

Lack of Probe Of ITT-CIA Questioned

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Rep. Charles Rangel has asked Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst why there has been no grand jury investigation of reports that International Telephone and Telegraph officials offered money to the Central Intelligence Agency to interfere in Chilean elections.

Rangel said the alleged offer of \$1 million to the CIA to intercede in the 1970 Chilean elections could violate federal bribery statutes.

ITT's majority shares of the Chilean telephone company were nationalized following the election of President Salvador Allende.

The New York Democrat noted testimony last month before the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations by John A. McCone, a director of ITT, that in September 1970 he met separately with Dr. Henry Kissinger and CIA director Richard Helms.

"According to his own testimony," Rangel said, "McCone told both men that he had been authorized by Harold S. Geneen, chairman of the board of ITT, to offer \$1 million to the U.S. government to be used in support of any government plan to prevent the election of Dr. Salvador Allende as president of Chile."

Rangel said it is a federal offense for any person to try to influence an official act by promising a federal public official that something of value will be given to another person or entity.

Rangel made the request to Kleindienst in a letter 10 days ago. The Justice Department has not yet acknowledged the letter, he said.