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Long Beach

Former President Nixon is looking "physically improved" for the first time since he left the hospital and soon may be well enough to take trips by car and plane, his personal physician said yesterday.

The optimistic report by Dr. John Lungren coincided with a statement in Washington by Senator, Barry Goldwater that he had visited Mr. Nixon at San Clemente and that Mr. Nixon told Goldwater he would like to get back into politics to help the Republican party.

Lungren said he examined Mr. Nixon Friday. 2+ 1<

"He still tires and fatigues very easily," the doctor said. "But for the first time since he left the hospital last November, he has shown a definite improvement in his physical appearance."

Goldwater said in an interview in Washington that he had lunch with Mr. Nixon last Thursday at the ocean-front retreat and that the former president "talked of his desire to get back into the political arena, not as a candidate but as a party spokesman."

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