

Ex-ITT Aide Charged in Chile Probe

Washington

A former International Telephone and Telegraph Co. official was charged yesterday with withholding information from Congress about ITT's role in U.S. efforts to prevent the election of Chilean president Salvador Allende.

The Justice Department filed criminal charges in U.S. District Court against Harold V. Hendrix, 54, of Miami, former ITT public information director for Latin America.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$1000 fine.

The government charged that Hendrix withheld information about contacts between ITT and the CIA during Nixon administration efforts to prevent the Marxist president's election in 1970.

During hearings on corporate roles in U.S. foreign policy, the subcommittee on Multinational corporations investigated charges that ITT had interfered with the Allende campaign.

The government said Hendrix withheld the fact that in 1970 he exchanged information with CIA employees in Santiago, Chile, and elsewhere.

Hendrix also refused to give the sources of items in an ITT memo, refused to reveal his knowledge that the CIA occasionally exchanged information with corporations, and refused to reveal his conversations with U.S. embassy personnel or their connections with the CIA, it was charged.

Hendrix is a former Latin American editor of the Miami News and Scripps; PPS-Howard newspapers. He won a Pulitzer Prize while working at the news.

He left Miami for Buenos Aires in 1967 to become ITT's South American public relations representative, then joined the firm's New York ranks in 1970. In 1972 he returned to Miami, where he currently resides, to serve as Latin American public relations chief for ITT.

Hendrix' wife said last night he was not home and was not available for comment.