

Mrs. Beard Ex-Aide Recalls a Memo

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WASHINGTON, March 20—International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation released here tonight an affidavit sworn to by one of its former secretaries saying that she had typed a memo relating to the Republican convention in San Diego but that the memorandum had not contained some of the sentences in a memo made public by Jack Anderson, the columnist.

Some of the sentences that Mrs. Susan Lichtman, the secretary, said were not in the memo she had typed said, "I am convinced . . . that our noble commitment has gone a long way toward our negotiations on the mergers eventually coming out as Hal [Geneen, I.T.T. president] wants them. Certainly the President has told Mitchell to see that things are worked out fairly. It is still only [Assistant Attorney General Richard] McLaren's Mickey Mouse we are suffering."

In a telephone interview tonight, however, Mrs. Lichtman, who lives in Toronto, said that she did remember typing two other sentences in the memo that have been important in the current dispute. Mr. Anderson has charged that I.T.T. gave at least \$100,000 to the Republican convention in San Diego as part of a deal to get a favorable antitrust settlement.

In her affidavit, Mrs. Lichtman said that she recalled typing "some of the passages" in the first and second paragraphs of a memo written by Mrs. Dita Beard, an I.T.T. lobbyist, last summer. In the telephone interview, she said she recalled "in general" though not word for word" typing the following: "Other than permitting John Mitchell, Ed Reisecke, Bob Haldeman and Nixon (besides Wilson, of course) no one has known from whom that \$400,000 commitment has come."

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell has denied ever learning of any I.T.T. commitment to the Republican convention.

Mrs. Lichtman said that she would be available to testify before the Senate Judiciary committee, which is looking into whether Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst did anything improper with regard to the antitrust settlement. The Senate has yet to act on Mr. Kleindienst's nomination by the President.

Mrs. Lichtman said she "would really rather not speak to newspapers" and wanted "to reserve any comment for officials," but she did say that I.T.T. had asked her for the sworn statement and she had made it of her "own accord."

'Secretarial Assistance'

Mrs. Lichtman's affidavit said she had worked for I.T.T. in Washington from May 24, 1971, through about July 14, 1971, with her "principal responsibility" providing "secretarial assistance to Mrs. Dita Beard." She said she was now a nursery-school supervisor in Toronto.

The Washington office of I.T.T. released her affidavit tonight with an affidavit from an I.T.T. security officer who said Mrs. Lichtman told him the same thing in an interview in Toronto March 2. The security man, Russell J. Tagliareni, said that when he met Mrs. Lichtman "she said she was unaware of the news stories regarding

I.T.T., Mrs. Beard" and the memorandum.

Mr. Tagliareni also said, "I made no deals or promises of consideration of any kind in connection with my interviews" with Mrs. Lichtman.

I.T.T. also released a deposition by William R. Merriam, the head of its Washington office. Mr. Merriam said, "within the past two days we have discovered a memorandum from Mrs. Beard to me dated June 25, 1971. This is the same date as the alleged 'Beard memorandum' produced by Mr. Anderson. The memorandum that I

did receive made absolutely no reference to the antitrust cases."

In another development, Jack Anderson made public a letter to Senator James O. Eastland, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee. The letter, written today, complained that "the original ribbon-copy of the so-called 'Beard memorandum,' which I placed in evidence before your committee has been turned over to the Department of Justice."

Neither Senator Eastland nor the Justice Department could be reached for comment.