

DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

To Dr. Wilder Penfield,  
Montreal Neurological Institute,  
Attention of MONTREAL, P.Q.

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Subject


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Dear Doctor Penfield:

I have just returned from Washington at noon today and found your telegram awaiting me. I have been so busy that I have not as yet had a chance of collecting the material which I have scattered in various files, but I will endeavour to get busy with this material and let you have it probably some time next week. I am somewhat diffident about offering it to the Sub-Committee, because it is largely of an empiric character, although the results seem to be satisfactory.

2. In order to save additional paper, I also wish to bring up the question which I mentioned last Spring, namely furnishing some assistance in the way of temporary huts adjacent to the Montreal Neurological Institute for the purpose of housing an overflow of our patients -- I believe your wards are very crowded most of the time. I put out some feelers about this matter, and the idea was favourably received by the Deputy Minister, but apparently there was some hitch down in Montreal, possibly with the University people about getting the grounds adjacent to the Institute for erecting the huts. Do you know anything about this, or is the scheme feasible? I will, of course, have to sell the idea to the Treasury Board here as far as the cost is concerned, but I think I have a strong case with your backing, and I certainly desire to help along the scheme myself.

Yours truly,

  
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Director Medical Services.

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