

HEADQUARTERS
6850TH INTERNAL SECURITY DETACHMENT
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SUBJECT: Mental Examination of Prisoner.

TO : Commanding Officer, 6850TH Internal Security Detachment, International Military Tribunal, APO 403, U. S. Army.

1. Prisoner Robert Ley, 31G 350028, has been observed daily for the past six weeks.

2. Mental examination of Ley reveals normal psychomotor reactions and normal attitudes and behavior. Mood is normal, but affect though related is extremely labile. Ley is easily excited and demonstrates marked emotional instability. Content is normal although euphoric trends are present. Sensorium is intact. Insight is good and judgement fair. Rorschach examination reveals emotional instability and evidence of frontal lobe damage manifested by color and shading responses, confused form and inadequate construction of responses.

3. Ley gives a history of head injury in an airplane crash on 29 July 1917. He was unconscious for a short time and since this accident has stammered from time to time. This speech impediment was reduced by alcohol, a common finding in organic brain damage. Ley also drank to excess and possibly further increased the frontal lobe damage.

4. Examination on 25 October 1945 revealed also the unusual emotional instability. Ley has been depressed since the Indictment but has been planning his defense and presented no evidence of suicidal intention. He has always been one of the most potentially suicidal prisoners due to his extreme instability secondary to his old head injury.

5. Ley at all times must be considered competent, to know the difference between right and wrong and to be sane and responsible. His frontal lobe damage contributed to his emotional instability, euphoria and poor judgement, but is not extensive enough to produce psychotic reactions.

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