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Nixon leaves the hospital, accompanied by Mrs. Nixon. As the limousine drives past group of reporters he smiles and waves "weakly." AMP - H

WXP 15 Nov 74, Stuart Auerbach

Nixon (illness) - Lungren says he has prescribed a long, stress-free recuperation period for Nixon, and that ~~the~~ an examination by the medical panel could cause stress and "bring a marked rise in blood pressure." This, in view of the fact that Nixon is taking Coumadin, would mean "the chance of a hemorrhage is magnified. But I have no control over it. That's the court's physicians." WXP: Lungren specifically refuses to comment when he is asked whether he thinks Sirica is intruding into medical matters by sending the medical panel to examine Nixon. AMP - A

Dr. Hickman says the panel, "under controlled conditions," could examine Nixon any time, "today, tomorrow, next week. I don't think that the time is as important as the approach, the circumstances, the attitudes and other factors." AMP - B

Dr. Lungren says Nixon still faces the possibility of further medical problems as a result of the phlebitis, among them hepatitis. Dr. Hickman says, "I don't anticipate grave danger with the type of progress he's had, but I think it would be unrealistic to guess and speculate that problems wouldn't develop in the future."

Story does not say whether Lungren ~~made~~ and Hickman made these statements separately or at a joint press conference. AMP - E

Story, without attribution, says "the Coumadin appears to be working - something it failed to do before this hospitalization;" ^{AMP - H} also describes the blood clot discovered in Nixon's right lung during the first hospitalization as "pin-sized," says it is dissolving normally.

WXP 15 Nov 74, Stuart Auerbach

SFC 15 Nov 74 [AP]

Hepatitis)
Coumadin) See entry, Nixon, illness

Lungren (reaction to medical panel) - See entry, Nixon (~~medical panel~~); see entry 13 Nov, Nixon (medical panel).
illness

- Lungren to take vacation. AMP - C

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Nixon (medical panel) - Dr. Hufnagel tells reporters that the panel cannot proceed until the court determines whether Nixon will agree to an independent medical evaluation. "We would like to know whether Mr. Nixon and his doctors will or will not oppose such an exam, which is more a legal problem than a medical one. It is not the job of the panel to engage in a legal problem." Says the panel must know in advance "whether it is possible, if it is indeed advisable" to examine Nixon.

UPI says there is "no explanation for Hufnagel's apparent confusion," since Sirica in his instructions to the panel 13 Nov had said, "Should Mr. Nixon refuse access to appropriate and necessary medical records or refuse to submit to an appropriate physical examination the said panel shall report immediately to the court." Hufnagel apparently accepted Sirica's appointment 10 Nov (announced publicly 13 Nov); UPI, in paraphrase, quotes him today as saying he accepted it without reservation. Presumably any objections he might have, such as the one he is making today, would have been discussed then.

Hufnagel says he told Sirica 10 Nov that the deadline of 29 Nov might pose a problem. Says today he will probably meet the other two members of the panel in Dallas late next week (no date). Dr. Ross is president of the American Heart Association which will be meeting in Dallas then; Dr. Hufnagel and Dr. Spittell are members. F A M P - 6

WXP 15 Nov 74, Thomas O'Toole

SFC 15 Nov 74 [UPI]

Nixon (tapes and papers) - Miller asks U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Richey for a temporary restraining order against the implementation of the agreement between the WH and the prosecutor (see entry 11 Nov), which he describes in court papers as an "incredible act." Petition says that "to permit the special prosecutor . . . to rummage through these personal materials would violate not only Mr. Nixon's rights as a former president, but also his right against unreasonable searches and seizures of his property."

WXP points out that the agreement is subject to specific time and subject-matter limitations and applies only to matters relating to criminal investigations under the

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special prosecutor's jurisdiction.

WXP says Nixon's attorneys also are asking that the government implement the original Nixon-Sampson agreement.

WXP 15 Nov 74, Timothy S. Robinson

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- See SFC for Miller's arguments in asking for temporary injunction, and WXP 12 Nov (Robinson) for details of agreement between WH and special prosecutor.

Tapes (public broadcasting?) - In a motion submitted to U.S. District Court, the three major networks ask that radio and television newscasters be allowed to copy and broadcast the Nixon tapes now being heard by the jury and courtroom spectators at cover-up trial. See story on arguments for this.

WXP 15 Nov 74, John P. MacKenzie

Nixon (quality of medical care) - See article by Altman and AMP-D, I.

NYT 16 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

(14 Nov 74) AMP (C)

(A) - "Dr. Lungren said that 'we feel very strongly that former President Nixon has been treated by the highest caliber of Western medicine.' Asked why it was necessary for Judge Sirica to bring in Eastern doctors, Dr. Lungren replied: 'I have no idea, you'd have to ask the judge.'" AMP-D
NYT 15 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

(B) - "At the conference today, Dr. Eldon Hickman ... said in answer to a question about the need for the court-appointed examination: 'I think it's unnecessary.'" AMP-D
NYT 15 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

(C) - "Dr. Lungren, looking drawn and fatigued, said that he and his wife will begin a vacation at an undisclosed location next week. ^{AMP-6} [Today is a Thursday.] During his absence, Dr. Hickman will be Mr. Nixon's attending physician, Dr. Lungren said." See entry AMP-E 11 Nov, second paragraph.
NYT 15 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

(D) - See article by Altman, on the conflict between Western and Eastern medicine and "on an even broader scale, the conflict ... between town-gown elements in medicine, or in other words, the academic vs. the private practice of medicine. A few U.C.L.A. doctors in talking privately with members of the press have expressed resentment over how members of Mr. Nixon's medical team have cited their U.C.L.A. faculty titles. These doctors said they felt embarrassed that the university had been tied to what they considered questionable medical decisions made in Mr. Nixon's case." AMP-7
NYT 16 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

(E) - The wording of two stories by Altman suggests that Lungren and Hickman were speaking at a joint news conference.
NYT 15, 16 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

(F) - The length of time Dr. Lungren will be away is not given. The medical panel, with a deadline of 29 Nov and a meeting in Dallas late in the preceding week, ^{AMP-6} presumably will be in California sometime during the week beginning Sunday, 24 Nov. - Lungren back from vacation 23 Dec 74? See entry that date, Nixon (physical and mental condition).

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(G) - NYT gives the date of the annual meeting of the American Heart Association as Nov 28 (sic - 18?) through 21.
NYT 15 Nov 74, Special to [NYT]

(H) - "A person who had seen [Nixon] daily in the hospital said he is so weak he can barely walk across the hospital room and then needs two to three hours rest."
WXP 15 Nov 74, Stuart Auerbach

(I) - "Though Mr. Nixon had the benefit of outside surgical consultants, Dr. Lungren [has] been criticized privately in medical circles because he did not call on experts in bleeding and clotting problems of the type that affected Mr. Nixon."
NYT 16 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

(J) - See entry 25 Nov 74, Nixon (illness).

(K) - "Dr. [William E.] Smith, who is Memorial Hospital's director of pharmacy, ... said the Coumadin worked very well during Mr. Nixon's earlier hospitalization but not when he was at home in San Clemente. One possible reason for Mr. Nixon's poor response to Coumadin is that the pills he took at home were not potent. Dr. Smith said he planned to do dissolution tests to determine if this was the case." (Have seen no mention of results of this test.)
NYT 5 Nov 74, Lawrence K. Altman

- It appears that Coumadin was effective on both occasions when Nixon was hospitalized, but not at San Clemente.