrong with the ITT case is the system not the details of the case."