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Dr. Anthony Matuska
1320 Broadway
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Doctor Matuska:-

I am sending you [redacted]
[redacted] of the report of my examination of [redacted]

This is, incidentally, a
copy of the report which I sent to the Industrial
Commission on him.

I think you will be inter-
ested in knowing of his progress since he has been
in the hospital. On careful study of his neurological
condition, it was found that his sensory impairment
was distributed in the "stocking" manner, that his
reflexes were all active, that there was apparently
no muscular atrophy and no evidence of degenerative
lesions in the nerves. It became apparent from these
findings that most, if not all, of the neurological
disability was of an hysterical type. It is difficult,
of course, to tell whether the entire motor disturbance
was of this nature. I am disposed to think that there
was some muscular weakness as a predisposing factor to
the practically complete hysterical disability. In
any case, under electric and other physiotherapeutic
treatment, he is doing very well and it is anticipated
that he will be out of the hospital in a few days.

In my opinion there is every
justification for regarding the hysteria in this case
as traumatic or toxic in origin. It is very fortunate,
I believe, that Mr. Barnes does not have any organic
lesion of a demonstrable type in his nervous system,
but this type of hysteria has to have some definite
cause. In this instance I attribute the entire picture
to lead poisoning, and regard it as a sequel to that
condition. In my opinion, therefore, [redacted] is entitled
to compensation for the entire period of his disability
in exactly the same fashion as if his disability had been
due to a nerve degeneration.

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I am very glad to have had a chance, through your courtesy, to see this very interesting patient. Please accept my thanks.

Cordially yours,

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