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My dear Cushing,

Your letter of August 9th was forwarded to me in Europe, and reached me shortly before I sailed. I have just returned, and am referring it to Penfield, who will perhaps do better than I can in an explanation of the objects and ideals of the Institute.

Meanwhile, I might just say that the Institute is intended to cover both Neurology and Neuro-surgery. To it are attached both medical and surgical members of the staff, and one of our psychiatrists is to do some research work in his own field.

The Institute will control its own neuro-pathological material without going through the Department of Pathology, but it is fully expected that the Department of Pathology will co-operate whenever necessary.

I am sorry that there are no printed pamphlets with respect to the objects and purposes of the Institute. Of course, I might say in general that the Institute came into being through the fact that Penfield was here on the ground. When he was first called to Montreal we had no idea of such an ambitious project, and it was only when later on the possibility of losing him arose (because of the fact that there was no Institute here) that we busied ourselves trying to gather the funds necessary to meet his wishes.

We all of us believe most heartily in the closest co-operation between any specialty and the general larger fields, and we also feel that it would be disastrous if the specialty of Neurology and Neuro-surgery were isolated in any way from the Hospital and College work. For this reason we are endeavouring in our plans to ensure this co-operation in the closest possible way.

There is, of course, quite naturally a feeling among some of the members of the Faculty that too much money has been given to one specialty, but when you realize that this money was collected without in any way involving University expenditure, and that it is self-supporting, there should

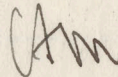
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not be any ground for such a criticism. The only thing to hope for now is that monies may be available in the future (I am afraid the distant future), and that the other departments will acquire sufficient funds to meet their own worthy ambitions.

Hoping that this preliminary center may be of some use to you, and looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'C. M. Dean', written in a cursive style.

DEAN.