

McCone Confirms ITT Role in Chile

NEW YORK — (AP) — Business Week magazine says former CIA Director John A. McCone has confirmed that executives of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. discussed possible moves to prevent Salvador Allende from taking office as president of Chile in 1970.

McCone, a member of the ITT Board of Directors since 1966 and a member of its executive committee, disclosed that he was consulted and that ITT told the U.S. government, "If you have a plan, we'll help with it," Business Week said yesterday.

Columnist Jack Anderson published alleged ITT internal memos on March 21 that suggested ITT officials and top government and CIA officials tried unsuccessfully to promote a military coup to prevent Allende's taking office.

Of the memos published by Anderson, McCone said "those were staff," the magazine reported. An earlier ITT statement dismissed as baseless allegations that the company plotted against Allende to protect its properties in Chile against expropriation.