IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OTTAWA 26 September, 1939.

COPY FOR INFORMATION OF DR. PENFIELD

I have been asked by the Associate Committee on Medical Research of the National Research Council, which held a meeting here on 18 September, 1939, to convey to the appropriate authorities the information that the committee desires to place its services wholly at the disposal of the Government in the present emergency, and to state that the members of the committee are of the opinion that medical research problems, both as regards military activities and the protection and welfare of the civilian population in so far as they may be affected by war conditions, might advantageously be referred to the committee for consideration and advice.

The Associate Committee on Medical Research was established in March, 1938, by the National Research Council following a conference at which were present representatives of the principal medical organizations in Canada, the heads of medical faculties and others concerned in problems relating to medical research. The committee is under the chairmanship of Sir Frederick Banting and comprises in its membership leading representatives of the medical profession from the principal centres of medical research throughout the Dominion. During the past year the chairman of the committee made a personal survey of medical research facilities in Canada. The committee, through a system of grants in aid, has undertaken the support of selected researches in various medical centres and in other ways it is serving to bring into correlation the medical research work of the Dominion. The committee is therefore competent to deal with any proposals that may be submitted to it in this connection.

Communications for consideration by the Associate Committee on Medical Research should be addressed to Dr. C. B. Stewart, Assistant Secretary, Associate Committee on Medical Research, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada.

Appended to this letter is a list of the persons to whom copies of this communication have been sent.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. L. McNaughton, President.