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FBI Hints

Dita Memo

Genuine

Hoover Report To Senate Quiz

WASHINGTON —
(AP) — The FBI indicated today that the memorandum attributed to a corporate lobbyist and published by columnist Jack Anderson is genuine.

The agency said it is unable to prove so far that the memo is phony, a charge made last Friday by its purported author, Mrs. Dita Beard, the lobbyist for International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

Hoover's Report

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the bureau's investigation showed that the memo Anderson published was written about June 25, 1971, the date on the top of the document, and on the same IBM electric typewriter used for other ITT correspondence by the company's Washington office.

The FBI, using watermarks, margins, type face and ribbon imprints in its comparisons with other documents dated about the same time, carefully avoided saying who might actually have typed the so-called Beard memo.

Highly Technical

But Hoover ruled out any possibility that the memo was written on the typewriter used by Brit Hume, a young investigation reporter who worked on the case for Anderson.

The memo was signed only with the initial "D," written in pencil. Hoover said it was impossible to

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establish from a photocopy of Mrs. Beard's signature that the "D" was written by her.

Hoover's highly-technical, five page report was sent to Sen. James O. Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Eastland sent the memo, which he received from Anderson to the Justice Department, which asked the FBI to determine its origin.

The committee is holding hearings on President Nixon's nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to be attorney general.

The Beard memorandum drew a connection between

the out-of-court settlement of three government-filed antitrust suits against ITT and the conglomerate's commitment to underwrite costs of the Republican National Convention for at least \$200,000.