

# Carter Passes Physical, Says He Feels 'Great'

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President Carter passed a rigorous physical exam yesterday, said he's feeling "great" and then rehearsed the handling of a military crisis in the Pentagon "war room."

After Carter's 2½-hour physical at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Rear Adm. William Lukash, his personal physician, issued a statement saying the results were "entirely normal" and the president is able to "respond fully" to the physical demands of his office.

It was Carter's first major physical checkup since he became president. The resulting public statement, however, was general, and lacked the specific details previous presidents have released on such items as blood pressure and weight.

The Lukash statement said Carter "has felt extremely fit throughout his first year in office, and I have made no recommendations

that he change his day-to-day health habits."

Some longtime Carter friends have said he appears to have aged under the strains of the presidency in recent months, but Carter shrugs off such comments. "I feel great," he said yesterday.

The president then went to the Pentagon, where Defense Secretary Harold Brown escorted him to the National Military Command Center — sometimes called the "war room"—hub of the nation's worldwide military operations and Washington terminal for the "hot line" to the Kremlin.

They joined national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and the nation's top military brass at a large oak table, and Brown, using six large projection screens, said he would present a secret simulation of the National Military Command Center's operation in a crisis.