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## ITT Offers Millions To Defeat Allende



— Jack Anderson

THE International Telephone and Telegraph's (ITT) drive to block the 1970 election of leftist Chilean President Salvador Allende included an offer to the White House to "assist financially in sums up to seven figures."

The offer to spend millions was only one of a series of high-level conversations ITT had with the U.S. government in its 11th-hour pressure campaign to stop Allende.

The huge international conglomerate was trying to keep a Marxist government under Allende from seizing its Chilean investments, which included 60 per cent control of the Chilean telephone company.

The company's efforts, and its fervent hopes for a military coup, are spelled out in a remarkable set of secret documents from ITT's Washington office.

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THE PAPERS show that officials at the White House, State Department and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), were approached by ITT.

The documents indicate the company got a generally polite but cool reception from the White House and State Department, although Edward Korry, Ambassador to Chile, is reported to have been militantly anti-Allende and friendly to ITT's cause.

Even more friendly, however, was the CIA's William V. Broe, who was then director of the Latin American division of Clandestine Services.

Broe is reported to have personally visited ITT vice President E. J. Gerrity Jr., in his New York office to urge ITT to join in a scheme to plunge the Chilean economy into chaos and thus bring about a military uprising that would keep Allende out of power.

Although there is strong evidence in the documents that the company was taking steps to help the CIA foment trouble for Allende, the Broe plan was too wild even for ITT to accept.

One of the men doing the talking for ITT in the Chile affair was J. D. (Jack) Neal of the Washington office. He reported in a September 14, 1970, memorandum on his conversation with Dr. Henry Kissinger's office.

"I told (them) Mr. Geneen (ITT President Harold Geneen) is willing to come to Washington to discuss ITT's interest and that we are prepared to assist financially in sums up to seven figures," the memo says.

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EIGHT DAYS before Allende's election was to be voted on by the Chilean Parliament, ITT was pinning its waning hopes on a military coup led by former Brigadier General Roberto Viaux.

A report to Gerrity from an ITT man in Latin America said: "It is a fact that word was passed to Viaux from Washington to hold back last week. . . . As part of the persuasion to delay, Viaux was given oral assurances he would receive material assistance and support from the U.S."

Roberto Viaux: see  
NYTimes 27 Oct 70,  
clipped to story on  
assassination of  
commander in chief of  
Chilean army, Gen.  
René Schneider Chereau,  
filed 23 Oct 70 - CIA.

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CIA 22 Mar 72.