

All Hospitalization ^{F. Poach} Ruled Out By Nixon ⁹⁻¹⁴⁻⁷⁴

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon has a new and painful blood clot in his left leg and is suffering from "severe strain and physical fatigue," his doctor said Friday.

But Nixon is "mentally alert" and hospitalization has been ruled out at Nixon's request, the doctor, Air Force Maj. Gen. Walter Tkach, said in a statement that a Nixon aide relayed

to newsmen by telephone.

The statement did not say how serious the clot is, and the aide refused to call the former White House doctor to the telephone.

Nixon has been suffering from phlebitis, an inflammation of a vein, for several months. The ailment created the first clot.

"There is a new venous clot in the former president's upper left leg," Tkach said.

"I have found the former president to be suffering from severe strain and physical fatigue, but he is mentally alert and has been working at his office at home each day.

"The leg is swollen and painful. The clot from the earlier phlebitis, which is still present, causes the former president periodic pain.

"Serious consideration was given to hospitalization, but it has been ruled out at this time based on former President Nixon's wishes.

"The former president will continue to receive medication and will be under doctor's care, and an evaluation will be made on a weekly basis by Dr. Lundgren and myself."

Dr. John Lundgren is a Long Beach internist with a specialty in cardiology who has been the Nixon's family doctor for many years. Tkach said he had ex-

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amined Nixon on Friday morning after arriving here from Washington and had consulted with Lundgren, who examined the former president Tuesday in Palm Springs.

Lundgren's receptionist said he was out of town — "not in San Clemente" — and would not return until Monday.

President Ford said he was concerned about Nixon and had asked for regular reports from his own physician, Navy Rear Adm. William Lukash, who is keeping in touch with military personnel in San Clemente and the neighboring Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base.