

'The Sovereign State of ITT' [Book review]

by William Hogan

At one point in "The Sovereign State of ITT," by the British journalist Anthony Sampson, the cast of characters is oddly familiar. It includes John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman, John Dean, Richard Kleindienst, Senator Sam Ervin and a Senate investigating committee. The President is in the background worrying about how the results of this particular administration crisis will affect the forthcoming election.

This Senate committee, in 1972, was investigating whether Justice Department officials had dropped an antitrust suit against [ITT] in return for a \$400,000 contribution by that multi-national conglomerate to help underwrite the GOP convention, then set for San Diego.