

December 22, 1950

Dr. Ralph C. Scott
Fisher Body Co.,
4726 Smith Rd.,
Cincinnati 12, Ohio

Re: James Spicer

Dear Dr. Scott:

I saw Mr. [REDACTED] again on December 21. He still has cramping abdominal pain on exertion. His appetite is fine, but as soon as he eats a mouthful of food he can eat no more because of anorexia. He is shaky, weak and pale. The weight dressed, with heavy shoes, is now 173 3/4 pounds. On 11-27-50 he weighed 176 pounds, stripped.

The coproporphyrin III in the urine is still elevated, as you may see from the attached sheet. The erythrocyte count is 4,090,000 per cubic millimeter, the hemoglobin is 11.0 grams percent and the packed cell volume is 33% cells. There are 960 stippled cells per million erythrocytes.

In my opinion there is no question but that he is still suffering from the symptoms of acute lead poisoning. Since they have remained this long it is more likely that they will last for a few weeks yet. I plan to see him at intervals short enough so that I do not lose track of his progress and can send him back to work as soon as it is indicated, and long enough so that I will not be seeing him unnecessarily, and to take blood and urine samples on a similar schedule. If you have any suggestions in regard to his management please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Henry W. Ryder, M. D.

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