

# Text of Report on Eisenhower's Physical Condition

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 28—Following is the text of a medical report on President Eisenhower's physical condition given out at the White House today:

## REPORT OF EXAMINATION

The President underwent a complete physical examination with appropriate and thorough laboratory tests at Walter Reed Army Hospital on 27-28 October 1956. He gives every appearance of being in excellent health. His height is 71 inches, and his weight is 172 pounds.

### Special Examinations Reveal the Following:

**EYES:** The irritation of the left eye from the foreign substance which engendered redness while on a recent campaign trip did not produce an iritis or any intra-ocular complications. This eye is now normal.

The President has excellent visual acuity with his glasses. The lids and adnexa are normal. The conjunctivae have normal color. The corneae appear normal under the slit lamp, as well as under gross inspection. The anterior chambers have normal depth. There are no cells or flare seen. The intra-ocular tension is normal; 17.5 OU. The ophthalmoscopic examination shows minimal changes in the arterioles, which is keeping with his period of life.

### Ears, Nose, Throat:

**EARS:** Normal color of the tympanic membranes. External canals healthy. Hearing normal; AD—15/15; AS—15/15 to spoken and whispered voice.

**NOSE:** Paranasal sinuses are clear. Mucous membranes have normal color.

**THROAT:** The tonsils have been removed. The larynx and vocal cords are entirely normal.

**DENTAL:** The teeth and gums are in excellent condition.

**NECK:** The neck is normal. The thyroid is not palpable. The trachea is in the midline.

**LUNGS:** Physical examination of the lungs reveals no abnormal findings. X-rays of the lungs confirm the physical findings; comparison of numerous X-ray films of the chest dating back to 1946 shows no change.

**ABDOMEN:** The abdominal



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**CHEERED BY MEDICAL REPORT:** President Eisenhower leaving Walter Reed Army Hospital yesterday after physical check-up. With him in car was James C. Hagerty, press secretary. Doctors said the President was in good health.

wall moves normally with breathing. There is no distention. There are two well-healed scars; one in the lower right abdominal wall from an appendectomy in 1923; the second, a right rectus scar, the result of the operation for acute intestinal obstruction in June, 1956. The paristalsis is normal. The abdominal wall is firm and sound, with good muscle tone throughout. There are no masses palpable in the abdomen. There is no abdominal tenderness.

X-ray examination reveals no evidence of organic disease in the esophagus, stomach, or duodenum. The barium passed readily through the small intestine and in 2 hours and 45 minutes had reached the anastomosis between the ileum and the transverse colon. The small bowel mucosal pattern is normal and there is no evidence

of extension of old disease process.

**CONCLUSION:** Well-functioning ileocolostomy following operation for the relief of obstruction due to ileitis.

The President has made an excellent recovery from the operation for acute intestinal obstruction due to an old "burnt out" ileitis. His bowel

function is now perfectly normal.

### Nerves, Muscles, Bones and Joints:

The examination at this time reveals no limitation of motion in any joints. The muscle tone is good. The neurological examination is normal.

**GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM:** There is no evidence of disease of the urinary tract. The prostate shows minimal benign enlargement—normal for his age.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** There have been no symptoms whatsoever of coronary insufficiency (angina pectoris) or of myocardial insufficiency (heart muscle weakness) since an early period following the heart attack of September 24, 1955. The President remains on a well-controlled anticoagulant program.

Examination on this date shows the President to be looking well. The blood pressure is 130/75. The pulse rate is 75 per minute. The heart is not enlarged either on physical examination or by X-ray studies (fluoroscopy and X-ray film); the latter shows the size of the heart shadow to be unchanged in comparison with the films made during the past ten years.

The heart sounds are normal and there are no murmurs. The neck pulse is normal. The lungs are clear. There is no edema of the dependent parts. The arteries of the extremities show no sclerosis and there is a good pulse in each foot.

The electrocardiogram shows the same residual changes of a well-healed heart muscle scar which have been present since recovery from the attack last year. The rhythm is normal at a rate of 75.

The X-ray of the chest,

when compared with numerous previous films of the heart and lungs dating from 1946, shows no change in the general configuration or size of the heart. On fluoroscopic examination, normal rate and rhythm of the heart are noted. The healed infarction (scar) on the anterolateral wall of the left ventricle is again noted and appears as a small area in which the amplitude of the pulsation is slightly diminished. There is no evidence of aneurysm (bulging of the scar). The aortic pulsations are normal and there is normal excursion of the diaphragm on both sides.

### Laboratory Findings

**URINALYSIS:** Normal.

**BLOOD COUNT:** 4,850,000 red blood cells.

14.5 grams hemoglobin, 10,000 white blood cells, with normal differential count.

**SEDIMENTATION RATE:** 16 mm. per hour.

**HEMATOCRIT:** 45 volume per cent.

### BLOOD CHEMISTRY TESTS

Urea nitrogen, 13 mg. per cent.

Fasting blood sugar, 93 mg. per cent.

Total cholesterol, 190 mg. per cent.

Alkaline phosphatase, 5.5 mg. per cent.

Serum calcium, 4.8 meq/liter.

All of these laboratory findings were considered within normal limits.

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