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Dita Leaves Hospital, Ducks Press

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Dita Beard, a central figure in the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. investigation, slipped quietly out of Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital last night to avoid newspaper reporters.

The 53 - year - old Washington lobbyist for ITT, who was confined to the hospital March 3 with a heart ailment, left at dinnertime, hospital sources said, to avoid questioning by reporters. She had been scheduled to leave the hospital early this morning.

Earlier yesterday, her physician, Dr. L. M. Radetsky, said Mrs. Beard was in good spirits and had suffered no ill effects from an "unauthorized" weekend television interview with Mike Wallace over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

In Washington yesterday, Senate investigators said that the television interview raised questions about doctors' contention that it might be six months before Mrs. Beard would be physically able to testify further before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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

On March 26, Mrs. Beard collapsed with a heart seizure while being questioned in her hospital bed by members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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