



DITA BEARD
New FBI quiz

Dita Beard Has Heart Seizure

Denver

The FBI said yesterday that Dita Beard, the former International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. Washington lobbyist, suffered a heart seizure last Tuesday during questioning about a memo linking ITT to an alleged \$400,000 donation to the Republican party.

"We were attempting to interview her again on the instructions of the government," James O. Newpher, the agent in charge of the Denver FBI office, said.

"She became ill during the questioning," he said. "We haven't attempted to contact her since."

Early last year Washington columnist Jack Anderson published a memo he said had been obtained from Mrs. Beard's office and written by the lobbyist. That memo alleged that the Justice Department's settlement of the antitrust suits against the company was in exchange for a \$400,000 donation to finance the 1972 GOP convention, then set for San Diego.

Mrs. Beard denied the memo published by Anderson had been written by her. She also disclaimed all knowledge of any conspiracy between ITT officials and the Justice Department.

She suffered a mild heart attack after arriving in Denver last year. Senate Judiciary Committee members, who were probing into the allegations, questioned her in her hospital bed. That March session ended when she suffered another heart seizure.

Newpher said yesterday that last week's questioning took place in the presence of Mrs. Beard's attorney and that it ended when she became ill.

Mrs. Beard's physician, Dr. L. M. Radetsky, said she was not hospitalized by the attack. "She suffered a little spell but she's all right," he said.

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