

Dita Beard Says Mitchell Lied About

Denver

Dita Beard, former lobbyist for the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., says former Attorney General John N. Mitchell lied about her in sworn testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee last year.

"He's crazy," she said yesterday of Mitchell. "Everyone's so crazy. By that time (last year) everyone was such a bunch of liars."

Mitchell testified that White House "plumber" G. Gordon Liddy "spirited" Mrs. Beard out of Washington 2½ years ago on orders from the White House.

She was accused of au-

thoring an ITT memo linking an antitrust suit settlement with a contribution to Republicans.

"I heard Mitchell's testimony," said Mrs. Beard, 55. "I watched him on television one day. Mitchell didn't

mean that. I called the goddamned airline myself (for a flight to Denver) . . . with the help of my daughter and a friend."

Mrs. Beard now works in Calgary, Alberta.

She returned to Denver

last month for treatment of injuries she said she suffered in a minor auto accident. She was discharged Wednesday. *6 Nov*

"It never happened that way," Mrs. Beard said of Mitchell's testimony. "I came out here myself. Liddy

had nothing to do with it."

Mrs. Beard came to Denver in 1972 for treatment of a heart ailment when she was being sought as a witness before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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