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Mr. Nixon and His Doctors

To the Editor:

Among various sweeping assertions and dubious homilies in support of private, profit-oriented medical care which President Nixon offered at the dedication of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital Center in Miami on Feb. 14, he proclaimed: "When I go to a hospital, or when I call a doctor, I want that doctor to be working for the patient and not for the Federal Government."

He said this one day after his annual physical checkup at Bethesda Naval Medical Hospital, a thorough and expensive procedure carried out by a team of six physicians, every one of whom is on the public payroll and paid by our tax monies.

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