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Attorney Says Dita Denies Deal

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Dita D. Beard, the ailing Washington lobbyist for International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., has said through her attorney that there was never an arrangement with the Nixon administration involving favorable treatment in an antitrust settlement.

At a Denver Hospital where she is being treated for a heart ailment, Mrs. Beard also denied emphatically that former Atty. Gen. John Mitchell had told her that President Nixon took part in any such arrangement.

Mrs. Beard, 53, has emerged as the central figure in an investigation by the Senate Judiciary Committee into accusations by syndicated columnist Jack Anderson that Justice Department officials acted improperly in the settlement.

Senate action on the nomination of Acting Atty. Gen. Richard Kleindienst to succeed Mitchell has been delayed pending developments in the committee hearings.

It was a memo by Mrs. Beard and subsequent interviews published by Anderson that linked the multibillion out-of-court settlement with ITT's \$400,000 financial guarantee for the Republican National Convention in San Diego next summer.

Go Easy

Before the hearings recessed yesterday until next Tuesday, Brit Hume, an Anderson aide, testified again that Mrs. Beard told him in two interviews Mitchell had received word from President Nixon to go easy on ITT in the settlement.

Mitchell has said the President never made any request to him concerning the settlement and he took no part in it.

Mrs. Beard's attorney, David W. Fleming, said: "She is extremely anxious to give testimony" before the committee.

Her doctor, Dr. David Garland, said Mrs. Beard's heart condition is serious but she should be able to give written answers.

2 Specialists

Chairman James Eastland (D-Miss.) said he would ask the head of the Denver Medical Society to appoint two heart specialists to see if and when Mrs. Beard may testify in Washington.

Eastland said that if Mrs. Beard can't testify in Washington the committee would have to decide if it wanted to send a subcommittee to the Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital to see her.