

House Unit Will Probe Access to ITT Papers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A congressional subcommittee plans a public hearing this week in a dispute with the Securities and Exchange Commission over access to files involving International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

"We want to look into circumstances on the transfer of the ITT papers," said a source close to the five-man special investigations subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee.

A brief notice to the subcommittee members, headed by full committee chairman Harley O. Staggers, (D-W. Va.,) said the hearing planned for Thursday is aimed at receiving "testimony and other evidence concerning the administration of the federal securities laws and certain internal procedures," of the SEC.

This, a source said, meant an airing of issues in what Rep. John E. Moss,

(D-Calif.), head of the committee's commerce and finance subcommittee, terms "the outrageous action" of SEC in turning over 34 boxes of original material concerning ITT to the Justice Department after the files had been sought by Congress.

Staggers and Moss, who maintain Congress has been denied access to the documents despite allegations that these papers detailed numerous contacts between big business interests of ITT and top government officials, accused SEC on Oct. 12 of hindering the subcommittee's work.

An SEC spokesman insisted it acted properly in sending the ITT papers to the Justice Department which he said has a clear right to material bearing on a possible crime and which is in a position to handle problems relating to rights of potential defendants and safeguarding the validity of any legal action.