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LONG BEACH — The archbishop of the Los Angeles Roman Catholic diocese visited hospital patient Richard M. Nixon yesterday and said the former President Clooked better than I've seen him in two years."

"He showed no sign of strein or illness," said Archbish on Timothy Cardinal Manning. "He said he was in no pain. I was amazed. He was in excellent spirits, very happy."

Manning said he and Msgr. Clement Connolly, secretary of the diocese, spent 10 minpies with Nixon in the former chief executive's sixth
coor hospital room and detivered a prayer for the sick.

"He anticipates being out of the hospital very soon," Manning told a reporter outtide the hospital. "The rest seems to be doing him fine."