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Dear Dr Toleman

Re: Leonard Graham - Code A

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I saw Mrs Graham at St Christopher's Hospital on the 28th of May 1997 to discuss her husband's illness.

She told me he has been slightly better on Sulpiride after a shaky start although he is continuing to hallucinate visually. This is worse when he is tired or if he has had an alcoholic drink. His physical movements are not too bad and in general he is cheerful and less distressed by the hallucinations than his wife is. Occasionally he has been a bit frightened at night time misinterpreting shadows and shapes and occasionally he has expressed concern about people coming into the house with malicious intent but normally such visitors are children or pixies and he is happy to see them.

Mrs Graham has read a lot about Parkinson's disease and is well aware of the link between Parkinson's and dementia and had already accepted that this was the most likely diagnosis. I spoke to her about Lewy Body dementia and about the difficulties in treating either Parkinson's or the hallucinations as the treatments directly cause the symptoms of the other illness, hence the probably reluctance of the Physicians to treat his Parkinson's disease at present. We agreed that he would continue on Sulpiride 100 mgs nocte in the meantime and I have told her that she can increase this to 100 mgs bd should he become very restless or suffer worse hallucinations while they are on holiday next month. She would prefer minimal input at the present time and declined my suggestion of a Community Psychiatric Nurse although she was happy to know that she could contact us at any time should the situation change.

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