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Re: James Carter  
File No. 1700-11234

Dear Mr. Jeppe:

This is a supplement to my report of July 24, 1993 regarding James Carter. I have reviewed the additional material which you forwarded, the material which I previously received and my report of July 24, 1993.

In his letter of January 23, 1993 Dr. Brickel summarizes his treatment of Mr. Carter which began on November 15, 1991. At that time, approximately 3 months after the accident, the patient had symptoms referable to his cervical and thoracic spine and arms. The neurological examination was normal. Dr. Brickel indicated that Mr. Carter "underwent SER testing which showed a cortical delay which can correlate with delay of conduction through the cauda equina or through the thoracic cord". He also discussed the results of the MRI and the myelogram.

Dr. Brickel's office records cover the period between November 15, 1991 and November 6, 1992. On December 6, 1991 Dr. Brickel wrote "SER NL".

I have reviewed the myelogram and post-myelogram CT of the thoracic spine obtained on April 27, 1992. This study demonstrates "a central ventral [bulging] disc at T5-6 with some central indentation on the thecal sac...No deformity of the cord is noted passing through this region".

Based on this additional information, as well as the examination which I performed on July 13, 1993 and the material which I reviewed at that time, I believe that Mr. Carter was involved in a vehicular accident on or about August 3, 1991 and that he sustained a cervical sprain and a contusion of his right foot.

I believe that Mr. Carter did not sustain a fracture of C6. As noted previously, radiographs obtained on August 4, 1991 demonstrated mild spurring at the C5-6 and C6-7 interspaces, rather than a fracture of the anterior

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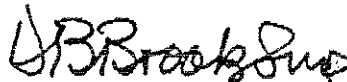
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aspect of C6. I believe that the accident did not affect the pre-existing cervical spondylosis, for there was no change in the degree of spurring in the interval between August 4, 1991 and July 13, 1993.

I believe that Mr. Carter did not sustain an injury to either the T4-5 or T5-6 intervertebral discs as a result of the accident. Had he done so, his symptoms and physical findings would have been different than those recorded in the Emergency Room record of Lodi Community Hospital and in Dr. Kleinman's office records.

The results of the examination which I performed on July 13, 1993 indicated that Mr. Carter had recovered from the injuries which he sustained on or about August 3, 1991. I believe that he will have no permanent disability directly attributable to that accident.

Very truly yours,



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