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D. J. Gilbert, B. J. Harris and S. M. Riehl* (riehl@math.uni.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0506. The spectral function associated with Sturm-Liouville equations with potential of Wigner-von Neumann type.

For the linear, second-order differential equation $y'' + (\lambda - q(x))y = 0$ on $[0, \infty)$, with boundary condition $y(0) \cos \alpha + y'(0) \sin \alpha = 0$, for some $\alpha \in [0, \pi)$, we study the spectral function $\rho_{\alpha}(\lambda)$ when the potential function q(x) is of Wignervon Neumann type. In particular, we derive a series expansion for $\rho'_{\alpha}(\lambda)$, valid for $\lambda \geq \Lambda_0$ where Λ_0 is computable. We also establish a computable upper bound for points of spectral concentration for the equation and boundary condition with $\alpha = 0$. (Received August 17, 2004)