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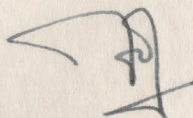
Dear Colonel Mackenzie,

Dr. Penfield has this morning forwarded to me the attached letter regarding per diem allowances inclusive of fees for the professional staff, and I am forwarding it to you immediately.

I do not know whether I made clear to you during our discussions when you were in Montreal that McGill University has already begun the reconstruction of the 5th, 7th and 8th floors for the purpose of increasing facilities for operation and treatment. I hope that the actual construction of the proposed government wing can be put into effect at the earliest possible date, partly to provide the beds that will be needed if the increased operative facilities are to have their maximum usefulness, and partly because the climate of Montreal, as you will know, is not conducive to speedy construction during the winter months. In particular I hope that physical construction will not be held up by any discussion of these per diem rates that may be necessary. If the existing suggestions are not entirely appropriate to the Department of National Defence, would it not be possible for the construction to proceed while discussions on this matter are going forward?

With renewed good wishes to you as
always, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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Copy to Dr. Wilder Penfield