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Dita's TV Quiz Makes the Senate Probe Wonder

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Senate investigators said today ITT lobbyist Dita Beard's television interview raised questions about doctors' contention that it might be six months before she would be physically able to testify before a congressional committee.

Mrs. Beard answered questions for 90 minutes dur-

ing a CBS interview televised yesterday. She took leave from a Denver hospital, where she is undergoing treatment for heart trouble to answer questions.

A week earlier, Mrs. Beard suffered a heart seizure, according to her doctors, while testifying before a Senate Judiciary subcom-

mittee in her hospital room. The doctors ended the testimony and said she might not be able to testify again for six months.

"Her television interview raises very serious questions about the consistency of the medical position," a lawyer on the Judiciary Committee staff said.

He said he had not discussed the matter with committee members, "but they must be wondering what's going on . . . the questioning by Wallace was at least as persistent as that of the senators."

Mrs. Beard was interviewed by CBS newsmen Mike Wallace at an undi-

closed location outside the hospital.

Sen. Philip Hart (D-Mich.) chairman of the special subcommittee that went to Denver to interrogate Mrs. Beard, was not available for comment. But an aide to Sen. John Tunney (D-Calif.), said she was certain Tunney would raise questions about the interview when he re-

turns to Washington tomorrow.

Columnist Jack Anderson published an inter-office memorandum he attributed to Mrs. Beard which linked an out of court settlement of an antitrust suit against International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. with a contribution to the Republican national convention.