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Dr. Wilder Penfield,
730 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Penfield:

I would have written you before this if I had had anything quite definite to say, for we had a Medical Board meeting early in the month. The Board were unanimous in the approval as regards your appointment, and there is no doubt that they will recommend strongly to the Board of Governors that you should be appointed to our staff. On the other hand Dr. Martin suggested with regard to our expectations concerning a consultant appointment to the Montreal General Hospital, that it would be well to place the whole matter before a meeting of a committee of seven representatives from both hospitals, which has lately been established in conjunction with the University. This meeting was to have been held some time this month, but has not yet occurred. In the meantime I got lumbago, which has cost me about two weeks of absence and I have just got back. The combined hospital meeting will be, I think, a strong step in the direction of some sort of a position in the General Hospital, and this will make a special appeal to the University. There will remain, of course, the question of financing the money, and I am only awaiting the approval of this committee meeting to approach our Governors and talk finance to them. I shall let you know immediately I have any news for you.

I would like very much to see you arrive next March or April if that proves possible. In the meantime Mrs. Archibald and I do hope that you will bring Mrs. Penfield up shortly and we would suggest the end of next week or the beginning of the following one. Our eldest daughter is sailing for Europe next Wednesday, and it could hardly be before then as there is a lot to do in getting her ready, and the last few days are precious; but we shall be here from the Thursday on, and your room will be ready for you any day. I trust it will not be too late for Mrs. Penfield.

I have, by the way, two tumours in at the moment, and a little while ago I had a Royle operation. I think well of the amount of available material.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Archibald

P.S. See you - Boston Oct 13 -