

No Cost to Him Is a Condition

Nixon Consents to Medical Exam

Washington

Former President Nixon has consented to a physical examination by a court-appointed panel of doctors "if they really feel it is necessary" to determine if he is able to give testimony for the Watergate coverup trial, his lawyer reported yesterday.

In a formal "interim report" filed with U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, lawyer Herbert J. Miller Jr. said

Mr. Nixon's consent is "conditioned on the fact that the examination and consultation with Nixon's doctors will be conducted at absolutely no cost or expense" to the former President.

Miller said that Dr. Charles Hufnagel, chairman of the medical team Sirica appointed to look into the Nixon case, is attempting to arrange a "mutually convenient date" for the examination.

"Richard M. Nixon has consented to make available to the judicially appointed panel his medical records with respect to his recent illness and operation in California and has also consented to be examined by the court appointed panel if they really feel it is necessary," Miller told Sirica.

Mr. Nixon is recuperating at his San Clemente estate from complications following surgery last month for

recurrent blood clotting brought on by chronic phlebitis in his left leg.

He has been subpoenaed by defendant John D. Ehrlichman to testify at the coverup trial. Sirica ordered the independent examination to determine whether Mr. Nixon is well enough to appear personally or even make a sworn state deposition at his home.

Sirica has asked the doctors, all experts in cardio-

vascular diseases, to give him at least a preliminary report on Mr. Nixon's health by November 29.

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