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re: Norman WINDSOR, Code A

Thank you for asking me to see this lady. The history is absolutely as in your letter and the blood count as you know show an excess of lymphocytes. One or two other important details are that she seems to have lost some weight over the last few months although she says that her weight fluctuates because ever since she had the operation for her stomach ulcer, she gets quite a number of bowel upsets. She has sweated at night occasionally over the years but thinks this has become more frequent in the last 12 to 18 months but would seem to occur only once or twice a month. It is a bit difficult to know whether these are the so called B symptoms of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or whether it is still something connected with her stomach op.

On examination she has a collection of small glands of about 1 cm. in diameter in both posterior triangles. She has a collection in her left axilla, in her right it is a bit more doubtful. She has no glands in her groins. I could not feel her spleen and her liver I thought was palpable just below the costal margin but then she is very slim and there is an obvious midline scar from her stomach operation.

I have explained to her the indolent nature of the disease and told her that just at the moment there is no real reason to start treatment in that her haemoglobin and platelets are normal and her neutrophil count is well maintained. True she has lost a bit of weight and true she might have some B symptoms but I thought we would wait, watch and see for the moment.

I have made her an appointment to come and see us again in four months' time when I have warned her we might want to start her on treatment. This will be nothing exciting, something along the lines of Chlorambucil and Prednisolone.

Yours sincerely,

Code A

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