

Nixon Back In Hospital For Tests

Long Beach

Former President Richard M. Nixon reported back to Memorial Hospital Medical Center of Long Beach last night for further diagnostic tests related to the phlebitis in his left leg.

Jack Weiblen, hospital vice president, said Mr. Nixon returned to the hospital for "repeat diagnostic tests." He did not elaborate.

Hospital spokeswoman Karen Krantz said Mr. Nixon was admitted.

She said Mr. Nixon's long-time personal physician, Dr. John C. Lungren, was administering the tests.

Weiblen said Mr. Nixon, wearing a gray suit and limping slightly reported to the hospital at about 6:10 p.m.

"It was planned earlier in the day," Weiblen said. "It was not an emergency."

A news photographer said Mr. Nixon was whisked with Secret Service men to the sixth floor. Mr. Nixon stayed on the same floor when he

was at the hospital earlier in the month.

Mr. Nixon, who resigned the presidency August 9, spent 12 days in the hospital for treatment of an inflamed leg. During that time a small clot moved from the former President's leg through his heart and lodged in his lung.

He returned to his sea-front villa at San Clemente after doctors concluded that the clot in the lung no longer presented a serious threat to his life.

Since his release from the hospital on October 4, the former President, 61, has been recuperating in San Clemente. At the time of his release from the hospital, Lungren said it would be one to three months before he could travel.

Mr. Nixon has been subpoenaed to testify at the Watergate coverup trial.

In Washington, the special prosecutor's office said that as far as it knew, Mr. Nixon's hospitalization had nothing to do with the possibility that independent doctors might be sent to examine him. Judge John J. Sirica, who is presiding at the Watergate coverup trial, is considering whether to send such doctors, but has made a decision.

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