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II. PRISONER'S PERSONAL HISTORY

MEDICAL HISTORY

The prisoner himself was physically well in childhood, the only illness he had was Scabies as a child. He received a head injury when he was short of 20, being hit by a gun handle in an altercation in Chicago. He was jailed for two days, recovered without incident, no charge was preferred. A second head injury occurred in 1941 when he was 30. That time in the course of a fight he was hospitalized for two days at the Edgewater Hospital with a diagnosis of concussion of the brain. The injury was accompanied by a blackout, but no further symptoms. As an adult he engaged in a fight in which the last joint of the forefinger of the left hand was bitten to the bone: amputation of the last phalanx was performed. The prisoner had gonorrhoea on four occasions, but has not history of syphilis. He was treated successfully at the time of each infection.

The prisoner has no complaints except that he has a breathing impediment due to a recent bronchitis. He has no complaints of headache, dizziness, no pain and no discomfort. Under the heading of complaints, there is a curious attitude toward food which, while not a symptom, may be described here. The prisoner has always been a crank about food, he also has been excessively worried about colds and minor illnesses. For some months preceeding the offense he had a cough which increased in intensity to the point where he thought he had pneumonia. He went to a physician, was given antibiotics and cough syrup and the prisoner gained the impression he had pneumonia.

In addition, he took a drug called Preluden