

ITT's Response To Jack Anderson

The following telegram, in response to Jack Anderson's syndicated column on Page 39 of today's Chronicle, was received last night from Robert H. Sykes, director of public relations, International Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York:

"In his column for November 6, Jack Anderson implies he has information from the special prosecutor's office about their views and the results of their investigation of testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee in the Kleindienst hearings. We are certain that is completely false, and that no information from the special prosecutor's office has been given to Mr. Anderson. It is their stated firm policy not to release such information nor to make statements to the press on the progress of their investigations.

"Mr. Anderson's column is unworthy of belief in other respects. The testimony given by ITT officers in the hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee was truthful, responsive and accurate. There is no basis for any charges of perjury against ITT officers or their counsel.

"All of the factual information stated in the column as to the company has been public knowledge for a number of months and there is nothing new involved. Apparently, Mr. Anderson is attempting to attribute his

own unfounded speculations to the special prosecutor's office.

"We are at a loss to understand how Mr. Anderson can accept in this column that the antitrust settlement was entirely proper, as has also been publicly stated by Mr. Cox, Elliot Richardson, former Solicitor General Erwin Griswold and federal judge Richard McLaren, and at the same time imply that it represents a scandal. We are unable to comprehend the unfairness of this apparent complete inconsistency in his reporting of the settlement and the company's role in it."