

Nixon In Pain From

New Blood Clot

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Phlebitis Takes Turn For Worse

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 the former chief executive's request, the doctor, Air Force Maj.

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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 examined Nixon 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.

A WASHINGTON source said the purpose of Tkach's trip was to

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"determine on the scene whether Nixon should be hospitalized."

In Washington 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.

OFFICIALS AT THE Camp Pendleton hospital refused any comment on rumors that Nixon might go there. The hospital has cardiovascular specialists on its staff that could treat phlebitis.

A Washington source said Nixon has been taking "regular hot soaks of the leg" to ease the pain and reduce swelling caused by a blood clot.

Well-wishers ordered a green plant from one florist and a spray of flowers from another which were delivered to Secret Service agents at the gate to the former Western White House.

THE FLORISTS wouldn't disclose who made the orders except to say they came from out of town. The flowers were accompanied by a card that said "Get well soon," said florist David Holt.

A postal clerk said mail to the former president, which had been averaging about 1,000 letters a day, had increased slightly since President Ford announced Sunday that he had pardoned Nixon for any wrongdoing in the White House.



(AP)

Friendly Nixon Poses On Beach

Amateur photographer Dwight Brill of Muncie, Ind., made these pictures Aug. 14 of President Nixon strolling on beach near Ventura, Calif. Above, ex-president chats with bathers. Behind

him are son-in-law Edward Cox and daughter Tricia. Photographer said he shook his hand before continuing stroll. Pictures were made available to Associate Press Friday.