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# Nixon Aide To Testify In ITT Case

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The White House, in a major concession to clear the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to be attorney general, agreed yesterday to let a presidential aide testify in the Senate Judiciary Committee's ITT inquiry.

Peter J. Flanigan, an assistant to President Nixon with family ties to Wall Street, notified the committee he would "welcome the opportunity to appear." His letter reversed an earlier decision by the White House to invoke executive privilege to keep Flanigan off the witness stand.

Flanigan hired and instructed a Wall Street consultant to make a financial report that convinced the Antitrust Division of the De-

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partment of Justice last year to drop an antitrust suit against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

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President Nixon's refusal to let him testify had so angered the senators, including several supporters of Kleindienst, that they had threatened to block Senate confirmation and tried to subpoena Flanigan.

Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.), who had led the fight for Flanigan's appearance, said he was satisfied, but other Democrats on the committee served notice they would refuse to be bound by the restrictions Flanigan laid down on his testimony.

The letter said Flanigan would testify only about the consultant's report and a group meeting he attended with ITT President Harold Geneen in February, 1971. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) said he would insist on the right to question Flanigan about other matters.

But in a closed session late yesterday, the committee agreed, according to



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PETER J. FLANIGAN  
He agreed to talk

Senate aides, that all questions about the antitrust settlement and an ITT pledge to help underwrite the cost of the GOP national convention would be "fair game." Flanigan, the aides said, would not be asked questions pertaining to conversation with Mr. Nixon or with other presidential assistants.

White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler said

yesterday he assumed committee members would not question Flanigan on matters other than those on which he said he was willing to testify.

"If the committee accepts this proposal put forth by Mr. Flanigan, they are all gentlemen and I assume that they would abide by that agreement," said Ziegler.

The widespread expectation, however, was that — barring any major developments — the committee will reaffirm its approval of Kleindienst at a meeting scheduled for late next week.

By previous agreement, the panel will finish its hearings Friday and report its findings a week later.

But Kleindienst's chances for full Senate confirmation are still in doubt. Considered a shoo-in when he was selected in February to replace John N. Mitchell, Kleindienst ran into trouble when columnist Jack Anderson published a memorandum written on ITT stationery suggesting a political deal to obtain a favorable out-of-court antitrust settlement.