

Kennedy's Charge on Dita Beard's Doctor

Washington

Senator Edward M. Kennedy charged yesterday that a top official of the Justice Department, as well as the United States attorney in Denver, knew in mid-March that the doctor treating Dita D. Beard was under criminal investigation by the department but kept the information from the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Kennedy contended that "within a few days after March 13" a high official of the department of Health, Education and Welfare informed Patrick Gray, an assistant attorney general, that "a potential criminal case" involving medicare charges was pending against Dr. L. M. Radetsky. Radetsky is one of two physicians

treating the lobbyist for the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

The senator also said that the U.S. attorney in Denver, James Treece, knew on or before March 16 that Radetsky was under investigation.

Implicit in Kennedy's charges was a concern that the judiciary committee had been relying on a doctor who may have been subject to the influence of the Justice department.

Mrs. Beard is the purported author of a memorandum made public by Jack Anderson, the columnist, which links a contribution by ITT to the San Diego Republican convention with the out-of-court settlement by the government of three ITT antitrust cases.

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