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Brooklyn 26, N Y
July 10 1954

Dear Det Rossbach,

The undersigned is merely a citizen of the City of New York who had been following the Sheppard case in the daily paper. I noted the lie-detector refusal as chronicled in the enclosed clipping, and this thought occurred: if you could get Dr Sheppard away from his attorney, his family, his brother doctor and others who seem to be covering and protecting him, perhaps you could get some MD (cooperating with the State of Ohio and not with the family) to administer sodium pentatol to the wily Dr Sheppard. This might loosen his tongue.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

all know the
good."

Doctor Refuses Lie Detector Test

By the Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, July 9.—County investigators reported today Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard had refused—for the present—to submit to a lie detector test on the slaying of his 31-year-old wife.

Detective Carl Rossbach made the disclosure as the young osteopath prepared to return to his lakefront home to re-enact details of the killing Sunday.

The detective said after three hours of questioning Dr. Sheppard, 30, at a hospital last night, he asked the question:

"Will you submit to a lie detector test?"

"I understand that instrument and in my emotional state and as sick as I am, it would show some disturbances . . . I might later on."

Dr. Sheppard is suffering from neck and other injuries which he said he received in battling his wife's killer or killers. His family and their attorney blocked detailed questioning until yesterday, citing his physical condition.

Mr. Rossbach said he was not satisfied with the answers the physician gave to many questions and added "we're as much in the dark as we were before."

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