

Jaworski Eyes Charges In ITT Trust Settlement

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Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski yesterday said his office is considering filing criminal charges in connection with the government's settlement of International Telephone and Telegraph Co. antitrust cases and a broad range of related matters.

The so-called ITT case has swelled in the past three years to include involvement with President Nixon and other White House officials, allegations of perjury by Senate witnesses, shredded com-

pany documents, a questionable contribution pledge to Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign, and at one point a shadowy mission by a be-wigged E. Howard Hunt Jr., later convicted in the Watergate burglary.

Jaworski said subjects being investigated, in addition to the handling of three ITT antitrust cases, include:

- The Senate Judiciary Committee's so-called ITT hearings, held when it was considering confirmation of former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst. The committee has asked the Justice Department to determine whether any witnesses at those hearings committed perjury. Mr. Nixon has contradicted sworn testimony by Kleindienst and another former Attorney General, John N. Mitchell, about White House involvement in the settlement.

- The "handling and disposition" of a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of ITT and the circumstances under which it transferred its files to the Justice Department.

"The investigation is currently active and involves consideration of the initiation of criminal proceedings," Jaworski said.

Jaworski made the statement in an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court here by the Justice Department in support of its motion to block consumer advocate Ralph Nader's efforts to obtain the ITT files.

A spokesman for the special prosecutor's office said Jaworski's affidavit was filed at the court's request in answer to the Nader suit filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

The spokesman said the affidavit does not indicate any immediate action will be taken in the ITT case.