

February 11th, 1943

Dr. F.C. James,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Principal:

Enclosed is an analysis of the situation in regard to congestion at the Neurological Institute and the proposal to build an annex.

I have been rather slow doing this, but I have been very busy for one thing, and for another I found it necessary to redo this analysis several times. My feeling is that, if they do not accept our suggestions, in all fairness to our own point of view it would be wise to make a public statement of the fact that the Department does not find it possible to accept our suggestion and that limitation of the number of Service patients and probable future refusal is blood on their own heads.

From the point of view of what we can and should do, I think I must take a firm stand to cut down the amount of crowding and set a limit. As a matter of fact I have done so over and over again, but the arrival of emergencies always leads to breaking the limit.

Yours sincerely,

WGP/AD  
Encl.

P.S. In regard to the Medical Rehabilitation, would it not be a good idea to express the opinion of the Committee now in a final form. Macdonald's letter suggested that it would be unacceptable to the Government, but it would at least be on record and form the opinion of a medical committee that that is the desirable arrangement.