

Nixon Busy and Better

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President Nixon, recovering rapidly from viral pneumonia, stepped up his activities yesterday and planned to leave the hospital Friday for a weekend at Camp David, Md.

The President's doctors reported that his lungs were clear of congestion and that his temperature and blood pressure were normal.

During the day, Mr. Nixon conferred with a number of officials on both Watergate

and economic issues.

Dr. Walter Tkach, the President's physician, said Mr. Nixon would go to Camp David about noon Friday and return to the White House Monday. 23 JUL

"If I'm smiling for the first time it is for a very good reason," Tkach said as he met reporters at the hospital. "The President is convinced, and the doctors agree, that he looks and feels better."

The doctor said he had

prescribed rest and mild exercise for Mr. Nixon at Camp David and a limited schedule when he returns Monday. He said the President should rest about an hour in the morning and another hour in the afternoon for about ten days after he takes up his regular duties again. TO 1-2 AUG

Mr. Nixon lost only two pounds from his illness, Dr. Tkach said, and now weighs 168.

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