

APPENDIX

This appendix presents examples of some of the types of diagnostic responses given by Mr. Ruby. These responses cannot be fully interpreted out of context and without a thorough knowledge of the varieties of normal and pathological responses to the tests used. Nevertheless, they do at least give the flavor of the test records.

Examples of confused wording.

1. In response to the question, "If you were lost in a forest in the daytime, how would you go about finding your way out?" "Any particular time of the day? Is the sun shining? If I wanted to go west.... Could I see the sun or you're not answering that? (What if you could?) I'd know I'd be going in a westerly direction; at least that would keep me in a straight direction but if I knew I was coming from the east direction, had come from the east, then I would go the opposite way: I would go opposite from the sun which would put me in an eastern direction. By the same token, if--naturally, if I know the sun was setting in the west--it's a tough question unless you know the sun was setting, right, Doctor? Then, knowing the sun was setting in the west, then I would stand with the right side to the sun and the front part of my body would be facing south--I would be facing south--and my back would be to the north: this is with the assumption that I knew what part of the forest I entered in."

2. In response to being asked to define the word penny: "To purchase something with. (Explain further.) Part of a currency to break the change of a nickel, or a dime if it requires ten pennies if that's what you have. The smallest denomination of American, United States currency."

Loss of train of thought or orientation.

1. In response to the question, "Why is it better to build houses of brick rather than of wood?" "Number one: fire--you're much more fireproof than wood; you're insulated--when it's warm, hot on the outside there is less cost of cooling your home on the inside and when it's cold on the outside there's less cost economically of keeping your house warm on the inside. Your deterioration is less apt to happen to the exterior from the wear and tear of weather conditions. As a whole the life of your home would be lasting many more years, if there's such a word as lasting, many more years than if it were wood. Did you say brick? Because brick can withstand much more endurable conditions."

2. "Name 3 types of blood vessel in the human body." Answer: "The artery... the vein... and the vessel?"

3. "What does this saying mean: Strike while the iron is hot?" Answer: "If you have an opportunity to prosper in business and things are theoretically going your way--I don't know if I'm using the word right but I'm trying it out on you anyway--take advantage.... Is there such a meaning as that, such a saying? Sort of what your luck; when the opportunity presents itself, don't just go lax and let it go by."