

Nixon's Physician Says Tests Find No Evidence of Cancer

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LONG BEACH, Calif., Oct. 2 —Preliminary results of the first of a series of "exhaustive" tests to determine the cause of former President Richard M. Nixon's phlebitis condition have not detected a hidden cancer, Mr. Nixon's doctor said here today.

However, Dr. John C. Lungren, Mr. Nixon's physician, said in a medical bulletin issued from the Memorial Hospital Medical Center that more tests would be needed before cancer could be ruled out in Mr. Nixon's case. Dr. Lungren's bulletin said:

"We're continuing the battery of diagnostic tests aimed at finding the cause of his phlebitis. So far, the tests conducted have failed to reveal any hidden malignancy. These tests are still in progress."

Dr. Lungren did not say precisely what tests had been completed and those that remained to be done. He did say that the "principle diagnostic departments involved in the ongoing battery of tests include radiology, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, and pathology."

It is understood that Mr.

Nixon is to swallow barium and have a barium enema as part of the series of examinations in the radiology (X-ray) department.

Dr. Lungren has said that Mr. Nixon has had two lung scans in the nuclear medicine department and ultrasound tests, done by other doctors at Memorial Hospital. Blood tests are done by pathology departments in many American hospitals.

Cancer of the pancreas is among the causes of recurrent phlebitis. At a new conference on Monday, Dr. Lungren said that even with a series of barium X-ray tests of the intestines, cancer of the pancreas "is very difficult to rule out."

Once the tests are completed this week, Dr. Lungren said he expected to discharge Mr. Nixon from Memorial Hospital. He said "President Nixon's response to treatment of the effect of his phlebitis remains satisfactory."

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