

# Staff Says Nixon Is Very Weak

San Clemente

Former President Nixon was confined to a newly installed hospital bed in his seaside villa yesterday.

A staff member said Mr. Nixon is so weakened by illness that the mere act of speaking exhausts him.

"He's just very weak," said the aide in a telephone interview.

"It tires him even to talk after a while. He gets winded very easily."

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Mr. Nixon, 61, returned home Thursday after three weeks at Long Beach Memorial Hospital Medical Center where he underwent surgery October 29 to prevent a blood clot in his left leg from moving to his lung.

"He is staying in bed today," another aide said. "His doctors have ordered him to remain there."

"His contact with even his few key staff members is very limited."

A military corpsman at-

tending Mr. Nixon has been instructed by doctors to take blood samples which will be analyzed at the hospital. The doctors are watching blood tests closely to see if Mr. Nixon is responding properly to oral anticoagulation drugs being administered for his phlebitis condition.

Still uncertain was when Mr. Nixon would be visited by three doctors appointed by U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica to determine whether the former presi-

dent can testify at the Watergate coverup trial in Washington.

The doctors told Sirica they are reluctant to go to California "unless they have authorization" to examine Mr. Nixon.

In Washington, Mr. Nixon's attorney, Herbert J. Miller, was asked by Sirica to report by next Tuesday on whether Mr. Nixon would resist an independent medical inquiry by the doctors. <sup>19 NOV</sup>  
Miller said he plans a trip

to California within the next two or three days "to sit down and discuss this and other matters" with Mr. Nixon.

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