

20th January 1929.

Richard M. Pearce, Esq.,
Rockefeller Foundation,
61, Broadway,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Mr. Pearce,

Would you be good enough to give me an interview if I came down to New York sometime in the near future? I should like to submit to you a plan for the development of an Institute for Neurological Investigation here in Montreal. The necessity for a different organization of university neurology has been in my mind for a long time, and whenever opportunity presented itself during the six months abroad before coming here, I discussed it with those likely to have opinions on it. I have been here long enough now to work out the details of such an undertaking at McGill.

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In spite of the very recent generosity of the Rockefeller Foundation to this University for the Department of Surgery, I do not hesitate to submit this plan to you as I presume that you are interested in Neurology, and it has been impossible for me to formulate this scheme earlier.

The Institute as planned would continue to form an integral part of the Royal Victoria Hospital without losing contact with general medicine and surgery, but with concentration of all the methods of treatment and investigation of neurological cases. At the same time the laboratory of the Institute would form a common meeting ground for Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry. I believe that we have personnel sufficient to start the undertaking now.

This project meets with the entire approval of Dean Martin. I preferred, however, to present it to you entirely on its merits.

Will you give me an appointment to discuss this matter?

Respectfully yours,

Wilder Penfield.

WGP/HL.