

August 21, 1953

Dr. Raymond R. Root
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Dear Dr. Root:

In reply to your letter of August 20 I wish to say that I share your belief in thinking that this is a false positive reaction. However, I would advise you to send several additional specimens at intervals of from four to six months apart before you draw conclusions as to whether or not the reaction was a false positive. Even then I think it would be desirable to have a cardiovascular survey (x-ray and fluoroscopic) and a lumbar puncture to determine the serologic status of the spinal fluid.

Very truly yours,

MAH/md

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