Porty Chief Party Visit To Wallace

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Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, still paralyzed in both legs, was visited yesterday by National Democratic Chairman Larence F. O'Brien who called him a major presidential candidate.

O'Brien said he expects to see Wallace at the Democratic National Convention, which opens July 10 in Miami Beach.

"I would say that any candidate who has several hundred delegates is a serious candidate," said O'Brien, who previously had played down Wallace's candidacy.

After talking with Wallace, who is paralyzed from the hips down with a bullet lodged in his spinal column, O'Brien said, "I did not get the impression that he would be an inactive campaigner. I was talking to a man I feel is an active campaigner."

Doctors at Holy Cross Hospital reported no change in Wallace's condition yesterday. They said his legs remain paralyzed except for involuntary twitching of his toes.

The governor is spending more time out of bed taking physical therapy on a tilt-table and is drinking more liquids, the doctors said. But they did not say when or where he would be operated on for the removal of the bullet.