

I.T.T. Case Figure Handles Fortune Of Cabinet Aide

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—Felix G. Rohatyn, who made controversial contacts with the White House and Justice Department concerning an anti-trust settlement for the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, is the sole trustee for the personal fortune of Secretary of Commerce Peter G. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson was questioned briefly about his trustee arrangement during a confirmation hearing last Feb. 16, two weeks before Mr. Rohatyn was mentioned in the I.T.T. controversy.

Mr. Rohatyn is a general partner in the New York investment firm of Lazard Freres and Company, and a director of I.T.T.

Mr. Peterson signed a blind trust agreement with Mr. Rohatyn last year. Under such an agreement, the trustee invests the assets of the beneficiary without telling him what specific investments have been made. This is to protect against conflicts of interest.

Mr. Peterson's assets were worth nearly \$1.5 million in February.

Mr. Rohatyn emerged into public prominence amid accusations that I.T.T. had pledged between \$200,000 and \$400,000 in connection with the 1972 Republican National Convention in exchange for the negotiated settlement of antitrust suits against the firm.

He had discussed the anti-trust matter at the White House with Peter Flanigan, a top adviser, and with the then Deputy Attorney General, Richard G. Kleindienst. The I.T.T. controversy has held up a Senate vote on Mr. Kleindienst's nomination to be Attorney General.