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Nixon (confidentiality of medical records) - Altman, in article subtitled, "Confidentiality Protected by Doctors, Leaving Many Questions Unanswered," contrasts the extreme care taken in Nixon's case with the methods used ~~xxxxxx~~ by the Nixon administration in the Ellsberg (Dr. Fielding) and Eagleton cases: quotes Woodward and Bernstein as having said, "Senator Eagleton's health records had arrived in John Ehrlichman's office before they were leaked to the press."

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Nixon (medical panel) - Panel submits its report to Sirica, giving simply the dates by which Nixon would be able to testify, etc.; letter accompanying the report says that "If required by the court the panel can submit the medical reasons and data upon which it based its report. This would involve specific information regarding his condition, which we have been instructed is confidential." (This confidentiality had been requested by Nixon through Miller and agreed to by Sirica*) Letter also says that "The dates stipulated are the expression of our judgment at the present time and are subject to modification by unknown future medical developments." The dates given are:

- 6 Jan 75 - Nixon should be able to give a deposition at home, subject to several conditions.
- 2 Feb 75 - Nixon should be able to testify at a court room "near his home."
- 16 Feb 75 - Nixon, "we would estimate," should be able to travel to Washington to testify.

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*NYT 21 Nov 74, Lesley Oelsner (entry, 20 Nov)

- See also entry, Nixon (confidentialty of medical records).