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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

NELLIE BELL KASSIM, et al.

Defendants.

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Proceedings had and testimony taken
in the above-entitled matter, before the HONORABLE
ANNA DIGGS TAYLOR, U. S. District Judge, at 211 U.S.
Courthouse and Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan,
on Thursday, October 28, 1982.

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Appearing on behalf of Government.

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1 A Yes.

2 MS. DENNIS: That's all, your Honor.

3 MR. ROBINSON: Could the doctor come
4 down and I'll call -- could we finish Dr. Heimlick
5 today?

6 THE COURT: We have a Judges' meeting at
7 4:30.

8 D R . H E N R Y H E I M L I C K ,
9 was thereupon called as a witness herein, and after
10 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, the
11 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined
12 and testified as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. ROBINSON

15 Q Would you please tell us your name and age and
16 profession.

17 A I'm Dr. Henry Heimlick. I am 62. I am a Thorasic
18 Surgeon. That's a chest surgeon, a scientist, a
19 writer and lecturer.

20 Q Doctor, I have just been advised that the Court is
21 going to have to break at 4:30 today. Do you have --
22 can you be here in the morning or would it be
23 better for you to come back tomorrow afternoon?

24 A Well, I could stay over until the morning.

25 Q We appreciate it.

1 A It would be difficult in the afternoon.

2 Q Doctor, would you please tell us your educational
3 background?

4 A I attended Cornell University where I got my B. A.
5 degree. Then Cornell Medical College in New York
6 City for my M. D. degree. Did graduate work at
7 Columbia University Medical College in New York
8 City and graduated from med school in 1943.

9 I then went to the United States Navy as --
10 I'm sorry I took a nine month internship at Boston
11 City Hospital, and then went into the United States
12 Navy during world War II. I volunteered for extra
13 hazardous duty in the Navy, and I ended up in a
14 guerilla Army in northwest China behind Japanese
15 lines in inner Mongolia.

16 Q Did you practice medicine then behind the lines?

17 A Yes, I did. I practiced in a mud hut or wherever
18 we'd have to be.

19 Q And following the end of the war and your return to
20 the States, what did you do next in your
21 profession?

22 A What, when I came back to the States, I then sought
23 additional training in surgery. I took a neuro
24 surgery residency at the Veteran's Administration
25 Hospital in New York. I went from there to Mt.

1 Sinai hospital in New York, and took a general
2 surgical residency. I then continued at Bellevue
3 Hospital as a general surgical residency also in
4 New York; and then took a chest surgery residency,
5 Thorasic Hospital at Traybough (ph.) Hospital and
6 General Hospital, all in New York City.

7 Q And when did you finish all of those surgery
8 schools?

9 A I finished the surgical training in 1950.

10 Q Now, on the completion of the surgery training, did
11 there come a time that you did any clinical type
12 work as a physician?

13 A Yes, I -- at that time, from 1950 on I have always
14 both practiced medicine and surgery and had a
15 teaching position or several teaching positions in
16 universities or major hospitals. I -- from 1950,
17 while I was still in New York City, I had an
18 attending position at Mt. Sinai hospital at
19 Montaburn (ph.) Hospital, Southside, Philadelphia,
20 Albert Einstein Medical College and New York
21 Medical College in New York City.

22 At the same time I should say, being the
23 young surgeon and just -- I worked -- in order to
24 work as a doctor in Saks 34 street, a department
25 store in New York City and also I worked for a

1 health center called the Hotel Health Center. That
2 was for members of the union of the hotels for
3 several years, which I was doing teaching and
4 graduately building up my practice.

5 I also continued with research during
6 that time, and in the early 1950's did develop an
7 operation for replacement of the esophagus. The
8 esophagus is the tube that carries your food from
9 your throat down to your stomach. Either brought
10 by birth defects by people swallowing or children
11 particularly caustic substance, drain cleaners, lye
12 and so forth which block the esophagus and these
13 people are unable to swallow food and they're fed
14 through a rubber tube inserted into their stomach.

15 And at that time I had the concept of
16 making a new esophagus using a part of the patients
17 own stomach and develop that operation with a
18 surgical research laboratory. And that was one of
19 my first scientific pieces of work. And that
20 operation is now -- is a standard procedure in many
21 of the surgical ethics.

22 Q You created a standard for medicine?

23 A Oh yes.

24 As a matter of fact beyond that, at that
25 time there was no such field as esophagus surgery

1 or an interest in the esophagus as the organ.

2 Q When you say you worked for a couple of years in
3 1950 at the Hotel Center, did you have occasion to
4 examine patient's complaining of low back problems?

5 A Yes, I had patients complaining of all sorts of
6 problems and with the hotel worker they were very
7 common because you had people lifting heavy bags
8 and equipment and so forth.

9 Q Did you have occasion to prescribe any medication
10 with narcotics any time for back pain?

11 A Schedule II medication, we usually prescribed for
12 back pain were aspirin or a combination of aspirin
13 and Codeine.

14 Q Codeine is what is known as a controlled substance
15 these days?

16 A Yes, Codeine is a Morphine derivative.

17 Q Could you tell us just generally about the type of
18 physical examination you gave in 1950 at the Hotel
19 Health Center for back patient's who had an
20 examination by you?

21 A Well, at that clinic we had a pretty good turnover
22 of patient's and some would come in for a thorough
23 examination and go through a whole routine or would
24 be sent to a hospital for treatment. But we also
25 had the everyday visits to the clinic. And in that

1 instance I would examine the patient within the
2 time that was available and prescribe accordingly.

3 Q And when you examined patients back in 1950 for
4 lower back problems, did you use x-rays to examine
5 for back problems?

6 A No, I think if we took an x-ray every time a
7 patient came with a back problem we'd be taking
8 them forever. It was known then that x-ray, except
9 for very specific types of back problems are really
10 not very helpful. The person is arthritic or has
11 strained his back and is examined and found out
12 there's reason to believe it's a chronic complaint
13 where he's been working and seen many times by
14 doctors. You would treat the complaint. We were
15 treating patient's who needed treatment at that
16 time and had to go back to work or to whatever they
17 were doing.

18 Q Doctor, I'm going to skip ahead a little bit to the
19 70's and then I'm dropping back into some of the
20 things you have done since the 50's when you
21 developed the surgery on the throat.

22 I'm going to show you exhibit 37, I
23 think. My numbering system is becoming -- if I
24 give this a duplicate number, may I change it
25 later?

1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 Q (By Mr. Robinson): Doctor I'm going to show you
3 38. This appears to be a Heimlick Maneuver. Are
4 you familiar with this?

5 A Yes indeed.

6 Q What is the Heimlick Maneuver and who is the
7 creature who created it?

8 A Well, it was my development. The Heimlick Maneuver
9 is the means for saving the life of a patient who
10 is choking, usually on food, choking to death;
11 although in the case of children, young children
12 will put objects in their mouth or a small piece of
13 material and can choke to death on that. And I
14 became aware in the early 70's that the children
15 who did that on food was the leading cause of
16 accidental death. And therefore looked into what
17 was being done and found that the things were
18 taught weren't correct, and did some research and
19 realized, along with the background I had in chest
20 surgery, that there would be enough air in the
21 lungs so that if you could push upward on the
22 diaphragm to compress that air you could cause
23 enough air and that would carry the object out of
24 the throat and out of the air way.

25 And after doing substansial research on

1 that, published it in a medical journal and began
2 saving lives. And therefore became well known --
3 it was named Heimlick Maneuver in the American
4 Medical Journal in 1975.

5 Q Doctor Heimlick, here again in reference to your
6 scientific method which you have developed called
7 the Heimlick Maneuver, was a standard again created
8 for reviving choking or drowning victims since 1975
9 by your experience?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q So Doctor, at least in those two instances, is it
12 fair to say in your lifetime as a physician back to
13 1943, at least on two instances you assisted the
14 medical profession at one point to give credit in
15 creating a new standard of medical therapy and
16 assistance to patients?

17 A Yes. I'd like to say in regard to esophagus, that
18 prior to that time there was not a particular
19 interest in the esophagus. And since it has become
20 a specialized field as a result of showing that it
21 was an organ that should be treated specifically
22 and so there are now standards for treatment of the
23 disease of the esophagus as a result.

24 Q Can you tell us whether you had occasion to become
25 a fellow in any physicians' association or

1 diplomate in any of the boards?

2 A Yes. After I finished my training I became
3 licensed in the State of New York and subsequently
4 another state, practiced medicine in surgery. I
5 passed the examination and became a diplomate of
6 the American Board of Surgery and on the Board of
7 Thoracic Surgery, Chest Surgery.

8 I am a fellow of the American College of
9 Surgeons since that time. A fellow of the American
10 College of Chest Physicians. I also have honorary
11 teaching positions that have developed since that
12 time. Professor of surgery at the University of
13 Laplata.

14 Q Laplata, Maryland?

15 A Laplata, Maryland.

16 Q In reference to teaching positions, did you once
17 have a teaching position at the medical school
18 named Xavier?

19 A At present, until the past five years, I'm a
20 professor of advanced clinical sciences at Xavier
21 University in Cincinnati and Director of the
22 Heimlick Institute at Xavier University in
23 Cincinnati. And prior to that I -- after leaving
24 New York I became, Director of Surgery at the
25 Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati and have an

1 appointment as Associate Clinical Professor at the
2 University of Cincinnati Medical College, which I
3 still possess, of surgery.

4 Q Doctor, to summarize before I go into other areas,
5 is it fair to say you have experience as a
6 physician in the residency obviously, is that
7 correct?

8 A Yes. I actually formed the residency which had
9 been slipping at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati
10 and brought it to the point where it was again
11 recognized and established residency and trained
12 residents at the time I was lecturing at the other
13 institutions.

14 Q The residency follows the medical school degree, is
15 that correct?

16 A Yes. Actually you go from medical school. You
17 then take an internship and if you want specialized
18 or advanced training, you take a residency which
19 can last, depending on the field, from three to
20 five years.

21 Q Can a doctor become a licensed physician after
22 finishing medical school without going through the
23 residency?

24 A Yes, he can be licensed in most states. It varies
25 by state. But in states yes, a one year internship

1 is required at which time and during the course
2 that you can take license examinations, but you get
3 your license, in most states, on completion of an
4 internship. The residency is additional.

5 Q In your experience doctor, as a physician and as a
6 Professor at the medical schools and the creator of
7 the residency program at the Jewish Hospital in
8 Cincinnati, what is the purpose, from your
9 experience, of a residency program?

10 A Well, the residency program is to, for a doctor who
11 is interested in expanding his knowledge and
12 experience to get training under the direction of
13 experienced teachers and physicians or surgeons.

14 As a matter of fact, at the present time
15 there exists a residency in family practice so that
16 it is not whatever area you're going into but it's
17 advanced training that entitles a man to take a
18 residency.

19 Q Have you, in your experience of 39 years, since you
20 finished medical school in 1943, that what you
21 learned you learned and apply certain standards and
22 tests in your residency in a medical school
23 environment that are not what necessarily what you
24 do in a clinical university environment, such as
25 when you were working down there at the Hotel?

1 A Hotel Center.

2 Q Hotel Center. Is there a difference in what you do
3 in using your skills and learning in a residency
4 and training to apply the skills and judgment at
5 the place such as the Hotel Health Center?

6 A Well, I'd like to answer that more broadly, if I
7 can. That was just one type of practice. But
8 obviously you learn what you do in the residency
9 and you utilize it to the best of your ability in
10 your residency training. Because it is a major
11 hospital, only major hospital's are accredited for
12 certain types of residency training or medical
13 school or medical college or medical centers.

14 You start of by learning as much as you
15 can. You're rather free in ordering tests and
16 seeing how they come out and as part of your
17 training, the medical school has the facility and
18 the finances for that.

19 Well, then when you get out, there are
20 different types of practices. Some people will
21 remain in a medical school atmosphere and will
22 continue that way seeking out only very complicated
23 cases that carry their interest and are discussed
24 at conferences.

25 But there are other aspects. I guess

1 the farthest at Boston City hospital. When I got
2 there I had to use my mind, my hands and my mind
3 and whatever experience I had accumulated. And
4 that was in a mud hut or wherever you happened to
5 be. The same, I guess for any military surgeon.
6 He has to do what happens on the field. He can't
7 wait to do all of the things that he would do in a
8 teaching hospital. Then there are the different
9 shades between that. You may have a doctor in his
10 private office and he is seeing more patients
11 generally than one sees in a residency at a time,
12 at least for him as an individual.

13 Now, if he is practicing very average
14 medicine, where he can take an hour with one
15 patient and doing a lot of tests and so forth,
16 that's another type of medicine that's practiced.

17 You mentioned the Hotel Center. In that
18 type of center you have got 4 or 5 or 6 patients
19 every hour and you are not there as their whole
20 physician entity. You are there to see is there
21 anything in this patient that requires emergency
22 treatment. If you determine there is, you send
23 that patient to an emergency hospital, emergency
24 departments in a hospital or if they need
25 hospitalization for surgery you might send them for

1 that. But the majority of your patients certainly
2 in the health center are coming in for that which
3 is bothering them at the moment. And you have to
4 treat them with that in mind. In fact, you want to
5 help your patient and you want to -- at the same
6 time you try not to miss anything, but you do have
7 to carry them over. You can't just send them out
8 and say go to another hospital for this minor
9 complaint.

10 Q And in your doing that, as long ago as 1950 when
11 you saw the patient with pain in the lower back
12 complaint that you diagnosed, you testified, I
13 believe, that you would prescribe a form of aspirin
14 with Codeine, a narcotic 32 years ago?

15 A If I determine while going over them and checking
16 them, that I felt that was the thing that could
17 tide them over and get them over their illness or
18 maintain them as a result of their pain.

19 Q From your experience, is the dialogue between
20 patient and physician important in that
21 examination. What is discussed?

22 A Yes, very definitely. You ask a patient certain
23 leading questions. First you hear that what the
24 patient has to say, then you ask questions that can
25 lead you to a diagnosis. Then you have to call on

1 your judgment. You also examine the patient. You
2 examine the patient. If it's a back pain, and from
3 that you then call into play your judgment from the
4 thing you have learned in your training and in your
5 experience, and deal with it accordingly.

6 Q Doctor have you had occasion in the past 15 years
7 or so to lecture the residents in various hospitals
8 or to lecture physicians in society, such as the
9 American Medical Association and be a speaker
10 commenting on what you have done as a physician?

11 A I have lectured and continue to lecture. I have
12 always lectured at different medical clinics and
13 hospitals. As a matter of fact, I was thinking of
14 being here in Detroit from Cincinnati, I lectured
15 some years ago at the Grace Hospital and another
16 hospital -- I don't recall which one it was -- on
17 two different occasions and have attended medical
18 meetings here as well.

19 Q Have you had occasion to testify in litigations and
20 court cases before as an expert?

21 A Yes, I have.

22 Q Testify as a physician as an expert in the field of
23 medicine?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Now, doctor, can you tell us some of the -- we have

1 to do these things in court neatly -- things but
2 have you had occasion to have various awards
3 presented to you from presidents on down for your
4 accomplishments?

5 A I have had, yes.

6 Q Could you just list a few?

7 A I had several commendations when I was in the Navy.
8 I received honorary degrees in the last few years
9 from Delphi (ph.) University in New York, Doctor of
10 Science, Doctor of Science from Willmington College
11 in Ohio, and I have always been interested in the
12 lecturing in teaching both the public, as well as
13 medical students and residents in the medical
14 profession. And I did develop a film. On My
15 Operation which, in the 1960's, won a bronze
16 medallion at the International Film Festival. And
17 that's something which I still am very pleased
18 about, though it's not a medical award.

19 I am very much interested now in
20 teaching medicine to the public and have appeared
21 on television quite a few times to do that on the
22 Today Show, Good Morning America, Johnny Carson,
23 and so -- it's light, but I feel that it's
24 important that the public understand medicine. And
25 in keeping with this I developed a program, a one

1 minute cartoon shown on television, Doctor
2 Heimlich's emergency lessons for people. It teaches
3 children medicine, and I was pleased it won a
4 national Emmy award after it was on 6 months
5 starting 12 years ago.

6 Q Now, doctor as a physician and teacher have you had
7 the -- during your career as physician and teacher,
8 to witness what is taught in residency programs at
9 various universities and what is taught in the
10 medical school, the medical schools and what
11 physicians put into practice when they're out there
12 in the real world?

13 A Yes, I have been fortunate in seeing the various
14 aspects of medical practice. It's been interesting
15 to do so. I have operated at different hospital's,
16 at Boston Children's Hospital for example, and I
17 would stay a few days to follow the patients and
18 lecture to the residents; answer students at the
19 same time. I lectured this year at the -- for
20 example the American Osteopathic Association which
21 is the largest group, really percentage wise of
22 general family doctors. So that I have gotten and
23 had contact really with all different levels of
24 medical practices and the scientific aspects as
25 well.

1 Q Doctor, approximately how many journals have you
2 published articles for in your career for purposes
3 of discussing various medical views that have been
4 published?

5 A I'm sure I have published more than one hundred
6 medical scientific papers and medical journals and
7 I have also published a book for surgeons, Post
8 Operative Thoracic surgery some years ago. More
9 recently I published a book for the public called
10 Dr. Heimlick's Home Guide to Emergency Medical
11 Situations, which again is to teach medicine to the
12 public. And I have done other types of popular
13 writing and interviews as well. My interests have
14 extended beyond the medical surgical.

15 Q Can you tell us whether you put in a practice to
16 writing, lecturing and teaching the practice of
17 medicine, it's the theme that there is a place for
18 treatment in that you treat the immediate problem
19 the patient brings to you. That's one of the
20 standards that you have lectured on, if a person
21 comes to complain of pain, you deal with that
22 problem then and there?

23 A One thing I have been trying to do, I never feel
24 the public has to know more about medicine. The
25 doctor has the background and knows about it, but I

1 feel the public should know better every day
2 medicine answers and television programs. I don't
3 know if it comes in this area, it's about 8 states
4 which originates in Cincinnati. And once a month I
5 go to that for just that purpose to say so much on
6 television, that is this gigantic machine that
7 costs five hundred million dollars or whatever, and
8 very complicated and what is now, I feel that it is
9 important to get down to the basics, to what hurts,
10 where does it hurt, how do you treat it, both to
11 yourself and what the doctor should know.

12 Q Doctor, what you know of university atmosphere of
13 the medical school or residency program would you
14 describe -- what is the term, a full work up for
15 the patient in that hospital atmosphere generally
16 entail?

17 A Well, in a full work, your talking about a medical
18 school major hospital type of thing in a teaching
19 program?

20 Q Yes.

21 A Of course in the teaching program it's much more
22 extensive than the doctor who is practicing in the
23 hospital. The doctor practicing in the hospital
24 will hopefully stick to those -- that are apparent
25 to the patient at that moment. But in a teaching

1 program a resident or medical student has to learn
2 out right, of things to do whether they are
3 essential at that point or not. He has to know to
4 do something so that he says that he doesn't get a
5 positive result in a large number of cases and
6 might not do it again in the future. So a full
7 work up includes all types and varieties of blood
8 tests, x-rays as well as the history and the
9 examination of the patients.

10 MR. ROBINSON: May I ask one more
11 question, your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Well, go ahead.

13 Q (By Mr. Robinson) Doctor, have you ever heard of a
14 drug or medication called Pyribenzamine?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And have you ever heard of a pain relief medication
17 called Talwin?

18 A Talwin, of course.

19 Q Yes. Could you tell me whether in your 39 years as
20 a physician all these things you have ever
21 discussed, you have ever heard don't prescribed
22 PBZ, is what I'm going to call it and Talwin
23 because it may be addictive to addicts on the
24 street.

25 Have you ever heard that in the

1 residency programs or lectures you participated in
2 across the world in 39 years of medicine?

3 A No, I have not.

4 Q Did you know, that -- did you know, until I met you
5 and discussed your testimony last night that there
6 is a journal, or journal articles written in
7 September of 1980, which someone may show you
8 later, that suggests that if an addict gets Talwin
9 and PBZ and takes the capsules and breaks them down
10 and melts them and heats them and injects them into
11 their body, they can get a Heroin high. Did you
12 know that before it was discussed with you last
13 night?

14 A No, I have not.

15 Q Have you ever heard that it had been a standard of
16 medicine that a physician should not prescribe
17 those two medicines at the same time?

18 A No, I never heard that. In fact, I might say I
19 think they have commonly been prescribed at the
20 same time because the complaint that cross one or
21 the other frequently requires both.

22 Q Doctor, are you familiar with the reputation of the
23 University of Michigan Medical school?

24 A Yes, it's one of the world leaders.

25 Q And are you familiar with Ryan Krebs over there on

1 the wall?

2 A Yes, I certainly am.

3 Q How many years have you been knowing Ryan Krebs?

4 A A little over ten years.

5 Q And this is your son, right here?

6 A That's my son, yes.

7 Q You have been knowing him about 29 years?

8 A Yes, just about.

9 Q And can you tell us whether your son and Ryan Krebs
10 went to college together?

11 A Yes, they certainly did.

12 Q And you had an opportunity, since those days, to
13 get to know Ryan Krebs?

14 A I certainly did.

15 Q Have you had an opportunity, over the past ten
16 years, to meet with and get to know Ryan Krebs and
17 form an opinion as to his honesty and integrity?

18 A I most certainly have.

19 Q What is your opinion?

20 A As to Ryan, he's an -- in his integrity, he's a
21 marvelous young man. I would say he's like my son.
22 He's absolutely honest, and I just can't conceive
23 of him straying. I know him very well because of
24 my son's close friends, he was interested in
25 medicine; and I therefore, took a particular

1 interest in him.

2 Q Can you tell us when your sons birthdate is, by the
3 way?

4 A Pardon.

5 Q What day of the year was your son born?

6 A December 11.

7 Q Do you recall December 11, 1981, almost a year ago,
8 whether Ryan Krebs came down to see you and your
9 son in Cincinnati, on the birthday weekend?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Was there a tennis tournament?

12 A Yes, it was the Davis Cup Tournament at the
13 coliseum.

14 Q Did you attend any of the --

15 A (Interposing) Yes, I did.

16 Q Can you tell us whether your son and Ryan Krebs
17 attended?

18 A Yes.

19 Q They were both there?

20 A Yes.

21 Q That would be Saturday or Sunday?

22 A I was there one day and I honestly cannot recall,
23 but I think it was mostly Saturday. But I know
24 that Ryan was with Phillip for those three days,
25 from Phillip telling me that.

1 Q Now, doctor Heimlick, you referred to the Heimlick
2 Institute which was a part of the Xavier Medical
3 School, is that correct?

4 A Xavier University, not medical school.

5 Q What is the purpose of the Heimlick Institute?

6 A Well, my work has been broadened involving many
7 things of an innovative nature. A proscriptive.

8 You -- we spoke of the Heimlick Maneuver
9 which has become more public than other things such
10 as the esophagus operation.

11 I also had the opportunity, in the mid
12 60's, or in the early 60's to develop what is known
13 to the medical profession as the Heimlick Chest
14 Drainage valve and that severe small gadget, really
15 just a little plastic valve which, when I was in
16 charge in a -- I had one guerilla American soldier --
17 just 12 Americans. And there were a few hundred
18 Chinese guerillas. I had one man shot in the chest
19 and he was the one man I felt I had lost that
20 perhaps something could be done about it because
21 there was no way to treat a wound of the chest at
22 that time. And the Heimlick Chest Drainage valve
23 came about after I had finished my chest surgical
24 training and was practicing and teaching. It was a
25 means of introducing the tube through the bullet

1 hole with a valve on it which enabled a person to
2 survive. That was credited with saving hundreds of
3 lives of Vietnam and has since that time.

4 I mentioned this to show different work
5 I have been involved in. I'm working now and I say
6 the Heimlick Institute for improving the domestic
7 economy through world peace. So the Heimlick
8 Institute can be defined as an institution that
9 tries to prevent medical, sociological and
10 international tragedies, and act in a humanitarian
11 way.

12 Q I'll ask two questions and then I'll be done with
13 the area.

14 First doctor, based on your knowledge of
15 Ryan Krebs and your opinion of him and knowledge of
16 the medical school and the undergraduate school,
17 his internship in Michigan, residency program he
18 was in, and your opinion that you have given about
19 his integrity, did there come a time in December
20 following that weekend of your son's birthday, that
21 weekend, that you made a decision to offer Ryan
22 Krebs a job with the Heimlick Institute?

23 A Yes. I would like to say I met Ryan Krebs as I
24 said over a -- a little over ten years ago. I used
25 to see him when I would visit Phillip at the

1 college and we talked.

2 I was impressed with his intelligence
3 and his decency. And I followed his career. He
4 got into an excellent medical school, which means
5 he had both a good background and good marks. He
6 went to school at the University of Texas in
7 Dallas, and that gave me another inkling to support
8 my judgment as to his qualifications. Then I did
9 find, as I was following him, that he had his
10 internship at the University of Michigan Medical
11 Center which is truly one of the very best. You
12 don't get in there unless you are a special type of
13 person.

14 I was impressed with his dedication to
15 people and to medicine because he was willing to
16 take the extra years, to take a residency in
17 internal medicine and to advance his knowledge and
18 experience and guidance. And I was impressed with
19 the fact that he had been accepted into that
20 program and been able to advance right through it
21 at the University of Michigan.

22 After he was visiting in Cincinnati on
23 that weekend in December, I spoke to my son or
24 asked him to get in touch with Ryan and asked Dr.
25 Krebs to come and head the direction of the -- to

1 act as Associate Director, and head the direction
2 and the running of the research and medical work at
3 the at the Heimlick Institute. I was informed that --
4 Phil informed me that he had already had been
5 offered a position at the Scripts Clinic in Loyola,
6 California, which is one of the finest in the
7 country. And I suspected that probably that is
8 where he would choose to go. But I wasn't sure.
9 But I would say that he would be be welcome to work
10 at the Heimlick Institute at any time he should so
11 desire.

12 Q Doctor, would the credibility of your institute and
13 the need for credibility for carrying on your work,
14 notwithstanding these charges he is welcome there
15 if he gets through this mess?

16 A He is most welcome, yes. I think he'd be a great
17 asset.

18 Ryan is a dedicated young man, and I
19 just can't accept any of the things charged against
20 him. He's not that kind. And I came here from
21 Cincinnati, to make that known, and I might say
22 now, that I have to be here for an extra day. I
23 came yesterday. I would certainly do so if need
24 be.

25 THE COURT: The Court is in recess. Do

1 not discuss our case or read any articles, if there
2 should be any, or listen to any program or
3 broadcast if there should be any concerning our
4 case.

5 (Adjournment.)
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THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

You are still under oath, Doctor.

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having been previously sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUED

BY MR. ROBINSON:

Q Dr. Heimlick, other than your experiences, which you outlined in detail yesterday, do you still have hospital privileges and a practice along with all of these other things you do?

A Yes, I do.

Q And tell us, please, what some of those functions in that practice are that you presently have regarding patients?

A Well, I'm practicing primarily in consultation for various conditions. But also, particularly in regard to treating patients with a new method I developed for providing oxygen to people with

1 chronic lung disease or heart disease. Any patient
2 that needs oxygen formerly has been tied down to a
3 tank or machine through a tube going into their
4 nose which delivers the oxygen.

5 Through studies done over a period of
6 years in our research laboratories, I was able to
7 show that if you give the oxygen through a very
8 tiny, tiny little plastic tube, a plastic tube put
9 in the windpipe, the trachea under here, just the
10 lowest part of the neck, that you save so much
11 oxygen and you save, you use four times less oxygen
12 than if you give it through the nose, because if
13 you give the oxygen through the nose, there's a way
14 around the nose and mouth and the patient has to
15 suck the oxygen down into the lungs.

16 We found in our studies, original
17 studies and it has been proven in the patients that
18 treated over the last, little more than two and a
19 quarter years with this method, that a -- they save
20 so much oxygen by having it delivered this way --
21 this procedure which takes about five minutes
22 actually, that a small tank, a six pound tank that
23 can be carried like a camera case will last the
24 patient a whole day, at least say 6 to 12 hours,
25 depending on how much they use. So that these

1 patients who were formerly tied down to the leash
2 or to the tank, are now free to move about and live
3 within the framework of a fairly normal life. They
4 can travel and work, some of them, and enjoy
5 themselves.

6 So, I am now seeing patients primarily
7 for this purpose and I'm providing this care both
8 in a hospital in Cincinnati and also, I received a
9 grant from a foundation, a foundation that is
10 particularly interested in the people of West
11 Virginia, and I received a grant to provide this to
12 the people of West Virginia who have black lung
13 disease, a great many of them, as well as their
14 families who may have emphysema or other chronic
15 lung disease or heart disease. So I have been
16 traveling once a month to West Virginia to provide
17 this for these people.

18 Q Doctor, is it fair to say that in your 38 years as
19 a physician all of the things you have described
20 you have become familiar with the standards of
21 practicing medicine at the universities, in
22 residencies and hospitals and in clinical
23 situations as well as having listed at least three
24 innovative standards that you have come up with
25 yourself?

1 A That's correct.

2 MR. ROBINSON: Your Honor, I offer the
3 doctor as an expert at this time, in the field of
4 medicine.

5 MR. MCCARTHY: No objection, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: He is.

7 Q (By Mr. Robinson): Doctor, are you familiar with
8 the Physicians Desk Reference, the PDR? You are
9 familiar with that?

10 A Oh, yes.

11 Q Can you tell us whether or not, in your opinion as
12 a physician with reasonable medical certainty, it
13 is authoritative or not to physicians both in the
14 practice of medicine, in hospitals and residencies
15 and universities?

16 A It is both authoritative and widely used. Probably
17 one of the most widely used sources of medication.

18 Q Doctor, assume that you're a physician and that you
19 are prescribing a medication which is listed in the
20 PDR and that you want to see what the warnings,
21 contraindications and indications are for that
22 medication and you refer to the PDR, would it be
23 reasonable to expect a physician to rely upon what
24 is said in that PDR, to use in his judgment in
25 prescribing that medication?

1 A I would say so, yes.

2 Q Do you feel that -- say there were two medications
3 such as PBZ and Talwin in the Physicians Desk
4 Reference and the physician was unaware that if you
5 put the two together and you're an addict and you
6 do what I was telling you yesterday, you can put
7 them together, melt them down, inject it and get
8 what is called a Heroin high, would you expect --
9 if the PDR doesn't tell a physician that that
10 combination is possible, would you expect the
11 physician to know that in his judgment?

12 A I'm sorry. It went on a while.

13 Q I'm -- I do that.

14 In other words, you have got a PDR that
15 refers to Talwin and a PDR that refers to PBZ.

16 A Yes.

17 Q And that if you read the two in the PDR and you are
18 talking about tablet form of each of the
19 medications and there's no reference, and there's
20 no reference in the PDR from the drug manufacturer
21 who made those two drugs, or no editorials about it
22 from the drug companies in the PDR indicating that
23 you shouldn't mix the two at any time as a
24 prescription to the patient, at the same time,
25 would you expect the physician to go out and do any

1 kind of biological or research work before he had
2 prescribed PBZ and Talwin, or would you expect him
3 to rely on what the PDR shows the contraindications
4 and indications are?

5 A I think that he would rely both on what the PDR
6 shows and his knowledge.

7 Q On his knowledge?

8 A Yes.

9 Q I believe you testified yesterday that your
10 knowledge is all of the things you have done in
11 your life, until you talked to me about this case
12 you were unaware that there can be harmful affects
13 to an addict if he uses PBZ and Talwin together.

14 You didn't know that until I discussed
15 it with you?

16 A I didn't know that. I still don't know that you
17 said there could be harmful affects. I'm not sure
18 of that.

19 Q Doctor, you testified yesterday about in 1950
20 working in the -- a hotel -- I can't remember
21 that --

22 A It's called the Hotel Health Center and it was the
23 hotel union employees clinic.

24 Q All right, keeping that in mind, let me give you a
25 hypothetical.

1 Assume that a patient comes to a clinic
2 in 1981 in a city, Detroit for example, and they
3 complain of a lower back problem. And they come in
4 and they see a physician, they complain of the back
5 problem, the physician has the blood pressure
6 taken, height, weight, pulse, listens to whether
7 there's a problem in the lungs, has the patient sit
8 on a table or lean over a table and do certain
9 exercises, examines the small part of the back
10 where the complaint is and feels for tenderness or
11 muscular problems and that physician diagnoses on
12 that visit, which takes from 10 to 15 minutes in a
13 clinic atmosphere, that there is a back problem or
14 muscular problem with the back and prescribes
15 Talwin.

16 Can you tell us whether or not your
17 examination in 1950, where people were complaining
18 about some of these things were any different than
19 that I just gave you in the hypothetical?

20 A If you're talking about my clinic and I worked in
21 the 50's, the hotel clinic where it was a single
22 visit walk-in situation, then that was the type of
23 treatment that certainly is usual and very common
24 also in doctors' offices.

25 Q And have you talked, or heard talk in your time at

1 the University during the years while a doctor, any
2 different standard in that kind of environment in
3 dealing with a patient who complains of that
4 problem, who has limited resources and who has
5 pain.

6 Did you treat him and diagnose him that
7 way?

8 A I'm not aware of any such discussion.

9 Q Again your diagnosis in the 1950's when there was
10 pain that you felt was sufficient to require a
11 narcotic. I believe you testified you prescribed
12 Aspirin with Codeine, which was a controlled
13 substance, is that right?

14 A Aspirin or it's equivalent or Aspirin and Codeine.

15 Q All right. Well, I'll give you the other
16 hypothetical.

17 Assume that the doctor sits behind a
18 desk and a patient comes in complaining of a back
19 problem and the doctor doesn't get out of his
20 chair, asks the patient what he wants, the patient
21 tells him and the doctor writes out a prescription
22 for Talwin.

23 That would breach the standard of care,
24 wouldn't it?

25 A I would say if that's the first time the doctor has

1 seen the patient, yes. If it's a patient who has
2 been coming back and he knows the patient and has
3 been treating the ailment, then it is conceivable.
4 Q And of course under the circumstances such as that,
5 you'd have to listen to what the patient says and
6 what the doctor says and then believe which ever
7 person you wish to believe before you can decide
8 what really happened.

9 Would that be a fair statement?

10 A You mean --

11 Q (Interposing) In other words, the patient comes in
12 and says the -- pretend the patient who says that
13 is an FBI agent and he says that doctor so and so
14 did that, and the doctor says that is not true, I
15 did something else. You are not here to give an
16 opinion on who you believe are you?

17 A No, I'm not.

18 Q But when you testified earlier on Dr. Krebs
19 character you listed it as pretty high as I recall?

20 A Yes, if the doctor were Dr. Krebs, I would accept
21 his word.

22 Q Now, Doctor, I believe there was a time in the past
23 where you were called down to a pharmacy or to
24 someone or someone in your office allegedly had
25 forged a prescription in your name, or someone had

1 presented a prescription with your name on it to a
2 pharmacist that you had to sign it, is that true?

3 A The situation was that I was called by a pharmacist
4 in Cincinnati who said that he had just filled out
5 a prescription for two people for Diluadid, which
6 is a Morphine type narcotic drug, and that is my
7 signature and my number, my drug regulation number
8 was on the prescription. It was written on a
9 hospital prescription blank and the patient's name
10 was, or supposedly the patient's name had been put
11 on it and the pharmacist said that when these
12 people came in they called my office and this was
13 -- it happened after five p.m. and usually no one
14 is in my office after five p.m., or if it were
15 after five p.m. whenever, and that somebody in my
16 office said this is a patient of Dr. Heimlick and he
17 did write the prescription and gave her name and it
18 was not -- it was the name of someone who hadn't
19 worked for me for a year and the druggist had filled
20 the prescription and it was obviously a forged
21 prescription because I had not written it, and the
22 druggist informed me that he was going to turn it
23 in.

24 Q Doctor, from your experience as a physician dealing
25 with medicine, obviously, can you tell us whether

1 or not there's been literature and things you have
2 been familiar with in the universities and journals
3 and medical schools that indicates in the practice
4 of medicine the private practice of medicine,
5 particularly there is what is called extensive
6 tests being done to the detriment of the patient's
7 financial posture?

8 A There's been a lot of information coming out in the
9 medical literature to that regard, not only to the
10 patient's detriment but to the detriment of the
11 third party payee, such as insurance companies.
12 There have been medical studies that show there are
13 excess examinations being done.

14 Q Can you tell us whether or not there has been some
15 suggestion in some of that information that has
16 been discussed, that one of the reasons is the
17 physicians' fear of malpractice so they create a
18 paper trail to suggest they did everything
19 conceivable in treating the patient?

20 A Yes, that is one of the reasons and I think some
21 doctors have good reason to do that.

22 There has been so much increase in
23 malpractice in the last period of years,
24 malpractice suits, and such large awards being
25 given, that doctors in order to protect themselves

1 from that standpoint, rather than as part of the
2 patient's treatment will frequently order many
3 tests that are beyond the need of the patient.

4 Q Without reference to any specific drug or
5 medication or narcotic in the PDR, would you say
6 with reasonable medical certainty that if a drug is
7 listed in the PDR as one that can be prescribed in
8 this country by a physician, that it has to have a
9 legitimate medical purpose?

10 A I would say that is true.

11 Q And most of what you do these days, as I understand
12 it, is try to develop new methods to further the
13 cause of medicine and to educate the public on what
14 medicine should be doing, is that a fair statement,
15 through lectures and research?

16 A I'm educating in treatment of patients in general,
17 yes.

18 MR. ROBINSON: That is all I have, your
19 Honor. Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Doctor.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: A patient of apparent low
23 economic -- a Black inner city patient who comes to
24 a clinic which bears the title Medical Clinic and
25 is required to pay \$30 in cash in advance and tells

1 the doctor about his pain; does your profession
2 recognize a lesser standard of care to save the
3 third party payment as possibly -- is the
4 determination made in your profession that this is
5 not the time to make the tests or --

6 THE WITNESS: (Interposing) I would hate
7 to think that the reason that anyone was not
8 properly tested was because they were an inner city
9 Black patient.

10 In fact, in my office today the manager
11 of my office is --

12 THE COURT: I just want an answer to
13 that question --

14 THE WITNESS: I'd just like to --

15 THE COURT: (Interposing) -- is the same
16 standard of care applied?

17 THE WITNESS: Unfortunately in many
18 instances it is not applied, and I'm aware of this
19 because --

20 THE COURT: And does your profession
21 recognize two standards of care, or more than two
22 standards of care for patients on their presumed
23 ability to pay, or their presumed attachment to the
24 third party patient?

25 THE WITNESS: I know I do not recognize

1 two standards of care because it is on ability to
2 pay. And I'm sure that there are doctors who do
3 and doctors who don't.

4 I have been in some very excellent
5 clinics and I have seen some even in hospitals that
6 are not as good. They vary.

7 THE COURT: Thank you, that is all.

8 THE WITNESS: If I might, your Honor,
9 just to add that in my office the manager in my
10 office is a man who happens to be Black who was the
11 assistant.

12 THE COURT: I thought that's what you
13 were going to tell me.

14 THE WITNESS: I'm not saying it for that
15 purpose, but was the Assistant Commissioner of
16 Health in the City of Cincinnati and Assistant Head
17 of the CETA project before it closed and was very
18 much aware of what happened in the inner city.

19 CROSS EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. MCCARTHY:

21 Q Doctor, when you worked in the hotel clinic in the
22 '50's, would it be fair to say that most of the
23 patients that you saw come in were walk-in patients
24 with an immediate problem that you treat so that
25 they could go back to work or better, to see their

1 regular doctor?

2 A Most were that time, yes.

3 Q And on some occasions, while you were working in
4 that particular facility you would refer persons to
5 surgeons or other specialists during the course of
6 your practice?

7 A Yes, I would.

8 Q During the time you were in that facility in
9 treating persons for lower back problems, would you
10 say that you treated all of those patients alike in
11 terms of your diagnosis and treatment?

12 A No, I don't think so. I would say necessarily no
13 two patients should be treated alike.

14 Q Would it be fair to say that there are many
15 different causes of lower back pain and many
16 different types of low back pain?

17 A Yes, there are.

18 Q Could you describe some of those for us, please?

19 A Well, there are the lower back pain due to injury
20 or strain, lifting, bending over. There are those
21 due to chronic conditions, such as arthritis; there
22 are some due to kidney disease and other general
23 diseases.

24 Q Now, what type -- what different types of treatment
25 would you use for those different types of

1 problems, at least during that time?

2 A I can only speak of that time by the way.

3 Q I understand. I don't mean to ask you about
4 different times?

5 A What sort of -- would you repeat the question.

6 Q Yes.

7 During the '50's while you were working
8 in that facility and would see persons with back
9 problems, lower back problems with the different
10 causes that you have already described for us, what
11 different types of treatment would you use for
12 those individuals?

13 A Well, if it were a patient where I suspected there
14 were kidney problems and that person's kidneys had
15 not been worked up, I would then recommend them for
16 further work up from that standpoint. For example,
17 if it were an obvious acute injury and my
18 questioning and examination brought that out I
19 would then treat them accordingly with medication.

20 Q Now, let's talk about the person who would come in
21 with an acute injury to your facility back in the
22 '50's and say they had strained their back and they
23 were in pain from lifting something heavy in the
24 store that day, and you would have made an
25 examination and determined that it was a muscle

1 strain and treated them with Aspirin or with
2 Aspirin and Codeine. Now, let's say that the same
3 person came back two weeks later with the same
4 complaint and said it wasn't any better. What
5 would you have done in that situation?

6 A Again, it would depend on my questioning of the
7 patient. Had they strained themselves a little
8 more? Was it diminishing somewhat, was it
9 increasing, were there any other signs that I
10 didn't know about. It would depend on those
11 findings.

12 Q What would you do in a situation where the person
13 came in two weeks to four weeks later, said that
14 they hadn't reinjured their back but it wasn't any
15 better than on the first visit and that Aspirin
16 with Codeine was very helpful and could they have
17 it again?

18 A I would say if there were a patient who had a
19 sufficiently serious injury and that if I were, if
20 I expected that injury to persist, then I would
21 treat them again with medication. If it had been a
22 very minor injury. I would have expected it. If I
23 would expect that it should have cleared up I might
24 then do further examinations or tests.

25 Q What type of further examination and testings would

1 you have done?

2 A I would examine the back probably. I would
3 particularly ask some questions. If it was
4 something where I suspected it could be more
5 serious than just the injury, I might get an x-ray.

6 Q What if that same person came with the same
7 complaints once a month for six months and each
8 time the complaint didn't change at all. It was
9 the same, hadn't gotten any better, hadn't gotten
10 any worse and they liked the Aspirin and Codeine
11 and could they have it again?

12 A Well you know, in a clinic setting of that type,
13 frequently you don't see -- of the type I was in,
14 you don't see the same patient time after time.
15 You might see a patient and they might see somebody
16 else in the interim and you go by what you see at
17 the moment. And just as the patient coming into a
18 doctors' office wasn't treatment for a specific
19 problem and you suspect there is nothing
20 additionally serious about that problem, within
21 limits you just continue giving the treatment. I
22 think there's an extent at which you would stop or
23 a point at which you would re-evaluate your
24 findings, but of the vast majority of people
25 treated in doctors' offices, not only are there no

1 physical findings, despite all of the tests a very
2 vast majority and I'm sure equally so in clinics
3 that are -- things that are related to
4 psychoneurotic problems and pains resulting from
5 that and stress as much as anything physical.

6 In that case, if you feel you have that
7 type of a patient then you would continue the
8 treatment on an on-going basis when you saw that
9 patient again. You would know that from your
10 discussions that there is nothing that you can
11 treat in any other manner. If you suspect there
12 is, of course, then you might want to --

13 Q In a clinic type situation as you have described
14 where a patient doesn't necessarily see the doctor,
15 the same doctor on each visit, would it be fair to
16 say that the files that were kept, the charts that
17 are kept for that patient in that particular clinic
18 are fairly important?

19 A I think charts should be kept as well as possible,
20 yes.

21 Q And what sort of information should be in a
22 patient's chart in a situation where the same
23 doctor won't see the same patient every time?

24 A The complaints, the findings and the medication.

25 Q Why is that important?

1 A So that the next doctor will know what the
2 treatment was.

3 Q When you were treating patients in the '50's for
4 back problems, would you be able to say whether you
5 treated as many as 90 to 95 percent of patients
6 with those complaints in the same fashion, with the
7 same diagnosis and treatment?

8 A I really can't say at this date, but my back
9 problems -- well my aching back. During World War
10 II when you wanted to get out of doing something
11 -- I suppose it's still that way, you had an
12 aching back. It's the most vague type of complaint,
13 the most difficult thing to pin anything down on,
14 and it's one of the common things that people will
15 complain about when there are no physical findings.
16 It is just something that -- when you can put your
17 finger on something is very rare. There are
18 specific back findings, a fracture -- that a break
19 of the bone, or as I say arthritis or something,
20 but it really is something that drives most of your
21 first line of defense doctors crazy. Many patients
22 come in and have back pain and you cannot pin it
23 down. It may be due to overweight. It may be due
24 to stress but not very frequently can you say this
25 back pain is due to such a such a situation. And

1 many people are even operated on for their backs
2 for a specific problem and when the problem exists.
3 It is one of the vague areas to say, a heart
4 attack.

5 Q Would it be fair to say that complaints of backache
6 are frequently used as excuses to get out of work
7 in auto plants?

8 A I don't know about in auto plants, but it is
9 frequently used to get out of work, yes. I would
10 say the reason is because it's so difficult to pin
11 it down.

12 Q Would it also be fair to say that most persons who
13 have back pain recover pretty much on their own
14 with the passage of time and rest?

15 A That is hard to say. You say most, and I don't
16 know exactly what that means. There are people who
17 go on for years and years with their back pain and
18 I would say if I were open that would be a guess.
19 I don't have any figures on this. I would say that
20 most commonly people with back pain it just
21 continues on and on for years. And it doesn't go
22 away. I think the acute back pain of someone who
23 has played a game of tennis or lifted a barrel or
24 something might go away.

25 Q Would you recommend the use of the constant use of

1 Talwin for chronic back pain?

2 A I think it is a very common medication for that
3 purpose. I don't -- as I say I have never treated
4 back pain with Talwin because I don't treat that
5 type of situation anymore, but I know that it is
6 one of the common medications used by doctors
7 throughout the country for the treatment of back
8 pain.

9 Q Yesterday I believe Mr. Robinson referred to an
10 article to you in the journal of American Medical
11 Association dated September 12, 1980 entitled T's
12 and Blues. Do you recall reviewing that article
13 yesterday?

14 A I didn't review that article.

15 Q Well, would you accept the Journal of American
16 Medicine as an authoritative source?

17 A Generally the American Medical Association.

18 Q Yes?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Would you agree with the following statement that
21 soon after the introduction of Pentazocine, Talwin
22 in 1967, as a narcotic to the analgesics without
23 known abuse potential it became apparent that the
24 drug was being abused and that it was addictive?

25 Would you agree or disagree with that

1 statement?

2 A I would like to see the statement and what went
3 with it, if I may.

4 Q All right. I will hand you a copy of the two-page
5 article entitled T's and Blues from the Journal of
6 the American Medical Association, September 12,
7 1980 Volume 244 number 11 page 1224 and 1225.

8 A I'd like to comment on that. Could you repeat the
9 question.

10 Q Do you see the statement. I believe it's in the
11 first paragraph and underlined, that talks about
12 the year 1967 when Talwin was introduced?

13 A The statement you read. Shall I read it again?

14 Q Please?

15 A You read that soon after the introduction of
16 pentazocine, which is Talwin, N196P as a non
17 narcotic analgesic without known abuse potential it
18 became apparent that the drug was being abused and
19 that it was addictive.

20 I believe that is all you read. I might
21 say that without reading through the entire
22 article, I hesitate to comment on all of it, but I
23 will comment on that and I also think we ought to
24 understand that when we have an article in the
25 Journal of the American Medical Association that

1 simply means that the doctor is writing for the
2 Journal and expressing his opinion and findings and
3 that the Journal of the American Medical
4 Association, if you will look in the front portion,
5 states that it is not responsible. The American
6 Medical Association, nor the Journal of the
7 American Medical Association are responsible for
8 the writings therein. They are simply reporting
9 someone elses work. Is that understood?

10 Q Well, if it wasn't before, it is now. Thank you.

11 A Okay. Then you said soon after the introduction of
12 pentazocine in 1967 as a non-narcotic analgesic
13 without known abuse potential it became apparent
14 that the drug was being abused and it was addictive
15 and this thing refers to another article published
16 in the New York State Medical Journal in 1971. I
17 think it goes on to say abuse was limited to the
18 medical community and patients and street abuse was
19 unpopular until recently.

20 This may have been due, in part, to its
21 mild narcotic antagonistic and that would be
22 unplesant on regular Heroin users because the drug
23 Talwin actually acts against Heroin and the affects
24 of Heroin, for example. So that I think that that
25 clarifies it a little further that the abuse was

1 limited to the medical community. That means that
2 the doctors were perhaps prescribing it and it
3 began having reports of psychiatric disturbances
4 associated with pentazocine use and abuse including
5 disphoria depression, confusion and hallucinations
6 either while under the influence of the drug or
7 during withdrawal.

8 Now, I should really read the whole
9 thing but I don't know.

10 Q Please do.

11 A Shall I?

12 Q Please do.

13 Doctor, have you had a chance now to
14 review T's and Blues article in its entirety?

15 A I have.

16 Q I would ask you for a moment to turn to the second
17 page of that article and look to the middle
18 paragraph, I believe there's several sentences
19 underlined in red. I'd like you to read that part
20 that's underlined in red outloud and tell us
21 whether you agree or disagree with the statement
22 made there?

23 A It says much of pentazocine and trimanomine is
24 obtained through legal prescriptions. Prescribing
25 physicians should be aware of the abuse of these

1 two drugs particularly since pentazocine in tablet
2 form is often considered of low abuse potential.

3 Umh, I don't know that there's anything
4 to agree or disagree with. I think he's stating a
5 fact of his opinion.

6 Q Is there anything else that you have read in that
7 article in either of the two pages that you would
8 like to comment on that I haven't asked you about
9 or that you haven't already explained?

10 A Well I think that I'd like to comment on the thrust
11 of the article.

12 What this author is saying, he is
13 advising doctors that this Talwin is a fairly
14 commonly proscribed drug. It's not a drug, it's a
15 medication. And that the reason for writing the
16 article apparently, is to make the physicians aware
17 that these two drugs are being used by some
18 narcotic -- by some drug users, narcotic addiction
19 to mix the tablets together and inject them into
20 their veins, which is not the way the drug is
21 supposed to be used. It's suppose to be taken as a
22 tablet by mouth as an Aspirin tablet. And really
23 the primary point as I can see of this article is
24 he is saying at this time is becoming a common
25 abuse of the drug that narcotics addicts are

1 obtaining this drug which is supposed -- the two
2 drugs which are supposed to be taken by mouth, and
3 mixing them and injecting them into the
4 bloodstream. And as a result those physicians who
5 take care of narcotics addicts should be aware that
6 complications can arise from this misuse of these
7 two drugs. Such as ulcers on the skin and
8 complications in the lungs from the material
9 getting into the lung. And he is advising the
10 physicians that if you are taking care of narcotics
11 addicts and they have these complications, they may
12 very well be misusing these two drugs.

13 He also speaks of the treatment. If you
14 find a person who has been taking the drugs in the
15 vein this way, he says that pentazocine addiction --
16 that's Talwin addiction is associated with a mild
17 narcotic like withdrawal symptom. That means
18 consisting of restlessness, insomnia, irritability
19 and so forth. In other words, he is saying it is
20 not a narcotic, but when you withdraw the drug
21 after it's been taken in the vein there are mild
22 symptoms that are similar to those of the minimal
23 symptoms of narcotics addiction. And he goes on to
24 say that in the treatment of such addiction to this
25 drug being taken in the vein, hospitalization is

1 usually unnecessary; and he also goes on to say for
2 many patients where the drug is being withdrawn no
3 supportive medication is required. I think that's
4 what he's trying to point out.

5 Q Would you say that he's also trying to point out to
6 physicians in general, that they should be aware of
7 or be suspicious if one patient is consistently
8 getting Talwin and Pyribenzamine?

9 A I -- you mean if this doctor should be suspicious
10 if he prescribes it.

11 Q Given the fact that that article talks about the
12 high abuse potential of the two.

13 A Repeat your question.

14 Q I'm not sure that I can repeat it.

15 Do you believe that it's a fair -- would
16 it be a fair statement that that article is also,
17 in addition to warning doctors that they should be
18 suspicious of addiction type persons who may be
19 abusing Talwin and Pyribenzamine, that physicians
20 in general should be very aware of or concerned
21 about the fact, or concerned about the situation in
22 which they may be over a long period of time,
23 prescribing for certain of their regular patients,
24 addiction or not, Talwin and Pyribenzamine?

25 A No, you use the word suspicious, the doctor should

1 be suspicious. I don't see that anywhere here.

2 What he's saying is that if a person
3 does choose to mix these two tablets and injects it
4 into the veins and you see such a patient and you
5 are treating such a patient, you should be aware
6 that they can have lung complications that should
7 be treated and ulcers on the skin that should be
8 treated; and that if you want to cure that patient
9 of the addiction that you can withdraw the drug
10 without giving any other medication or
11 hospitalization and the withdrawal symptoms are not
12 severe enough to warrant necessarily
13 hospitalization or treatment. In fact they go on
14 to say that there's a -- it is controversial as to
15 whether Methadone should be used in the case of a
16 person addicted to injectiona with the other two
17 drugs. And he points out that the reason there is
18 a controversy, Methadone is used for withdrawal, to
19 help an addict get over withdrawal of Heroin
20 because Heroin is so much more severe a drug than
21 Methadone. But here he is pointing out that
22 Methadone is a much more severe drug than the
23 medications that we are talking about given
24 intravenously and therefore it would be unwise to
25 give the Methadone, in order to try to cure the

1 person. And I think he is pointing out that this
2 can be done and that doctors should not abuse the
3 prescription of these two drugs.

4 Q Will you say that -- let's say you saw a patient's
5 chart where one doctor prescribed Talwin and
6 Pyribenzamine approximately once a month for 78
7 months for the same person. Would you be
8 suspicious at that point, having read that article,
9 that perhaps there was an abuse problem going on
10 with that patient?

11 MR. ROBINSON: For the record I object.
12 There's no evidence in this case, hypothetically
13 that the doctor had -- the doctor in this case had
14 read that article. In fact he denied it. So I
15 think that should be clear to the Court and jury
16 that that hypothetical should not apply to Dr.
17 Krebs.

18 THE COURT: Well did the hypothetical
19 say reading the article --

20 MR. ROBINSON: Assuming Dr. Krebs had
21 read that article. Doctor Krebs had not read that
22 article.

23 Q (By Mr. McCarthy): Let me try one more time,
24 Doctor. If you saw a patient's chart that the same
25 patient had received from the same doctor for a

1 period of let's say six months, once a month, A
2 prescription for 50 Talwin and a prescription for
3 Pyribenzamine, should that doctor be suspicious of
4 possible abuse by that patient. Would any bells go
5 off or lights go off in a doctor's head or should
6 they?

7 A What do you mean by abuse by that patient?

8 Q That perhaps those controlled substances are not
9 being used for the purpose that they were
10 prescribed.

11 A I think if the doctor was prescribing it because of
12 the symptoms of the patient, I would have to know
13 what symptoms that patient had. In other words if
14 you're telling me a perfectly well patient comes in
15 and has no complaints and the doctor is prescribing
16 the two medications, that is one thing. But it
17 would depend. Now for example, there are
18 conditions -- in fact in Cincinnati a very
19 prominent and fine doctor was brought up on charges
20 of using large doses, huge doses, tremendous doses
21 of Demerol, which is a narcotic, an addicting
22 substance, to treat a man who happened to be a very
23 well known radio announcer who is now in another
24 city and the charges were dropped when it was shown
25 that there are certain conditions where huge doses

1 of Demerol are required. The only thing that will
2 relieve a patient's pain and certain patients
3 decompose the Demerol because of the physical
4 condition. And so there's no way to say that
5 because a patient has prescribed for him certain
6 medication, that the doctor should think it is
7 being abused. I think if he thought it was being
8 abused, he would not have prescribed the
9 medication.

10 Q Doctor, you talked yesterday about how much you
11 enjoyed teaching and making the public aware of
12 medicine in general.

13 That is a fair statement?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Have you done any teaching in the area of drug
16 abuse?

17 A No, I have not. But I think it would be a good
18 subject.

19 Q Let us know what show it's going to be on. We'll
20 all watch.

21 Assume that the patient comes to a
22 doctor, complains of chronic back pain that they
23 have had for a two to three year period, resulting
24 from a fall from a horse which caused something
25 known as a fused spine. And also assume that *that*

1 patient said to you that her doctor, her own doctor
2 was treating her with heat, rest antiinflammatory
3 drugs, perhaps some muscle relaxants and wouldn't
4 give her anything stronger. Would it be a standard
5 of practice to prescribe for that patient Percodan
6 without at least first contacting that patient's
7 own doctor and finding out what that doctor had
8 done and reviewing that doctor's file?

9 A I think it depends on the circumstances of
10 treatment. As I mentioned yesterday there are
11 different circumstances in which you can treat a
12 patient. If you're in a private office and a
13 patient comes in you know, and gives you permission
14 to call that other doctor, and of course you cannot
15 obtain medical information without the patient's
16 permission.

17 Q Would it be fair to say that the doctor should ask
18 for an opportunity to review the case with the
19 patient's earlier physician?

20 A It depends on --

21 Q Is that your standard?

22 A Well, it depends on that doctor's evaluation of the
23 patient. If the doctor assumes and believes that
24 that patient is describing something that is the
25 truth and the symptoms are such and the patient has

1 been treated in that way, I think in general you
2 have to assume the patient coming to you is telling
3 you the truth and is coming to you for treatment
4 and if you were to take every patient that comes
5 through and say I wonder if his patient is lying to
6 me and should I treat this patient or should I call
7 some of the other people or other doctors you just
8 wouldn't be able to treat anybody. So if you give
9 me a hypothetical situation I can't answer it.

10 Q So you can't say whether -- at least as I have
11 given you the hypothetical so far that meets or
12 does not meet any standard and I would say that if
13 the doctor who is doing the treatment believes what
14 you told me about the patient and feels that the
15 patient has been under another doctor's treatment
16 has induced a fused spine, has pain, as a result of
17 the injury and has not been helped by the other
18 doctor, then the doctor who is doing to present
19 treatment must use his judgment or her judgment and
20 decide how to treat that patient?

21 A Shall I relieve the symptoms by giving something
22 the other doctor has given or should I just say I'm
23 not about to treat you until -- you know, come back
24 and I'll treat to get follow up examination, that
25 were done elsewhere. It just depends on the

1 circumstances.

2 Q Doctor, can you tell us what Percodan is?

3 A I'm not an authority by any means on this type of
4 medication. It does relieve pain.

5 Q Are you aware at all of the addict potential or
6 anything like that?

7 A I would have to look it up in the PDR or its
8 equivalent.

9 Q Let's try a different hypothetical for a moment?

10 If a patient came in in 1980 said that
11 he had lower back pain off and on since 1973 as a
12 result of a strain from lifting something heavy in
13 an automobile plant and the patient now being in
14 his mid 20's, said that he was getting Talwin from
15 his regular doctor for that pain, but that he
16 wanted more and his regular doctor wouldn't give
17 him anymore than he was already giving him, would
18 it meet the standard of practice in the field of
19 medicine to prescribe Talwin for that patient
20 without first talking to the regular doctor?

21 A It depends on whether it is your intent to
22 thoroughly work up this patient.

23 Q Is this patient coming to you as a family physician
24 or coming to you, in a major hospital setting. are
25 going to follow this patient and treats all of his

1 illnesses or are you treating that patient for his
2 present complaints?

3 A Now, that would have to be decided. It would
4 depend on that situation.

5 Q How do you know that. How do you know which of
6 those two situations it is when a patient comes in?

7 A Well, I think it depends on where you are treating
8 the patient. The patient comes into a doctor's
9 office. He assumes that that doctor is going to
10 follow him perhaps for the rest of his life and the
11 doctor assumes that as well in the usual private
12 practice.

13 If you're in a hospital or medical
14 school setting you have a clinic. And I have
15 worked in many clinics of this type. Then you also
16 assume that the patients will come in there you are
17 going to treat them, you yourself, are going to
18 treat them. And in most clinics of that type now
19 you will find they have the patient referred back
20 to the same doctor each time, if possible. You're
21 going to have a continuity of treatment.

22 If you're in a situation such as I
23 described in the clinic I was in at the Hotel Union
24 in New York, then you are seeing the patient for
25 that thing and that is what you are treating at

1 that moment and you have to relieve that patient
2 and you might follow him on and off for a few
3 times. But you are not solely his total physician.

4 Q So basically you can't say whether that -- the
5 conditions that I described in that hypothetical
6 meets the standard of medical practice.

7 A So far back --

8 Q (Interposing) I'll try it again.

9 A All right.

10 Q If a patient comes to you, say a patient in his mid
11 20's that he had sprained his back back in 1973 and
12 was coming to you in 1980, strained his back in an
13 auto plant in his home town which is 60 miles away
14 from your clinic, and also he was treated by a
15 doctor in his home town and was receiving Talwin on
16 a regular basis from that doctor but he wanted more
17 Talwin. He wasn't getting enough from his own
18 doctor to relieve the pain and wanted more from
19 you. Would it meet the standard of medical
20 practice to prescribe Talwin for that patient
21 without at least first contacting that patient's
22 regular doctor?

23 A It would depend on whether I believed that patient
24 and what he was telling me and whether I then felt
25 that my diagnosis was equivalent to the other

1 doctor and whether the pain that was described was
2 in fact so severe that his dosage should be
3 increased. I'm not an expert on Talwin, but it is
4 an analgesic. It is a non-narcotic. It is a
5 relatively mild drug or medication I should say,
6 and if I were giving back in the '50's Aspirin and
7 Codeine under those circumstances and another
8 doctor had given it and I felt this patient really
9 is in discomfort and must be tided over now I would
10 say go home until I can get your records and
11 suffer. I'd say this is what I think you should be
12 treated with.

13 Q If the person in that circumstance where they were
14 in what you believed to be legitimate immediate
15 discomfort would you consider any alternative
16 therapies or prescriptions other than Talwin?

17 A I said --

18 Q (Interposing) before that person could get back to
19 their regular physician?

20 A I certainly would consider everything I knew of in
21 the medication.

22 Q Specifically with respect to back problems what
23 else would you consider in addition to or in lieu
24 of Talwin?

25 A Well again, I'm not an expert on back problems

1 today. Talwin was not in existence when I was
2 treating this type of problem. But I -- if I were
3 I might be aware of other things that could be as
4 good or not as good, you know, or alternatives as a
5 possibility. But I would still use the Judgments.
6 If it were Talwin was a good drug or medication for
7 this particular patient that is what I would
8 prescribe.

9 Q Have you ever prescribed Talwin for a back pain?

10 A I don't want to say yes or no. I do have patients
11 in the hospital for other causes, and it is
12 conceivable that they would have back pain, and
13 generally now we have residents in the hospital
14 where I work and I know that they would surely
15 prescribe Talwin for back pain if one of these
16 patients had it and I may have in the course of
17 events; but I really don't recall a specific
18 incident.

19 Q Would it be within the standard of practice in the
20 field of medicine to prescribe for a patient such
21 controlled drugs as Talwin, Ambenyl, Tussionex,
22 Emperin No.4 without performing anymore examination
23 on the patient other than the patients being
24 weighed, having their height taken and their blood
25 pressure taken?

1 A I would say if that were all you had, if that were
2 the only information the answer is no I would not
3 prescribe. If I had asked certain questions that
4 led me to feel that a medication was indicated,
5 then I would order it.

6 Q Now doctor, at this time I'd like to hand you
7 Government Exhibit 20, -- DW-20, DW-21, DW-25,
8 DW-22, DW-23, DW-24, DWD, 25 and I'd ask you to
9 take a moment and look these different six over,
10 then I'll ask you a few questions about them.

11 Doctor, now referring to each of these
12 exhibits by the letters and numbers on the yellow
13 sticker, can you tell us what's --

14 A Well, that contain prescription blanks with certain
15 medications on them, and a signature.

16 Q Referring to the different envelopes with the
17 different prescription blanks in them, can you
18 relate to us the number on the yellow sticker with
19 the prescription that's written on the blanks
20 inside as well as the name on the bottom of the
21 prescription pad?

22 A You want me to read what is written on the
23 prescription blank after I give you the number, is
24 that correct?

25 Q Please?

1 A DW-20, Pyribenzamine, 50 milligrams No. 1, PO, by
2 mouth. KW6H, that's every six hours. Preludin, 30
3 tablets. Tussionex one teaspoon -- this is DW-21.
4 Tussionex, one teaspoon, KW8 hours, preludin, 8
5 ounces. These are all signed with the name Ryan
6 Krebs.

7 DW-22 Percodan, No. 1 PO 6 hours
8 preludin is if necessary. No. 50, Ryan Krebs.

9 DW-23 Ambenyl, X -- EXP. No. 1
10 teaspoon, KW 8 hours are preludin. 8 ounces, Ryan
11 Krebs.

12 Desoxyn, I'm sorry. DW-24, Desoxyn 15
13 milligram, one PO, by mouth, KW day, it each day.
14 No. 30 tablets. Dr. Ryan Krebs. DW-25 Talwin 50
15 milligrams, No. 1 PO, KW 6H preludin one by mouth
16 every 6 hours every night, 50 tablets, Ryan Krebs
17 M.D.

18 Q Now doctor do you recognize the signatures on those
19 prescription blanks at all?

20 A Do I recognize them.

21 Q Yes, sir?

22 A How do you mean.

23 Q Does it look familiar to you?

24 A Oh, no.

25 Q Now, assume for this hypothetical, that all of

1 those prescription blanks -- well let me ask you
2 another questions first. Are there any patients'
3 names or addresses on any of these prescription
4 blanks?

5 A No there aren't.

6 Q Assume for this hypothetical that all of these
7 prescription pads made out as to drug and signed in
8 the name of a doctor are found in a doctors office
9 in a clinic when the doctor is not there. Would
10 such a preparation of prescription blanks in that
11 nature be within the standard of practice in the
12 field of medicine?

13 A It certainly would in a clinic. As a matter of
14 fact in some hospital clinics I have worked in they
15 have a stamp. It's just stamped on there. And for
16 drugs, medication that you commonly use. It's just
17 such a great turnover of these drugs that they are
18 stamped in this way. In fact they are also ordered
19 as to how treatment should -- what treatment should
20 be given and these are frequently printed out and
21 stamped and then you just have to check them and
22 sign the appropriate ones.

23 Q Now in the clinics you have talked about where
24 those particular prescriptions that, DW-20 through
25 DW-25, those type of prescription blanks filled out

1 in those clinics for those particular controlled
2 substances?

3 A I really couldn't tell you because I haven't been
4 in a clinic since some of these substances have
5 come into being.

6 Q When was the last time that you were in a clinic
7 setting?

8 A I would say certainly well -- let's say, I was in
9 charge obviously as Director of Surgery in the
10 Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati which ended in 1977
11 or it was '77. Umh I was occasionally in such
12 clinics.

13 Q Can you name for us the types of drugs that would
14 have been on prescription pads filled out in
15 advance at that time?

16 A Very frequently non-narcotic pain remedies, cough
17 remedies,.

18 Q Non-controlled?

19 A Things where there was a constant turnover of
20 patients who had certain very, very common
21 complaints.

22 Q Can you give us any examples?

23 A Aspirin surely and we used to use very frequently
24 in the days gone by, elixer of terpin hydrate, and
25 Codeine, was a common remedy for a cough. It

1 depended on the clinics. If you were in a clinic
2 that was Urinary, Urology Clinic, then some of the
3 antibiotics that frequently were given for Urinary
4 infections if you had a clinic with a large
5 turnover you would have those available.

6 Q Now the ones that you talked about as having been
7 in the settings you have seen or the drugs were any
8 of those controlled substances?

9 A They would have to be or they wouldn't need a
10 prescription.

11 Q Well do you know what I mean by the term controlled
12 substance?

13 A Well define it, if you will.

14 Q Controlled substances are substances that by law
15 fit into one of five schedules, controlled
16 substance schedules; one being things like Heroin,
17 going down to Schedule V something like Ambenyl,
18 the higher the -- the lower the schedule number the
19 higher the abuse potential. The lower the medical
20 value, basically that would be about it?

21 A They are prescribed medications.

22 Q Well?

23 MR. ROBINSON: Your Honor, I object to
24 controlled substance questions -- I have no problem
25 with the doctor being asked about specific

1 medications.

2 THE COURT: I sustain the objection. He
3 doesn't know what is a controlled substance.

4 MR. McCARTHY: Thank you, your Honor.

5 Q (By Mr. McCarthy): The prescribed prescription
6 pads that we talked about things like Aspirin,
7 would those also be signed in advance by the doctor
8 or would they just have the medicine written on the
9 pad in advance?

10 A Well very frequently they would be signed and given
11 out as the patient left, by a nurse for example.

12 Q I'm not sure I understand your answer. Would the
13 doctor write Aspirin on, let's say one hundred pads
14 and sign his name to them and leave the patient
15 area blank and leave that pad with the nurse and
16 then as the doctor would see a patient and send
17 that patient home, stop at the nurse and she'll
18 give you the prescription?

19 A Have the nurse write the name on the prescription,
20 yes.

21 Q That would be a standard practice?

22 A I would say so.

23 THE COURT: So the nurse would keep
24 something equivalent to DW-20 through DW-25, the
25 nurse would have those in blanks.

1 THE WITNESS: I think in a busy clinic
2 or in a busy doctor's office.

3 THE COURT: How does she know to whom to
4 give it?

5 THE WITNESS: Well, the doctor writes
6 orders for the patient and only that patient gets
7 it. It's basically a simple time-saving mechanism.
8 And basically you have, I believe as we brought out
9 in the last few minutes, no specific knowledge
10 about there being anything different about
11 controlled substances or about the specific drugs
12 that are listed in Government's Exhibit DW-20
13 through DW-25. I really have no expertise on this
14 drug particularly, though.

15 Q I would now hand you what has been marked as
16 Government Exhibit DW-8. And it consists of a
17 package of files. I would like you to take a
18 moment to flip through the files and after you do
19 so I'll ask you a few questions about them?

20 A Yes, the files contained within Government Exhibit
21 DW-8 I have.

22 Q Could you describe for us briefly what you have
23 seen in that exhibit?

24 A These are apparently patient history files that the
25 patient would fill out.

1 Q Is there any medical type information contained in
2 those files that you were able to see?

3 A There is an evaluation -- the right portion of the
4 sheet there are some notes?

5 Q Can you tell us what those notes are?

6 A They are a description of some physical findings
7 and complaints.

8 Q Is there any indication on those pages of a
9 prescription for controlled or for medication --
10 let me try that one more time.

11 Any indication on those pages of any
12 medications as well as the brief description sort
13 of a medical problem.

14 A I don't know.

15 Q Any indications of medications?

16 A There are some abbreviations that I don't
17 understand. This is a habit in medical circles to
18 abbreviate. So, I can't be sure of that. I don't
19 see any I recognize.

20 Q Can you tell us what type of -- what are the
21 initials on there that say you don't understand,
22 but can you tell us what initials they are?

23 A Well on this one I -- in this particular one I can
24 recognize overweight and insomnia and then there is
25 a P75 over 30. I assume it's the pulse, but I'm

1 not sure. I don't know what the over 30 is
2 Preludin 75 milligrams, dispense 30.

3 MR. ROBINSON: I object. The doctor has
4 stated a lack of expertise on controlled substances
5 and those files contain controlled substances. He
6 has a lack of knowledge of Dr. Krebs' writing. He
7 doesn't identify his writing. He has no evidence
8 that Dr. Krebs prepared those files and there's no
9 predicate to ask that type of question.

10 THE COURT: No comment has been
11 requested yet and he is still building an
12 assumption and asked if he knows it.

13 MR. ROBINSON: My objection is he said
14 he doesn't know about the controlled substances.
15 He doesn't know about the writing, he doesn't know
16 about the patients, and he doesn't know about the
17 files. He's not here as an expert to testify on
18 something -- no evidence other than an FBI
19 handwriting and I object that you are asking an
20 inappropriate opinion.

21 THE COURT: Overruled. He has been
22 asked to comment substantially on prescriptions
23 which we know are controlled substances.

24 Q (By Mr. McCarthy): In that particular file you
25 said it had the indication of insomnia and

1 overweight and the P, 75-30. Do you see any name
2 written on that page at all?

3 A There's a name that looks like it could be Krebs
4 and above it it's a KWVA,30.

5 Q Assume that means Quaalude?

6 A What?

7 Q Quaalude, dispense 30.

8 Now is there any patient's name on that
9 page, doctor?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What is the patient name?

12 A Ella Taylor.

13 Q Why don't you go to the next one?

14 A And there's another name there it says, likes like
15 Larry Murphy or something like that.

16 Q Are those names actually. Is the name Larry Taylor
17 written on the patient history or is that a
18 separate piece of paper?

19 A Ella Taylor is on the patient's history and Larry
20 Murphy and another one on Ella Taylor is on a
21 separate piece of paper and there's an abbreviation
22 on the Larry Murphy. I don't understand.

23 Q What abbreviation is that?

24 A PTAB.

25 Q Is there on the patient history sheet, is there any

1 patient history indicated?

2 A No, there isn't. Oh, yes there is just in the note
3 below.

4 Q For the overweight insomnia?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Why don't you open one of the next files, Doctor.
7 Can you describe for us what you see in that file?

8 A Again in that file we have history sheets, three
9 history sheets, the patient's name and address.
10 Letters on the top and some writing on the bottom.

11 Q Can you tell us what the letters on the top are?

12 THE COURT: Well, let's start with the
13 name. Are all three history sheets for the same
14 person.

15 THE WITNESS: Well it's three history
16 sheets for the same person, one name.

17 THE COURT: What is the name?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, they are.

19 THE COURT:: All right. What is the
20 name.

21 THE WITNESS: Joe Brown.

22 THE COURT: All right.

23 Q (By Mr. McCarthy): Are there any initials at the
24 bottom?

25 A Yes, there are.

1 Q Can you tell us what they are?

2 A It's difficult to make out. Likes like MSCBW then
3 you are. I -- it's like URI, it's not clear but
4 that I would understand as upper respiratory
5 infection. I don't know whether the first letter
6 is N and TCPB and T5 or 50. I think it's a B, 8
7 ounces and there's a signature on it.

8 Q Okay. Why don't you go to the next file. Is there
9 a patient name in that file?

10 A Yes, there is.

11 Q What is the name in that file?

12 A George Johnson.

13 Q Any initials at the bottom?

14 A There are both a T, a B on the top and again it
15 looks like MSCBB I see the five. Looks like dash
16 50. URI. And there's a B something. I -- well,
17 maybe that's 8 ounces and there's a signature.

18 Q All right. In the remaining files that we haven't
19 talked about yet that are in Exhibit DW-8, did you
20 find any files in there that did not have patient
21 names written on the history form at the top?

22 A I'd have to go through again. I don't recall.

23 Q Would you do that, please?

24 A Sure. Four do have the name written on top.

25 Q Of the four that don't have names at the top, are

1 there any initials at the bottom?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What are the initials, please?

4 A On this one it's MS something likes like BP
5 overweight The 50, 50P75-30.

6 Q Is there a name signed on it?

7 A There's a name signed on it and I would not know
8 the name if I didn't know who we were talking about
9 but it could be Krebs.

10 Q I understand.

11 A But it's -- it's not written so that it can be
12 read.

13 Q How about the others that you said don't have a
14 patient's name on them. Did they also have
15 initials at the bottom and a name that looks like -
16 it could be Krebs?

17 A Yes.

18 Q With respect to those four files, where it appears
19 that medication is indicated on patient's charts
20 appears that there is a signature of a doctor it
21 appears to be a patient history sheet without even
22 a patient name or history on there, would you say
23 that that, those four files are within the
24 standards for medical care in the profession?

25 A I -- please explain, because I don't know what

1 these files indicate.

2 Q Well, that they are found in a doctor's office?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Just as they are already made out?

5 A Yes.

6 Q In a clinic?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And they are found in the form that they presently
9 exist?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Is that the type of thing, putting a diagnosis on a
12 piece of paper words like overweight, low back
13 pain, writing the name of a doctor without there
14 being anything else on the history sheet within the
15 bounds of standard medical practice?

16 A If a doctor did that then it would not be in the
17 bounds of standard medical practice.

18 Q Now yesterday I believe you said that you had known
19 Dr. Krebs --

20 A (Interposing) I said by the way I noticed one of
21 the charts here had or more had one of these had a
22 name on the file folder.

23 Q We assume that all of the rest of them had patients
24 named on them?

25 A No, the name on the file folder is not the same as

1 the patient name. There are so many. I don't know
2 whether that indicates that these file folders,
3 that these files were in folders that had patients
4 names but I will say I will agree with you that if
5 this is all there was and a doctor would write down
6 a diagnosis and treatment it would not be within
7 the standard.

8 Q Now just so we have the record straight, can you
9 tell us the name that is on the file, that you just
10 mentioned, as well as the patient name that is
11 different from that that is inside the file?

12 A There's a Janet McFarland on the outside of this.

13 Q That is on the manila folder. On the manila folder
14 and there's a Barbara Scott on the sheet inside?

15 There are also I might note tabs that
16 were placed on all of these charts that are no
17 longer there, that have been apparently removed.

18 Q Now I believe you testified yesterday, Doctor, that
19 you had known Dr. Krebs for ten or so years?

20 A Yes, indeed.

21 Q And you had gotten to know him very well not only
22 as your son's friend but really as your own friend
23 as well. Also his medical career?

24 Q And you held him in such esteem that you offered
25 him a position in Cincinnati at your institute, is

1 that right?

2 A That's right.

3 Q During the period of time from 1981 until late, or
4 1980 until late 1981 or early 1982 did you ever
5 visit Dr. Krebs at any of the three clinics that he
6 worked in the City of Detroit?

7 A No, I did not.

8 Q Did you visit any of those three clinics known as
9 RNA or 7 Mile or Jefferson Medical Clinic at any
10 time either before, during or after the time that
11 Dr. Krebs was working there?

12 A No, I did not.

13 MR. McCARTHY: Your Honor, I have no
14 additional questions at the present time, thank
15 you.

16 MR. HOWARTH: Your Honor, I'll probably
17 be brief if I can ask questions from here.

18 THE COURT: Certainly.

19 CROSS EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. HOWARTH:

21 Q Dr. Heimlick, is it possible that you have another
22 son who is in the pharmacy business?

23 A Not that I know of.

24 Q I was afraid you were going to say that. No
25 further questions.

1 MR. WRIGHT: No questions.

2 MR. AMBERG: No questions.

3 MR. FERRIS: No questions.

4 MR. ROBINSON: I have one.

5 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. ROBINSON:

7 Q Dr. Heimlick the Court asked you questions before
8 that relate to whether or not -- I got the
9 impression from the questions that whether or not
10 there's a different standard of care that you
11 recognize in the medical profession for poor Black
12 people in the city; and I got the impression that
13 you were trying to explain an answer about the
14 differences in medical treatment in the University
15 atmosphere and residency atmosphere and hospital
16 and some private practices and clinics in the inner
17 city or with poor people. Would you tell us what
18 you meant by your answer?

19 A That there are differences between them. There are
20 -- well first of all let's talk about different
21 types of clinics. I don't know that you can break
22 it down into inner city necessarily or Black or
23 white.

24 Most clinics I know of are mixed or if
25 they are in a certain area they might have the race

1 or nationality. If you want to speak about inner
2 city clinics, there are -- as there is in medicine
3 in general, all levels. There are inner city
4 clinics with some of the most dedicated doctors in
5 the world. The fact that they will give up
6 lucrative practices to work there indicates the
7 dedication of some of the young men I have seen in
8 such clinics. So I'm really speaking about the
9 different level of treatment or different type of
10 treatment depending on the site and atmosphere of
11 the place itself.

12 There is a medical school treatment
13 which I described yesterday which is very extensive
14 and complete for teaching purposes; as excessive as
15 far as the individual patient goes. But for
16 teaching there are hospital clinics where they have
17 certain types of hospital clinics and where perhaps
18 one or more of a group of doctors are interested in
19 certain types of disease and concentrate on that in
20 the clinics and do extensive studies on certain
21 diseases they are particularly involved with,
22 significantly. There are clinics that are walk-in
23 type clinics where that patient comes into the
24 clinic and says I have a pain or I have this
25 problem, help me. And the type of treatment varies

1 with that situation. And there are good doctors
2 and there are bad doctors. I don't know what else
3 I can say.

4 MR. ROBINSON: That is all. I have
5 nothing additionally. Thank you, doctor.

6 THE COURT: Is it presumed in an inner
7 city clinic when a patient comes and is required to
8 pay \$30.00 in advance to see a physician about
9 pain, is it presumed that this is a one time
10 walk-in obligation; that the doctor has to tide him
11 over to go for other care elsewhere, or that there
12 are not other resources to follow up or test
13 whatever the patient's problem is? That is, is a
14 patient who walks in and pays \$30.00 in advance and
15 complains of pain to a doctor, is he able to expect
16 medical care or simply a medication and to use his
17 wits and find true care elsewhere. Must he find an
18 individual doctor's name posted or a hospital?

19 THE WITNESS: That's a very difficult --

20 THE COURT: (Interposing) are the
21 standard of the profession such that only certain
22 care is given in a clinic, and is it presumed, he
23 is too poor to see through his care?

24 THE WITNESS: The word clinic I think is
25 a little ambiguous, because we did refer to a

1 medical school clinic or to and outpatient clinic
2 and so forth. It varies so, but If I can talk just
3 to the point, perhaps of medical care and not use
4 the word clinic which is too broad.

5 It varies extensively and varies with
6 the doctor who is doing the treatment and the type
7 of clinic. I know private doctors who, when you
8 call for an appointment in their office, the nurse
9 tells them that we want you to know that the
10 initial visit is \$150.00 to \$200.00 which will
11 include all of your blood tests, urinalysis, chest
12 x-rays, etcetera, etcetera without knowing what is
13 wrong with the patient. And if the patient can't
14 put up then they'll say I'm sorry you will have to
15 go elsewhere.

16 There are clinics such as the Mayo
17 Clinic where, when you travel out there you go to
18 spend days of examination and usually you travel
19 out there with the doctors there already having
20 received extensive records from your own doctor
21 because you are going there for a complicated
22 situation that your own doctors cannot treat. And
23 then there are clinics and doctors offices where
24 there is no alarming number of patients, where
25 perhaps the amount paid is not enough to allow for

1 a whole hour or two with the patient. And they
2 provide a service as well to people who have to get
3 back to work, who have everyday complaints, and are
4 to be treated.

5 I think perhaps the best explanation is
6 if you took away anyone of these things what would
7 you have? And there we would all like to have Mayo
8 Clinics all over the country because it's a
9 marvelous institution. For reasons that may be
10 governmental, employment problems, overwhelming
11 numbers of people in a certain area, the medical
12 standards around the country cannot be, or has not
13 been, I wish it were, Mayo Clinic standards. So
14 you are either going to say every patient has to
15 have that, and therefore these many millions of
16 people cannot get any treatment or you have to
17 divide them with what help you can to support them
18 and carry them over their immediate illness.

19 Does that answer your questions, your
20 Honor?

21 THE COURT: No.

22 Is there an obligation by the profession
23 to see a patient through treatment of whatever type
24 that patient may be able to afford or a third party
25 provider. The standard of care does not provide

1 that --

2 THE WITNESS: (Interposing) I would say
3 if you recognize a treatment that should warrant
4 extensive work-up if you will, or what have you,
5 that there should be places in every area where
6 patients could be referred for that type of
7 treatment.

8 Q (By Mr. Robinson): Doctor, is it fair to say that
9 based on the Court's question that any such
10 standard to refer a patient depends on the
11 physician's at the clinic, judgment to determine
12 whether that is indicated?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q Finally, Doctor --

15 A (Interposing) I think what is also important, is
16 that you have to rely on the physician's judgment.

17 Q Doctor, from your experience -- let's take this
18 case of Dr. Krebs where, according to Dr. Krebs'
19 own testimony, he saw at least in the hundreds of
20 patients not necessarily thousands, but in the
21 hundreds over a 15 month period and to our
22 knowledge in all of these cases not one patient who
23 saw him complained of malpractice. Are you aware
24 of the potential and ability of the patient to
25 complain that their needs were not tended to within

1 the requirements of the standard. Don't they have
2 the right to sue doctors and clinics?

3 A They surely can and they surely do.

4 Q And does that appear to you that based upon your
5 experience with hundreds of patients visiting Dr.
6 Krebs that not one has filed a complaint of
7 malpractice indicates he was within the standard of
8 care, at least for those patients in their
9 judgment.

10 A I would say it certainly is -- apparently within
11 the standards. I also say in line with what I said
12 to the Judge, if Dr. Krebs were not there to treat
13 these people, who would be there? Now it's my
14 understanding he told me that he had answered an
15 add in the newspaper and a doctor was needed in
16 this area and he felt a doctor was needed in that
17 area. Now he had the choice. He had the choice of
18 opening a practice, which is for doctors a very
19 lucrative thing to do. I have had a practice. I
20 have never put that before the other things I had
21 to do, I wanted to do. The scientific work as
22 well, and all of that that you do either in your
23 practice. So he had the choice. Shall I go down
24 to this clinic or go into practice and build up a
25 practice? And he made his choice and if he hadn't

1 made that choice I don't know what would you say
2 these people would have had, the thousand or so he
3 treated?

4 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, doctor, I have
5 no more questions.

6 RECROSS EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. MCCARTHY:

8 Q Doctor, are you telling us that the standard of
9 care for practice in the field of medicine is up to
10 the judgment of the individual physician?

11 A No.

12 Q Is there?

13 A I'm saying the treatment of the patient is up to
14 the judgment of the individual physician who should
15 stay within the standard practice of medicine.

16 Q Did -- when Dr. Krebs told you about his answering
17 an ad in the newspaper that a doctor was needed at
18 the clinic, did he also tell you that he had
19 indicated that the pay would be \$100.00 per hour?

20 A No, I didn't know that.

21 MR. MCCARTHY: No further questions,
22 your Honor. Thank you.

23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. ROBINSON:

25 Q Did you know, that Dr. Krebs testified he was paid

1 \$25.00 an hour?

2 A I didn't know that either; though that would be
3 generally --

4 MR. ROBINSON: That is all. Thank you.
5 I'm sorry we kept you so long.

6 I'm going to call Dr. Laufman now, your
7 Honor. Was that our break for the morning? I'd
8 just soon go on.

9 A L A N L A U F M A N

10 was thereupon called as a witness herein, and after
11 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, the
12 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined
13 and testified as follows:

14 THE COURT: You are a lawyer.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

16 MR. ROBINSON: And a doctor

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

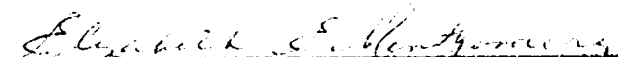
18 BY MR. ROBINSON:

19 Q Tell us your name and educational background?

20 A My name is Alan Kerry Laufman. I grew up in Texas,
21 went to the University of Pennsylvania in
22 Philadelphia. I then attended Harvard Law School
23 and earned a law degree and during that period I
24 became a resident in the field of legal medicine
25 and went on to earn a M.D. at the medical school

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