

20 Oct 72

from column by Jack Anderson:

So confident is the White House of victory in November that top aides have been asked to keep a Christmas date free for a gala victory celebration with President Nixon at San Clemente, Calif. The President's confidence has not been shaken by the Watergate affair, Soviet wheat deal, ITT case and other scandals. He told visitors privately that he was distressed over the scandals but didn't think they would hurt him on election day. They were too complicated, he said, for the public to understand. He also said that the public memory on government scandals was short. He suggested that the voters have already forgotten, for example, what the ITT scandal was all about.

[Complete.]