

# CIA to Let A Top Man Testify

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In an unprecedented action, the Central Intelligence Agency has agreed to permit its former chief covert operative for the Western Hemisphere to testify under oath today at a Senate investigative hearing.

The CIA official, William V. Broe, is scheduled to appear at a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on multinational corporations to talk about his dealings with the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. in Chile.

Broe's testimony, to be made public late today, after review by the agency, will resolve one of the central contradictions of the ITT investigation.

He will be asked to describe his private, one-hour meeting with ITT board chairman Harold S. Geneen in a Sheraton Carlton hotel room on the night of July 16, 1970. The meeting was arranged by former CIA director John A. McCone, an ITT board member and still a CIA consultant, and by Rich-

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ard M. Helms, McCone's successor as head of the agency.

McCone has testified that two months after the meeting he transmitted to national security adviser Henry Kissinger and Helms, at Geneen's request, an ITT offer of as much as a \$1 million to help underwrite a U.S. government plan to block Chilean President Salvador Allende's election in 1970.

But one of Geneen's chief deputies, ITT senior vice president Edward Garrity, has told the subcommittee that Geneen's offer was to help provide housing and technical agricultural assistance after Allende's election. Garrity could not provide the subcommittee with corroborative testimony that such a proposal had been delivered to the government.

Broe, who now has a senior post with the CIA, already has given the subcommittee a private account of what he and Geneen discussed during the Carlton meeting. It was presumably on the strength of this testimony that subcommittee counsel Jerome Levinson asked McCone last week if Geneen has not offered Broe a large sum to finance the anti-Allende plan. McCone said he didn't know.

The testimony of Broe and former U.S. ambassador to Chile Edward Korry is also expected to explore the question of whether political pressure was brought to bear on the CIA to involve itself with ITT in stop-Allende strategies.