

March 28, 1938

Industrial Commission of Ohio
Medical Section
Columbus, Ohio

Attention; Dr. Sidney McCurdy

Dear Doctor McCurdy:-

I am sending you herewith my report of the examination of [REDACTED], Claim No. O.D. 14593. You will note that I did not make use of your authorization to put Mr. [REDACTED] in a hospital under observation for a period of time. Actually I am entirely certain that some deceit is being practiced either by the claimant alone, or with the assistance of some medical collaborator. I am sufficiently interested myself in the mechanism of this collaboration or deceit that I am having Mr. Gast come to the laboratory and I am going to offer him a short time job so that I can keep him under observation, in return for which I expect him to tell me the truth of this matter. I shall probably never know the truth unless I induce him to make a clear breast of it. For scientific reasons, and for other reasons which concern the investigative work of this laboratory, I feel disposed to make it quite clear to Mr. [REDACTED] that there will be no penalty to him of any kind if he will tell me the truth. Moreover I have been interested in making some experimental observations on individuals with high lead content in the tissues and excreta. In any case I can make use of him for a time and I hope I shall be able to obtain the information of use both to me and, perhaps, to you. I shall let you know what occurs if I am able to find out, but meantime I see no reason for delaying my report and for incurring additional expense for the state of Ohio. If you are not in agreement with this point of view after reading my report, I should appreciate your dropping me a line and letting me have your reaction.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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Mr. F. W. Gerard

Mr. [REDACTED] does not give any evidence of disease other than that localized in the upper respiratory passages. The general edema and irritation of the nasal and pharyngeal mucosa is secondary, in my opinion, to a purulent sinusitis involving the ethmoid and possibly the sphenoid sinuses. There are also scarred stumps of tonsils which appear to be involved in the general inflammatory process. I can see no reason in history or physical findings for ascribing this condition to occupational factors. There is nothing very unusual about it, and I would be disposed to treat it as an infectious process. The existence of a relatively high eosinophile count (790) suggests an allergic factor in the condition. Since protein sensitivities often play an important part in these conditions, it would seem to be advisable for Mr. Gerard to have his reaction to food proteins studied, as well as pollens and other materials in his environment. Nevertheless, I believe the solution of his difficulties will be found to be mainly in a bacterial sensitivity. He should be tested with all the strains found in his nose and throat.

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