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Dita May Talk Soon, Lawyer Says

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A lawyer for Mrs. Dita D. Beard, International Telephone and Telegraph lobbyist, said yesterday she probably will be well enough to meet with members of a Senate judiciary subcommittee about midweek.

Mrs. Beard has been confined at the Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital since March 3 with a heart ailment.

She was expected to be moved from the intensive care ward to a private room yesterday in preparation for an examination by two cardiologists requested by Senator James O. Eastland (Dem-Miss.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The committee is investigating charges of an ITT pledge of \$400,000 to the Republican National Convention in exchange for the out-of-court settlement of an antitrust case against the beonglomerate and Mrs. Beard is considered a key witness.

Possibly hinging on the outcome of Mrs. Beard's testimony is the confirmation of Richard Kleindienst as—Attorney General.

Attorney David W. Fleming said Sunday Mrs. Beard was "feeling better" since Friday when she issued a denial, through Fleming, of any arrangement between the Nixon Administration and ITT.

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