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Physician Terms

Nixon Recovered From Pneumonia

BETHESDA, Md., July 18 — President Nixon's physician said today that his patient was essentially a "well man" and had recovered from the viral pneumonia that sent him to the hospital last week.

Dr. Walter R. Tkach, Mr. Nixon's personal physician, said that all the President's physical signs were normal, adding that his chest congestion "has cleared completely," his temperature remained normal, and all medication was discontinued this morning.

He reported that Mr. Nixon had a "very restful" night after a day of near-normal activity in his suite in the National Naval Medical Center here. The physician said that Mr. Nixon wanted to go home tomorrow, but added, "He promised us he would stay until Friday and he's holding to it."

Dr. Tkach warned, however, that Mr. Nixon could "become fatigued."

The President is scheduled to go directly from the hospital to Camp David, the Presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland, and return to the White House Monday.

The cost of the President's hospitalization, according to deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren, is \$61 a day, the standard "Congressional rate" charged by the hospital.

Three of Mr. Nixon's physicians are in the military and the fourth, Dr. Sol Katz, a pulmonary disease expert from Georgetown University, volunteered his time in the President's case, Mr. Warren said.