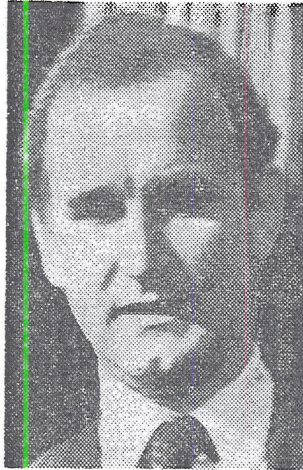


# Flanigan's ITT Report

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — A Wall Street consultant whose study influenced government approval of the largest merger in history testified today that the only written guidance he received from the Nixon administration was a report from the principal party to the merger, International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

Richard Ramsden, 34, told the Senate Judiciary Committee that presidential aide Peter Flanigan handed him the ITT report when he hired him during a 20-minute meeting at the White House last May 12. He said he received no instructions from any one else.

Ramsden gave the committee the first glimpse into the role Flanigan played in the events that led the Jus-



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tice Department to drop its suit against ITT's merger with the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. last July 31—10 days after ITT's Sheraton

Hotels division pledged \$200,000 to help pay for the 1972 Republican national convention.

Ramsden denied that Flanigan influenced him in any way to write a report favorable to ITT. He said Flanigan engaged him at the request of Richard McLaren, then the Justice Department's antitrust chief, and merely "set forth the topics which Mr. McLaren wished analyzed."

But Ramsden said Flanigan did give him a copy of a report that warned of dire economic consequences to the economy and to ITT stockholders if the government forced ITT to sell Hartford.

He said Ramsden did not tell him who wrote the report but it turned out to have been prepared by Felix Rohatyn, an ITT Director.