June. The high temperature, the soreness of the mouth and years. I hope this letter will help start this process. The disease will be clarified in the next one to two

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After seeing the third patient I inquired among practicing pediatricians in Athens whether they had seen similar cases. Two contacted me within one week reporting that each had seen a case with the characteristic combination of fever, mouth inflammation, and erythema of palms and soles. This makes me believe that several cases occurred during this period in Athens.

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