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Basis for Jack Anderson Columns Full Text of ITT Memorandum

(Editor's Note: Because of demands for the full text of the ITT memorandum on which his Tuesday and Thursday columns are based, Jack Anderson has released the following:)

The memo is on the stationery of ITT's Washington office and is dated June 25, 1971. It reads:

"PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

"To: W. R. Merriam

"From: D. D. Beard (initialed)

"Subject: San Diego Convention

"I just had a long talk with EJG. I'm so sorry that we got that call from the White House. I thought you and I had agreed very thoroughly that under no circumstances would anyone in this office discuss with anyone our participation in the convention, including me. Other than permitting John Mitchell, Ed Reinecke, Bob Haldeman and Nixon (besides Wilson, of course) no one has known from whom that 400 thousand commitment had come. You can't imagine how many queries I've had from 'friends' about this situation and I have in each and every case denied knowledge of any kind. It would be wise for all of us here to continue to do that, regardless of from whom any questions come; White House or whoever. John Mitchell has certainly kept it on the higher level only, we should be able to do the same.

"I was afraid the discussion about the three hundred-four hundred thousand commitment would come up soon. If you remember, I suggested that we all stay out of that, other than the fact that I told you I had heard Hal up the original amount.

"Now I understand from Ned that both he and you are upset about the decision to make it four hundred in services. Believe me, this is not what Hal said. Just after I talked with Ned, Wilson called me, to report on his meeting with Hal. Hal at no time told Wilson that our donation would be in services ONLY. In fact, quite the contrary. There would be very little cash involved, but certainly some. I am convinced, because of several conversations with Louie re Mitchell, that our noble commitment has gone a long way toward our negotiations on the mergers eventually

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coming out as Hal wants big mouth! But this is one them. Certainly the President time he cannot tell you and has told Mitchell to see that Ned one thing and Wilson things are worked out fairly. (and me) another!
It is still only McLaren's "I hope, dear Bill, that all mickey-mouse we are suffering of this can be reconciled — between Hal and Wilson — if

"We all know Hal and his

all of us in this office remain

totally ignorant of any commitment ITT has made to anyone. If it gets too much publicity, you can believe our negotiations with Justice will wind up shot down. Mitchell is definitely helping us, but cannot let it be known. Please destroy this, huh?"

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Times version gives identification of those mentioned in memo.