

brought about under the condition of great emotional stress, and how far such acts are voluntary or involuntary is a very difficult matter to be decisive on.

Q Did you regard it as an act which had been planned out ahead?

A. I had no evidence that it had been planned out ahead, and I hesitated to assume that it had been planned out ahead.

Q He now in his promises or threats of suicide, refers to some definite action which he intends to take in the future, as I understand it? A. Yes.

Q Have you any means of testing, or have you had any means of testing whether or not these alleged hallucinations in reference to his wife being in the next room and thinking that there were roses for him in the hotel lobby, were genuine hallucinations? A. We have no means of testing.

Q Here is something further that I did not ask you about:

"Since then the patient has claimed during the first week he has occasionally at night heard voices. Then he says he realizes that these voices were imaginary." Where a man, shortly after having hallucinations, speaks of those ideas as crazy ones, and where he speaks of, within a short time, of the alleged hallucinations as being matters of the imagination, have you any rule as to whether or not that indicates that the original hallucinations were genuine or whether they were the result of the patient's endeavoring to tell a story which might affect your judgment? A. No, we cannot determine that, either.

Q Is it usual for a patient who has genuine hallucinations to describe them within a very short time thereafter as being crazy or imaginary? A. Hallucinations of that type which usually came on at night or when he was somewhat drowsy are