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Lungren - General story on Nixon's hospitalization at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, says of Dr. Lungren: "Dr. Lungren, who values his privacy as well as that of his patient, disliked talking to the press. He was also reluctant to call in consultants. When Nixon had complex blood problems, no specialists in hematology were called in. When the former President developed pneumonia, no pulmonary experts were consulted. At one point, Lungren described himself as 'an old-timer' who makes decisions based on 'clinical judgements as much as I do (on) graphs and a few other studies.'"

Nixon's two recent stays at this hospital were his second and third (23 Sep - 4 Oct 74, 23 Oct - 14 Nov 74). His first visit was 2 Jan 69, just before his inauguration, when Lungren gave him a complete physical, "pronounced him fit for the job and turned him over to the new White House physician, Air Force Dr. Walter Tkach."

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Medical team arrives in Los Angeles, will meet tomorrow at Memorial Hospital with Dr. Hickman and go over Nixon's medical records. "[The] team will not insist on the [physical] examination, Dr. Hufnagel said, if medical data convinced them that it would be dangerous to Mr. Nixon."

"Lungren said last week that he could not imagine any sort of physical examination which would not endanger the health of his patient."

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