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Dear Wilder,

With further reference to your letter to me of October 23rd, and my reply on November 3rd, and your reply on November 10th, dealing with the proposal for Wellcome Trust exchange Fellowships in Neurology, I think that I should have made it clear that the terms of the Will constituting our Trust actually entitle us to provide emoluments for the support of research, but none for education. We understand, of course, that a man who is given a Fellowship for work in some centre of research, other than that of his primary or normal attachment, will incidentally, and as a necessary concomitant of his researches, be gaining knowledge and increasing his experience through contact with other people's methods and ways of thinking. You will understand, however, that if the Trustees, as I certainly hope and expect, decide to adopt your scheme, the agreed statement concerning the nature and purpose of the Fellowships, and the methods of appointment to hold them, will have to emphasise opportunity for further researches in the field of neurology, rather than a more vaguely indicated "period of work or study". I am sure that this will occasion no difficulty for you, but it has for us the importance of a stricter verbal compliance with the terms of the Wellcome Trust, as stated in the Will which created it.

Your proposals will certainly be on the list for consideration at the meeting of the Wellcome Trustees on January 18th next. I ought just to warn you, however, that we have such a pressure of applications already on the list for that date, in excess of the money which can properly be made available for granting at that half-yearly meeting, that we may find it necessary to postpone final decision with regard to your proposals until the next such occasion. I hope that it may not be so; but if it should, you will understand, I am sure, that such decision will represent no lack of enthusiasm for your plan, but merely to give priority to some proposals, on the ground of comparative urgency.

Yours very sincerely,

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