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Nixon (medical panel) - When court convenes this morning, Ehrlichman's lawyer, Frates, asks Sirica to appoint a medical panel to determine whether Nixon's health will permit him to testify at the trial. (Sirica has received from "the lawyers," presumably for each side, the names of doctors who would be willing to go to California for this purpose.) Frates says that while he does not question Miller's affidavit or Lungren's statements, an examination by court-appointed doctors would "clarify the whole situation." Neal, "who had previously filed a motion suggesting that doctors be appointed and citing Dr. Lungren's long association with and 'loyalty' to Mr. Nixon," says that the prosecution does not consider Nixon's testimony as necessary to its case (LATimes: since Sirica has allowed introduction of Nixon tapes), "or in any defendant's case," but has "no objection to any procedure whatsoever" to verifying Nixon's medical status.

Sirica says he will appoint such a panel and hopes to have the details worked out by "next week." Today is Friday.

Lungren declines comment; Miller's law firm has no comment.

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- "Mr. Nixon is under subpoena to appear at the trial and has asked that the subpoenas be quashed on the ground of his ill health. If he refuses to be examined by the court's doctors ... Judge Sirica will be entitled to deny the motions to quash and then, if Mr. Nixon fails to comply with the subpoenas, to cite him for contempt."

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Mrs. Marcos, wife of the President of the Philippines, visits Nixon.* She had been in China until late Sep, ending visit sometime after 1 Oct.

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*Entry 12 Nov 74, Nixon (high blood pressure)