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Nixon May Go Home Soon

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Former President Nixon may be well enough to leave the hospital this week, his doctors said yesterday.

His condition has improved from serious to intermediate, the doctors said, and he is once again taking an anticoagulant drug to prevent further blood clots in his phlebitis-stricken left leg. He was reported to be eating normal foods and walking more in his room.

It was the best news about the 61-year-old former president since doctors said he went into near-fatal shock caused by internal bleeding after phlebitis surgery October 29.

Intermediate condition "means a nurse is with him around the clock," the doctors said.

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