

# The Text Of Dita's Memo

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NEW YORK — (AP) — Here is the text of the purported memorandum from Mrs. Dita D. Beard, a lobbyist for the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., to W. R. Merriam, head of the company's Washington office as released by Columnist Jack Anderson:

"I just had a long talk with EJG (E. J. Gerrity, head of public relations for I.T.T.). I'm so sorry that we got that call from the White House. I thought you and I had agreed very thoroughly that under no circumstances would anyone in this office discuss with anyone our participation in the convention, including me. Other than permitting John Mitchell (Lt. Gov.) Ed Reinecke (of California), Bob Haldeman (of the White House staff), and Nixon — besides (Rep. Bob) Wilson (of California), of course — no one has known from whom that 400 thousand commitment had come.

"You can't imagine how many queries I've had from 'friends' about this situation and I have in each and every case denied knowledge of any kind. It would be wise for all of us here to continue to do that, regardless of from whom the questions come. White House or whoever. John Mitchell has

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certainly kept it on the higher level only. We should be able to do the same.

"I was afraid the discussion about the three hundred-four hundred commitment would come up soon. If you remember I suggested that we all stay out of that, other than the fact that I told you I had heard Hal (Harold S. Geenen, president of I.T.T.) up the original amount.

Now I understand from Ned (Mr. Gerrity) that both he and you are upset about the decision to make it four hundred in services. Believe me, this is not what Hal said. Just after I talked to Ned, Wilson called me to report on his meeting with Hal. Hal at no time told Wilson that our donation would be in SERVICES ONLY.

"In fact, quite the contrary, there would be very little cash involved, but certainly some. I am convinced, because of several conversations with Louis (B. Nunn, former governor of Kentucky) re Mitchell, that our noble commitment has gone a long way toward our negotiations on the mergers eventually coming out as Hal wants them. Certainly the President has told Mitchell to see that things are worked out fairly. It is still on (Richard W.) McClaren's (former head of the antitrust division) Mickey-Mouse we are suffering.

"We all know Hal and his

big mouth. But this is one time he cannot tell you and Ned one thing and Wilson (and me) another.

"I hope, dear Bill, that all of this can be reconciled between Hal and Wilson — if all of us in this office remain totally ignorant of any commitment ITT has made to anyone. If it gets too much publicity, you can believe our negotiations with Justice will wind up shot down. Mitchell is definitely helping us, but cannot let it be known.

"Please destroy this, huh?"