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RE: SEAN MCKENNA,

I re-examined the above man at St. John of God Hospital on 3.6.75, at the request of the Crown Solicitor. The appointment had been scheduled for 10.00 hours, but, owing to the interposing of another case, I had to keep Mr. McKenna waiting until 11.10. I made a point of going down personally to explain to him what had happened and suggested that he might like to go out for a cup of coffee whilst he was waiting.

The interview began at 11.10 hours and continued until 12.30 hours and was conducted in a friendly manner. As Mr. McKenna knew who I was, I told him that I had been asked to re-examine him, so that perhaps he would care to tell me what his present state was. He replied:

"Well, at times I'm reasonable. I couldn't say I'm as well as I'd like to be. My biggest problem, I've still got the headaches - this last fortnight I have a pain behind my eyes at night in the darkness now - at least when I get into bed it seems to - but..... Not smoking as heavy as I was. I tell you what, if I get any shock I get a pain in my chest - right across my chest - my heart seems to jump - my arms seem to go limp - my arms just hang. These cursed nightmares and once I get a nightmare, the next day I'm scarcely fit to walk about. That's a general run down."

Here he paused and then continued - "One side of my face all crooked, the right side, before Christmas, Bell's Palsy - it was very strange how it came on, people approaching me seemed to be cut off above the waist - the top wasn't in existence at all - then they would come into focus again. That particular thing was very frightening. Others had their faces distorted - one side of their face was distorted. It was about a week I discovered my own - I thought it was a stroke, I really did. After that I just was not fit to walk - I had no power -

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