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Mrs. Beard 280

NEW YORK AP - Lobbyist Dita Beard, diagnosed as too ill to testify before a senate subcommittee, checked herself out of a Denver hospital Saturday for a television interview in which she said Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind., thought of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. as "a sort of personal taxicab company." Mrs. Beard, 53, hospitalized with a heart ailment since March 3, taped the interview with Mike Wallace at an undisclosed location in Denver. CBS broadcast it on the "60 Minutes" show Sunday evening.

After 90 minutes she returned to the hospital.

Last Sunday, Mrs. Beard collapsed while testifying from her hospital bed to a Senate subcommittee. Her doctors said she might never be able to testify again.

The senators, considering President Nixon's nomination of Richard Kleindienst as attorney general, re investigating reports that Mrs. Beard linked an ITT contribution to the GOP National Convention with an out-of-court settlement of antitrust suits against ITT.

During the interview with Wallace, Mrs. Beard acknowledged that congressmen had been allowed use of ITT airplanes "when it serves our purposes."

Wallace asked if it were true that she had complained to Susan Lichtman, a former secretary: "Look, all these people want to use our planes all the time, don't they know that the company has to use the planes, too?"

"Well, I did," Mrs. Beard said, "because I was getting calls from people who wanted . . . The gentleman she mentioned felt like this was a sort of personal taxicab company."

"Who, Sen. Vance Hartke?" asked Wallace.

"Yeah," she replied.

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