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ITT's Antitrust Deal OK

Washington

Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski said yesterday that his office has not found any evidence of criminal offenses committed by executives of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. in connection with the 1971 settlement of a government antitrust suit against the conglomerate.

In a letter to Representative J. J. Pickle of Texas, ranking Democrat on the Investigations subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee, Jaworski added that while the investigation by his ITT task force is not being closed, "it is fair to say that there is no present

expectation of a disclosure of such offenses."

Jaworski said nothing about any allegations of impropriety on the part of administration officials.

But Jaworski went on to say that there would be a vigorous probe of allegations of improper political influence in connection with proceedings before the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Internal Revenue Service.

Jaworski also indicated that the task force would concentrate on allegations of perjury, obstruction of justice and improper influence by either ITT or administration officials in matters un-

related to the settlement of the antitrust suits.

This would, apparently, include testimony before the Securities and Exchange Commission by ITT officials, the possibility of White House influence in a highly beneficial tax ruling given to ITT in 1969 by the Internal Revenue Service which enabled ITT to acquire the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., and the possibility of obstruction of justice by either ITT or administration officials in connection with a packet of 13 "politically sensitive" ITT documents that detailed meetings between company and administration officials.

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