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AN INTERVIEW WITH JACK ANDERSON

JOHN WILLIS: This is Panorama, and our first guest this afternoon is a familiar face to television viewers of Metromedia and readers of his syndicated column across the country, Jack Anderson.

Jack, welcome back.

Well you're up to your neck in it again. Now it's the ITT thing.

JACK ANDERSON: Yes, it's back to haunt us. Not to haunt us, but to haunt somebody.

WILLIS: Well, the ITT involvement, and I'm sure all our viewers know the background of the story. There is the charge that they were involved in trying to first of all defeat Salvador Allende in Chile in his bid for the presidency and losing that. Then their next move, reportedly, was to try to disrupt the economy of the state. Their motivations, true and simple, were to try and preserve their holdings in Chile.

Well, they lost all three. The -- their holdings were expropriated, correct?

ANDERSON: Yes, their holdings were expropriated and, of course, you can't blame them for trying to protect their holdings. But I think they went a little far when they enlisted the Central Intelligence Agency on their side.

WILLIS: Okay, now, our government isn't suppose to be working for ITT. Our government works for citizens in foreign countries by trying to help them when they have a problem. Could this apply?

ANDERSON: Well -- well hardly. I think that if you got in trouble in some country that you could hardly count on the CIA to try to depose the leader of that country.