

Julie Has Surgery for Bleeding

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Julie Nixon Eisenhower underwent successful surgery in Indianapolis last night to stop internal bleeding that arose from a cyst in her ovary. Surgeons at the Indiana University Medical Center said the 40-minute operation had stopped the internal bleeding. Previously White House spokesmen had termed the operation "serious."

President Nixon awaited word of his 25-year-old daughter's operation at Key Biscayne, Fla., where he was spending the long weekend. But Mrs. Nixon and David Eisenhower, Julie's husband, flew to Indianapolis last night and were at her bedside when she came out of the recovery room.

"Although Julie is experiencing some post-operative discomfort and pain, she is awake and her doctors consider her condition satisfactory," a hospital spokesman said.

Mrs. Eisenhower is expected to remain in the hospital recuperating for 7 to 10 days. The family has taken over a wing of six rooms in the hospital.

The original White House statement said Mrs. Eisenhower's internal bleeding was due to a cyst on her ovary, but a spokesman in the press office of Mrs. Nixon then said it was caused by a tubal pregnancy—where the fertilized egg fails to drop into the womb. The hospital later confirmed it was a cyst.

Both ovarian cysts and tubal pregnancies are common in young women of Mrs. Eisenhower's age, specialists in Washington reported.

The internal bleeding and severe abdominal pain hit Mrs. Eisenhower, President Nixon's youngest daughter, Wednesday night while she was in Indianapolis, where she works as a part-time writer and editor for the Curtis Publishing Co. The pains worsened yesterday morning.

She had been with her parents at a party in Washington Tuesday night to celebrate the birthday of Air Force Maj. Gen. Walter R. Tkach, the White House physician.

The first word of her hospitalization came from Dr.

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Tkach at the Florida White House.

Mrs. Nixon immediately flew to Indianapolis in a small Air Force jet along with Dr. William Lukash, an assistant White House physician. Mrs. Eisenhower's husband David, a law student at George Washington University, also flew to Indianapolis last night in an Air Force jet.

Both Mr. Nixon and his other daughter, Tricia Cox, talked with Mrs. Eisenhower by phone before the operation began at 6:30 p.m. EDT. White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said they "found her in good spirits."

The operation, which took 40 minutes, was performed by two specialists in obstetrics and

gynecology from the Indiana University Medical School, Drs. Sprague H. Gardiner and Jack W. Pearson, at the Indiana University Medical Center.

The White House first announced that Mrs. Eisenhower was suffering from a cyst on an ovary.

Specialists here said that the most common diagnosis for Mrs. Eisenhower's complaints—internal bleeding and severe pain—would be an ovarian cyst.

In Key Biscayne, Mr. Nixon canceled plans for a Valentine's Day dinner for White House staff members to wait for word on the operation.

Mrs. Eisenhower was married in December, 1968, to David Eisenhower, grandson of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.