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Nixon's Clot Beginning To Clear Up

LONG BEACH, Calif., Oct. 1 (AP) — Richard M. Nixon's doctor said today that the blood clot in his right lung has apparently begun to clear up and latest tests show no sign of any new clot.

Dr. John C. Lungren said in his daily medical bulletin that the clot was being naturally absorbed into the patient's system. He said the anticoagulants Mr. Nixon had been taking had apparently prevented another clot, but he reported no change in his diagnosis that Mr. Nixon should not travel for a month or more.

Mr. Nixon spent the day undergoing treatment. As he was wheeled into the hospital Radiology Department for more X-rays, he exchanged pleasantries with two technicians. One of them, Leslie Persily, said of Mr. Nixon: "He looked very tired. He didn't look healthy."

In a written statement, Lungren said there is "evidence of partial resolution of the clot in the right lung" and "no evidence of any other emboli in the lungs."

Lungren said he now believes the clot moved to the lung while Mr. Nixon and his wife were vacationing in Palm Springs, Calif., two weeks be-

fore his hospitalization. The clot, smaller than a dime, broke off from a clot created by phlebitis in the left leg.

Lungren feared earlier that another piece of the leg clot might break off and move through Mr. Nixon's heart to the lungs. If a clot lodged in his heart, it could be fatal.

Lungren said Monday that Mr. Nixon was responding to treatment and would be released from the hospital Thursday, Friday or Saturday. The doctor added, however, that the former President would not be able to travel any great distance for at least a month and must continue to take medication at his seaside home in San Clemente. He entered the hospital Sept. 23.

Lungren's orders for a "restricted convalescence" apparently rules out an early appearance by Mr. Nixon as a witness in the Watergate cover-up trial which began in Washington today.

[Mr. Nixon has been subpoenaed as a witness for both defense and prosecution. His lawyers have told U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica they will provide a report on the former President's health by Thursday. Sirica is considering a request from Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski to send an independent medical team to examine Mr. Nixon.] 3 OCT

Mr. Nixon is still undergoing a battery of diagnostic tests aimed at finding the basic cause of his phlebitis, Lungren reported.