

Text of a Letter

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 19—Following is the text of a letter from William P. Merriam, vice president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, to John D. Ehrlichman. The letter, dated March 4, 1971, deals with a meeting between Mr. Ehrlichman, Mr. Merriam and Harold Geneen, president of I.T.T.

Dear John:

On behalf of Hal Geneen and myself, I want to tell you that we appreciate very much your seeing us Wednesday morning on such short notice. We both came away from the meeting with the thought that you understand our position perfectly and are sympathetic.

We were delighted to learn about the study being undertaken by Mr. Peterson and his staff and look forward to reviewing it when it is completed. Later in the month we will get in touch with Bud Krough unless you have some objection.

Incidentally, after leaving your office Hal was upset with himself for having called you "Chuck" on several occasions during the meeting with you. We had previously discussed our contacts with Chuck Colson and apparently that stuck in his mind. I hope I rightly assured him that you would understand.

Kindest regards,

BILL

NYT

7-20-74