

Mrs. Beard Scores Reports in Media; Charges 'Slander'

DENVER, April 4 (UPI)—
Dita D. Beard, Washington
lobbyist for International Tele-
phone and Telegraph Corpora-
tion, attacked the news media
today for reports that she said
were responsible for the "utter
destruction" of her integrity.

Mrs. Beard, 53 years old,
slipped out of Rocky Mountain
Osteopathic Hospital before
dawn today following final
medical examinations yesterday
by her physician, Dr. Lewis
M. Radetsky.

"It isn't easy for a woman
of my nature to take the
slander, utter destruction of my
integrity and honesty lying as
I am in a hospital with a heart
that can't be relied upon to
help me fight back," Mrs. Beard
said in a letter to United Press
International.

She said that she was "not
afraid to answer any questions
put to me." She said that news

stories of her involvement with
settlement of an I.T.T. suit by
the Justice Department were
slanderous.

The two-page letter, signed
"Dita Davis Beard," was in re-
sponse to a list of questions
submitted in writing to her last
week. She was hospitalized last
March 3 with angina in Denver
after the columnist Jack Ander-
son published a memorandum
allegedly written by her. The
memo linked settlement of the
suit to a \$400,000 donation to
the Republican National Con-
vention.