

## APPENDIX

On page 113 it is mentioned that an autistic child's attending often is completely fixated on moving, mobile, rotating, round objects such as watches, wheels, gears and especially the moving parts of machines or vehicles such as threshers, conveyer belts, concrete mixers, steam tractors, locomotives, airplane propellers, the reels of film projectors, bicycle and motorcycle wheels, while he does not succeed in establishing situations of interpersonal encounter and does not live in close connection with other persons. On the following pages are copies of sketches by a fourteen year-old autistic boy that are characterized by the fact that especially mechanical apparatuses and tools are drawn with the greatest accuracy. In sharp contrast to this, his depersonalized way of existence and deficient bodily knowledge emerge strongly in his machine-like, angular, round, "transparent", lifeless, i.e., infantile, representations of human figures. The intense interest in objects in contrast to a disinterest in persons and his "unfamiliarity" with the human figure clearly emerge. These extremely meaningful phenomena in the psychic life of an autistic child define an important topic for further research.