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ITT Denies

Anderson's Allegations

An official of the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. yesterday denied suggestions by columnist Jack Anderson that the company could have hired the Watergate team to break into the Chilean embassy.

Anderson quoted a report by Jerry Levinson, a Senate subcommittee aide, that ITT might have employed the men who broke into the Democratic Headquarters at the Watergate office building.

"The allegations contained therein are completely inaccurate and untrue," declared ITT vice president R. G. Bateson.

"In Mr. Levinson's own reported words . . . 'The case outlined in this memorandum is circumstantial and there is no hard evidence of ITT involvement.'

"ITT never hired E. Howard Hunt or any so-called Mission Impossible Team. There is no link between ITT and any of the Watergate defendants or break-ins of the Chilean embassy or Chilean diplomats' residences.

"Levinson's conjectural memorandum contains nothing more than unfounded

innuendos, preposterous assumptions and gross factual errors," Bateson said.