

- Q Although you set forth in your letter an episode which indicated to you as you described "a transitory condition of emotional tension"? A. Yes, sir.
- Q And that episode was in connection with the defendant striking his head against a chair under the circumstances described? A. Yes.
- Q You found at that time that in his conversation with you, in his attitude toward you, and in his general behavior in your institution, that he was normal, I understand, so far as your observation then went? A. That it was the behavior of the ordinary hospital patient.
- Q At that time, I take it from your report, you had had some conversation with the defendant in reference to certain matters he had complained of while in the Dedham House of Correction -- the Dedham jail? A. Yes.
- Q And what at that time -- at the time of your making your first report, what had he told you in reference to so-called delusions which he had had at the Dedham jail? A. He told me that while in Dedham jail he had suffered from many distressing physical symptoms, and he attributed these physical symptoms to poison which he thought the authorities were causing to be put in his food. He also talked as if the authorities wished to cause him to have tuberculosis.
- Q This is prior to your first report? A. Yes.
- Q Did he say anything prior to your first report about his believing that noxious vapors were possibly being blown into his cell? A. I do not remember whether he made that so definite at that stage. He referred to some prisoners having died of tuberculosis, and he felt that the authorities would be