The Nixon Medical Examination

San Clemente

Herbert J. Miller Jr., Richard Nixon's attorney, reportedly talked with the former President during the weekend to see if he would submit to examination by a court appointed medical panel.

Miller had told U.S. Dtstrict Judge John J. Sirica he would report Mr. Nixon's response to the Washington court by tomorrow.

Earlier, a spokesman at San Clemente said Mr Nixon had no objections to being examined.

The former President's answer could play a major role in the outcome of the Watergate coverup trial. The physical examination would determine if Mr. Nixon is well enough to give testimony, either in person or

by deposition.

Doctors who treated him at Long Beach Memorial Hospital said last week such an examination could create stress and raise his blood pressure.

In Washington, the Watergate defendants have said Mr. Nixon's testimony is III-

dispensible to their cases.

Judge Sirica appointed the three doctors last week at the request of attorneys for former presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman.

Dr. John Lungren had said it would be several months before Mr. Nixon would be well enough to give testimo-

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ny at the trial, which is expected to be over by Christmas.

Dr. Charles A. Hufnagel, one of the court-appointed doctors, told Sirica he would not proceed with the examination until there is assurance Mr. Nixon consented.

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