

Tape disclosures exciting Room 343 at Alta Bates

There has been a flurry of excitement in and around Room 343 at Alta Bates Hospital these days, brought on by the publication Wednesday of startling testimony in the far-off "Watergate Tapes Caper."

Room 343 brings the historical case to Berkeley because the occupant is Mrs. Richard A. Bolt, mother of one of the six-member panel of recording experts which disclosed 18 minutes of the Presidential tapes had been erased.

MRS. BOLT, who will be 94 next month, said her son told her two things while visiting her for four days when she went into the hospital Jan. 1:

Watch the newspapers Wednesday, Jan. 16 — partic-

ularly the New York Times — as that would be the day the report on which he has been working would be published.

—That in the long run "historians will be grateful if this panel can put some semblance of honesty" in the tape matter.

Her son is Dr. Richard H. Bolt, former head of the acoustics laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who now is board chairman of a private research firm in Cambridge, Mass.

MRS. BOLT said she heard recently from her daughter-in-law who wrote her son has been away from home more than 10 days on the Presidential tape research project.

She said she had had to put

newspapers carrying accounts of the tape testimony under the hospital bed in order to retain copies to send back to her son.

Mrs. Bolt, the widow of Dr. Richard A. Bolt, who organized and consolidated the University of California's public health courses into a public health department, has another son and two daughters.

She also has 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The Bolts moved to Berkeley from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1945. Mrs. Bolt is one of the oldest living alumnae of Stanford University and often participates in ceremonies at the university in that capacity.