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Dear Mr. Ross,

I am sending you so many letters on the subject of the Montreal Neurological Institute nowadays that it might be helpful if you and I should sit down to have a personal chat before the larger committee meeting that I suggested in the memorandum on the subject of per diem rates that I forwarded this morning. If that idea appeals to you, I am expecting to be in Ottawa on Wednesday the 7th of February, to address the Institute of Surveying at luncheon, and could be available for a chat with you during the afternoon if you should happen to be free. Normally I should take the 4.10 train back to Montreal, since I have a 9.00 o'clock engagement at the University the following morning, but I could conveniently take the 5.45 if that would be of any help to you.

Continuing on the subject of the Neurological Annex, I have discussed with Dr. Penfield and Miss Flanagan your letter of January 16th bearing the above reference number on the subject of the furniture and equipment to be supplied by the government. Most of the items that are mentioned are fully satisfactory to Dr. Penfield, but there are one or two in regard to which some question exists in his mind, so that I am sending along the following notes for your information:-

1. In regard to item no. (iii), Mattresses, Dr. Penfield points out that these should be the Marshall spring type, similar to the ones at present used in the Institute. This type is specially planned for the Neurological bed that you are supplying.
2. In regard to item (vi), Bedding and Blankets, it should be pointed out that the bedding must fit the larger type of mattress and bed that is used, since there will be considerable interchange of beds and patients between the Annex and the Institute itself. It might be helpful to have this material ordered through the Royal Victoria Hospital if it is not already available in medical stores. I am also informed that two bed rubbers will need to be supplied for each bed, one lengthwise and one crosswise.
3. In regard to item (xi), two food conveyors will be necessary. On this matter I seem to remember that at our last meeting there was some suggestion that the government could not possibly supply more than one, in which case a second would have to be supplied by the University and account of the cost taken when we are discussing per

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dien rates.

4. In regard to item (xv), 2 two-burner gas rings are required for the kitchen and utility rooms, and also two one-burner electric plates for inhalations, etc.
5. In regard to Nurses' Stations, since there are two separate locations two desks and other furniture will be needed. In this regard I should also point out that doctors' ward offices will need tables and chairs which are not included in the list that you sent me.

Dr. Penfield also calls attention to the need for surgical supplies and instruments for the two dressings rooms as well as to the need for bed pans, basins, soap dishes, trays, glass urinals, etc. I assume, however, that these items are covered in the second from the last paragraph of your letter and will be reviewed in connection with the discussion of per diem rates.

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

Cordially yours,

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