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MEMO TO: JWF, HH, FDD, FJC

C. M. Wade called last night, with the following report on Pawsey:

The doctors have determined that he does not have polio (which they were apparently worried about for a time), there has been no mechanical damage to the spine, no brain damage, and it is probably not a stroke. They don't yet know what the trouble is. Best guess is that he is suffering from "hypersensitization", which might be from an allergy, or an aftermath of some earlier physical condition, or the result of overwork, mental fatigue, etc. They think his condition is probably not serious, that it must simply run its course and he will then be o.k. -- but it may or may not recur. Apparently there is not much they can do to check the condition. But the probability is high that he will recover completely, in good order and with no aftereffects and no limitations on his activities.

Wade says Pawsey is feeling very poorly, is quite weak and easily tired. The partial paralysis of his left side continues to worsen.

If he is able to leave the hospital in a reasonable time, he will probably go to his relatives in Princeton to recuperate for a few days and then go straight back to Australia. He has every intention of returning to Green Bank in the fall, and the doctors think this is completely feasible.

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