



NIXON ARRIVES TO VISIT STRICKEN FORMER FIRST LADY
Daughters Julie and Tricia accompanied him

Former 1st Lady improving but some paralysis remains

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LONG BEACH — As Pat Nixon fought to recover the good health she has always prized, former President Nixon said yesterday he had seen the "fire in her eye that I've seen so often at difficult times in the past."

Mr. Nixon, his spirits buoyed after visiting with Mrs. Nixon, at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, talked to reporters and was friendly and responsive, answering all questions put to him.

However, Mrs. Nixon still was listed in serious condition as a result of the partially paralyzing stroke she suffered Wednesday.

Mr. Nixon said Mrs. Nixon had been touched by the good wishes

she had received from leaders all over the world. But she was most deeply moved by letters and greetings from Americans she does not know, he said.

The former first lady rested comfortably during the night, a hospital official said. After rising in the morning she resumed her daily regimen of taking a few steps aided by nurses, he said. She was able to speak yesterday with only a slight slur, he added.

When he arrived at the hospital, Mr. Nixon stopped to accept a gift. It was a pastel portrait of the former president, painted by a retired maintenance man.

The 64-year-old Mrs. Nixon is in a \$250-a-day private room.