

November 21st, 1946

The Hon. Douglas Abbott,
Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Many thanks for your letter of November 12th. I have discussed the matter with the Principal. Apparently it is impossible for him to be here on a Friday or Saturday until after the first of the year. Also, he has written to Mr. I.C.R. Atkin, or New York, who was responsible for the gift of the Maple Leaf Fund of nearly \$1000000.00 which was used for the internal alterations of the Neurological Institute that were necessitated by the addition of the Military Annex. Mr. Atkin finds that he could be here on Saturday morning, January 4th or January 11th. We can, therefore, decide on either of these dates for the formality of turning over the Annex. Please let me know which would be more convenient for you. I would suggest that, other things being equal, possibly the 4th would be better so that we could get the thing over!

If you don't mind my saying so, it seems funny to be writing to you in this formal manner. A key is being gilded so that you can make some objective presentation. The Principal suggests that I should review the function of the Institute in relation to the service cases and the building of the Annex. Possibly it would be of some help to you if I let you have some idea of what I am to say, but, as a matter of fact, I never finish anything until the last minute. I am, however, having sent forward to you annual reports of the Institute through the war years. You will find therein the Directors address, a running commentary on the activity of the Institute in connection with the war situation.

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Yours sincerely,