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DEAR DR. Robinson:—

The following is the report on the Wassermann Test:

Positive—

Case #2, Lab. #5718,
(Male, 27 yrs.)
Case #3, Lab. #5720,
(Female, 37 yrs.)

Doubtful—

Case #1, Lab. #5721,
(Male, 29 yrs.)

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The reaction as carried out in this laboratory has the following diagnostic significance:— **Positive** indicates syphilis, except very rarely in acute febrile conditions such as malaria and pneumonia. **Negative** does not exclude syphilis. In dealing with obscure conditions less than three negatives has no significance. **Doubtful** signifies an inconclusive result. It is advisable to submit several specimens in such a case, and interpret a persistently or predominatingly doubtful reaction as indicative of a syphilitic infection. **Unsatisfactory** means that the test was unsuccessful either because of the condition of specimen or some difficulty with the technique. In the latter event, the test will be repeated on the next testing day, otherwise a new specimen will be requested.