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Dita Doctor's Doctors Say Dita's 'Nervous'

Wife in Fraud Probe

Washington

Senate Judiciary Committee chairman James O. Eastland released a letter from the Justice Department yesterday discussing impending grand jury hearings involving the wife of Dr. Victor L. Liszka, a physician to Mrs. Dita Beard.

Mrs. Beard is Washington lobbyist for the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

A letter from Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen said the Department of Health, Education and Welfare had investigated charges that Liszka and his wife, Dr. Catherine V. Green, had defrauded the government on Medicare payments.

Liszka was cleared of the charges last month, but a grand jury will consider on Monday whether to hand down an indictment against Mrs. Liszka, the letter said.

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Denver

Doctors of Dita D. Beard said she suffered chest pains yesterday that would delay her testimony by five days to Senate investigators probing her involvement in the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. controversy.

They said the ITT lobbyist was upset with newspaper stories linking her to the anti-trust case.

"Mrs. Beard had a small amount of lateral chest pains late Monday night and again in the morning," said Dr. David Garland of the Rocky Mountain Osteopathic

Hospital. "She has developed a little more nervous tension."

Garland blamed the relapse on newspaper stories read by Mrs. Beard, 53, the ITT's Washington lobbyist and the purported author of a memo linking an ITT anti-trust case settlement with a

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Garland had said Monday he would allow Senate Judiciary Committee investigators to question her in the hospital if she continued to improve. *United Press*