



Susan Lichtman as she told ITT story to press in Washington

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Dita's Ex-Aide Says

'Mitchell Played a Role--'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Mrs. Susan Lichtman, Mrs. Dita Beard's onetime secretary, said today she remembered typing a memo which indicated former Attorney General John Mitchell played a part in placing the Republican national convention in San Diego.

Mitchell has denied any such role and Mrs. Beard, Washington lobbyist for International Telephone and Telegraph Co., has said she didn't write anything about Mitchell and the convention.

The memo, published by columnist Jack Anderson, also drew a link between the convention and the out-of-court settlement of three anti-trust suits brought by the Justice Department against ITT.

Mrs. Lichtman, now a college student in Toronto, has said she has no memory of that portion of the memo, which has delayed the confirmation of Richard G. Kleindienst to succeed

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Mitchell as attorney general. At a news conference, Mrs. Lichtman also said it was not uncommon for ITT to provide favors for congressmen and senators.

She recalled a call from the office of Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) who, she said, wanted a ride on one of a fleet of ITT jets. Hartke wanted to fly to a Midwestern speaking engagement, Mrs. Lichtman said, but he was turned down.

Another time, she said a congressman whose name she could not remember wanted to pick up two ITT-owned camper vehicles in France for a tour of Europe with his family.

Mrs. Lichtman said she had no idea how the Anderson-published memo came to light.

Critical of ITT

She was critical of ITT's behavior after the controversy touched off 12 days of Senate hearings including bedside testimony from Mrs. Beard hospitalized in Denver with a heart ailment.

She said ITT officials tried to prevent Mrs. Beard's own lawyers from obtaining copies of an affidavit she gave while still in Toronto.

In the affidavit, she said she denied any knowledge of any attempt by ITT to contribute money for the convention in an attempt to obtain a favorable settlement on the anti-trust suit.

Mrs. Lichtman said she decided to talk with reporters because she understood it was unlikely she would ever be called before the Senate Judiciary Committee considering Kleindienst's nomination.