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Dita Beard Says Mitchell Lied to Panel

DENVER, Nov. 7 (UPI) — Dita Davis Beard, former lobbyist for the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., said former Attorney General John N. Mitchell lied about her in sworn testimony before the Senate Watergate committee last year.

"He's crazy," she said of Mitchell. "Everyone's so crazy. But that time (last year) everyone was such a bunch of liars."

Mitchell testified that White House aide G. Gordon Liddy "spirited" Mrs. Beard out of Washington 2½ years ago on orders from the White House. She was accused of writing an ITT memo linking an antitrust suit settlement with a contribution to Republicans.

"I heard Mitchell's testimony," said Mrs. Beard, 55. "I watched him on television one day. Mitchell didn't mean that. I called the . . . airline myself (for a flight to Denver) . . . with the help of my daughter and a friend."

Mrs. Beard now works in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where she "surveys the market" for an ITT line of cosmetics. She returned to Denver last month for treatment of injuries she said she received in a minor auto accident.

"It never happened that way," Mrs. Beard said of Mitchell's testimony. "I came out here myself. Liddy had nothing to do with it."