

Dita Beard's New Job

Denver, Colo.

Dita Beard, the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. lobbyist who was a central figure in a Senate subcommittee investigation earlier this year, yesterday confirmed reports that ITT has reassigned her to sales research.

She testified from her hospital bed here last March about a memo that allegedly linked the out-of-court settlement of three Justice Department antitrust cases against ITT to the conglomerate's contribution to the 1972 Republican National

Convention.

Before collapsing during the hearing with what her physician diagnosed as an attack of angine pectoris, she told the Senate investigators she had not written the memo.

Mrs. Beard, 53, said yesterday she is "getting out of the political end" of ITT because "the pressure is too much."

She told the Denver Post in a telephone interview she would continue to draw a \$42,500 annual salary.

Mrs. Beard said she was remaining in Denver "for health reasons." She has

been released from the hospital.

The Washington Post reported yesterday that ITT had shaken up its Washington office and Mrs. Beard had been formally relieved of the lobbyist job and would report directly to its New York headquarters.

William R. Merriam, the director of the Washington ITT office who allegedly received the memo, will leave Washington shortly for Europe where he will work on the corporation's international trade relations, the Post said.

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