



MRS. BEARD



DR. LISZKA

Q. In reference to the Kleindienst case, I have two questions—after watching Dr. Victor Liszka's testimony on television about Dita Davis Beard, the veteran lobbyist for International Telephone and Telegraph: (1) Why would ITT keep on its payroll as a top lobbyist a woman described by her physician as "periodically disturbed and irrational," a victim of "excessive drinking, tranquilizers and poor circulation"? (2) Why doesn't the Medical Society in Arlington, Va., or wherever Dr. Liszka practices, censure him for such flagrant violation of the doctor-patient privacy relationship?—D.R., Washington, D.C.

A. Mrs. Beard is one of the best corporation lobbyists in Washington, notwithstanding anything her physician may have testified about her, possibly at her own request. ITT insists upon performance from its personnel and the attempt to discredit Mrs. Beard was more tactical than truthful at the time. The Arlington Medical Society will check the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee transcript and other Liszka statements and will then refer them to its Ethics Committee. Only the state board of medical examiners can deprive Dr. Liszka of his license in Virginia, a most rare happening.

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