

Two Burglaries

Nixon Doctor Tells Of Rifled Files

South Bend, Ind.

A California physician who has accompanied President Nixon during most of his political campaigns said Thursday night that his office was burglarized twice last September, and that the President's medical file had been "disturbed, but not stolen." (4 SEP)

Dr. John C. Lungren recalled that on the weekend of Sept. 23, 1972, during the height of the presidential campaign, his suite of offices near the Long Beach Medical Center, where he was then chief of staff, was broken into and Mr. Nixon's medical file ransacked.

"They went into a walk-in vault where I kept the President's old file," Dr. Lungren said. "It was the only thing disturbed. Nothing was taken, but we noticed the chronological order of the records was changed."

INVESTIGATION

Dr. Lungren said the incident was reported to the local police and the White House, and an investigation by the FBI and the police followed.

"I've heard nothing about it since," he said. "I've redoubled the locks and there have been no burglaries since."

Dr. Lungren, who was here for a Notre Dame University Alumni Association meeting, said it is possible the medical records may have been photographed.

SIMILAR

He said every examination he had ever given the President showed him to be in "perfect health."

The Los Angeles Times reported that the burglaries

at the offices of Dr. Lungren came in the midst of a number of similar burglaries at doctors' and dentists' offices in the vicinity of Long Beach Memorial Hospital, only blocks away from Dr. Lungren's office.

"It's a hot area," one Long Beach Police Department burglary detective told The Times. "We have doctors' offices in that area that are being hit constantly. They're usually committed by dopers looking for narcotics, blank checks, business machines and blank prescription forms."

OTHERS

Between the first and second burglaries at Dr. Lungren's office, there were five other burglaries at medical offices in the same general area.

Reports of the burglaries came in the wake of disclosures that medical records had been the targets of burglaries of physicians treating the late President John F. Kennedy and Pentagon Papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg.

The question of Mr. Nixon's medical history was first brought up in 1968 in a controversy over whether he had sought psychiatric treatment from a New York physician when he was Vice President in the 1950s.

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**PRESIDENT NIXON AND DR. LUNGREN
Physician went on campaign trips**