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Nixon (illness) - Nixon's doctors say his condition continues to improve and he "is responding well" to antibiotics, but it is still to early to give a prognosis on his chance of recovery; he is still very weak and will require a long period of recuperation.

Miller, in affidavit submitted to Sirica today (affidavit is based on discussion by phone with Lungren 5 Nov) says that "the earliest time Mr. Nixon could participate without serious danger to his health in any activity requiring substantial mental or physical effort would be two to three months [7 Jan or 7 Feb]." (Compare these dates with those given by medical panel 29 Nov.) Miller says it will be even longer before Nixon will be able to travel "any significant distance."

Miller says it will be eight to 12 days (15 to 19 Nov) before Nixon will be released from the hospital. This story is datelinedLong Beach, and says these dates "[jibe] with unofficial reports here." Earlier story from Long Beach, 5 Nov, had said Nixon's doctors wanted to keep him in the hospital for at least another 10 days or two weeks (15 to 19 Nov).

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