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To Whom It May Concern:

The following is a report of physical examination of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard on August 6, 1954:

General physical appearance was good. He was mentally alert and answered all questions intelligently. There appeared to be some recent weight loss.

HEAD:

Skull - normal configuration. Hyperesthesia was elicited on palpation over the right supra and infraorbital areas.

EYES:

Pupils were normal, react to light and accommodation. External ocular movements were normal. Retinoscopy revealed normal findings.

NECK -
CERVICAL SPINE:

There was limitation of motion on anterior flexion, and slight limitation on extension. There was slight limitation of rotation to the left. Palpable tenderness was elicited over the posterior spines of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th cervical vertebrae.

NOSE:

Essentially normal.

MOUTH:

Small healed scar on the buccal mucous membrane of the upper right lip. Evidence of dental grinding of the 1st and 2nd bicuspids, upper right.

UPPER EXTREMITIES:

The right arm was normal. The left arm presented demonstrable weakness of grip of hand.

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There was apparent slight muscular atrophy of the entire left arm. There was weakness of adductors of the left hand.

LOWER EXTREMITIES:

Essentially normal.

Blood Pressure 98/70

IMPRESSION:

Traumatic hyperflexion injury of the cervical spine with radiculitis of left arm.

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