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CASE 1

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The brain tissue from this case was submitted by a pathologist from Beaumont, Texas who thought that the lung and brain showed "sarcoid-like lesions" and wanted an opinion of the case.

This 15 month old, female was "never right" from birth. Never talked, never walked. Had occasional convulsion, controlled with drugs. Also

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has asthma which was controlled with medications. Pneumonia" in 1960. Never able to eat well; sometimes tube fed. Two marriages for the mother. First produced a child who was all right, but killed accidentally. Another child survives and is well. By present marriage lost one child (hydrocephalus) and this child who never developed normally. No other children survive and no other children but these two were born by this marriage.

The gross specimen consisted of several blocks of formalin fixed brain tissue from the cerebral hemispheres and brainstem. The gyri showed diffuse atrophy of moderate degree. The white matter was firmer and whiter than normal with conspicuous arcuate fibers. The lung tissue was mottled, gray and firm.