NYTimes 24

C

SENATE I.T.T. UNIT TO GO TO DENYEI

Special Panel Will Question Lobbyist Starting Sunday

Special to The New York Times

As confusion mounted today over the various memorandums allegedly composed by Mrs. Dita D. Beard, the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation's Washington lobbyist, a Special Senate subcommittee announced plans to go to Denver Sunday to question her.

Senator Philip A. Hart of Michigan, chairman of the seven-man subcommittee of the Sudiciary Committee, said the ailing lobbyist would be questioned twice a day on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Her physicians told Senator Hart today that Mrs. Beard, a heart patient, could be questioned for one and one-half hours at each session.

Inquiry on Memorandum

The questioning will focus on a memorandum purportedly written by her, which linked an I.T.T. subsidiary company's pledge of funds to underwrite expenses of the 1972 Republican National Convention to the Justice Department's agreement to settle three antitrust suits against the conglomerate.

The publication of the memorandum last month by Jack Anderson, the columnist, touched off the current Judiciary Committee investigation, which has stalled Senate confirmation of Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst

as Attorney General.

Last week, Mrs. Beard issued a statement from her hospital bed, branding the Anderson memorandum a "fraud," a "forgery" and a "hoax." Yesterday I.T.T. released the text of what was said to be the genuine memorandum written by her, which mentioned her efforts to bring the Republican convention to San Diego but omitted any reference to the corporation's antitrust difficulties.

Today, Bernard Goodrich, a public relations spokesman for the corporation, conceded that other must have been at least one other "genuine" memorandum by Mrs. Beard on the subject, not counting the one released by the company yesterday and the one published by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Susan Lichtman, Mrs. Beard's former secretary, said yesterday that she recalled typing a memorandum for Mrs. Beard that contained some, but not all, of the remarks about the San Diego convention arrangements contained in Mr. Anderson's memorandum.

Two Items Recalled

She told reporters she recalled typing the substance of two items in Mr. Anderson's yersion.

One sentence, as Mr. Anderson's version had it, said: "Other than permitting John Mitchell, Ed Reinecke, Bob Haldeman and Nixon (besides Wilson, of course(no one has known from whom that \$400,000 commitment has come."

The second portion she recalled read: "John Mitchell has certainly kept it [the convention pledge] on a high level only. We should be able to do the same."

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell testified last week that nobody had informed him about the San Diego convention arrangements.

Mr. Goodrich said Mrs. Lichtman's recollection indicated that "there must have been two [memorandums] at least—the one she described she typed and the one she found."

There were the following

other developments:

¶Senator Hugh Scott, the Senate Republican leader, told the Republican Policy Committee that he did not intend to attend any more meetings of the Judiciary Committee until "that circus they were engaged in" based upon "fraudulent documents' is resolved. Previously, he said he would stay away from committee sessions until Mrs. Beard had been questioned.

The Senate majority leader, Mike Mansfield, told reporters that he did not intend to bring Mr. Kleindienst's nomination to a vote until the Judiciary Committee had "rendered a judgment" on the entire affair. He noted that the appearance of the new memorandum had raised new questions.

Hearings to Continue

Any prospects for an end to the hearings this month faded today as the Judiciary Committee scheduled a resumption of hearings here on March 29, after the subcommittee returns from Denver.

Senator Hart said that in a telephone conversation with Mrs. Beard's doctors today he was told that she might be well enough to leave the hospital by the end of this week but that it might be several weeks before she could travel to Washington.

He said he hoped that the nine hours of questioning in the hospital would be enough. If the committee needs more information from her after that, she could be questioned again later, Senator Hart said.

The other members of the subcommittee are: Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Quentin N. Burdick of North Dakota and John V. Tunney of California, all Democrats, and Marlow W. Cook of Kentucky, Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland and Edward J. Gurney of Florida, Republicans.