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MONTREAL

October 19th,  
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Dr. Wilder Penfield,  
Presbyterian Hospital,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Penfield:

Just a word to make a progress report, and to express the hope that Mrs. Penfield will still be able to come up for a week-end.

I have done a good deal of talking about you, and I think everything is settled on the medical side. I have spoken to two of the prominent governors on the financial side of it, and they seemed sympathetic, but I have yet to see the President. I have been laid up for over a week and shall be for the balance of this week, with shingles.

The General Hospital people will, I think, be glad, from what they say, to welcome you and probably make you a consultant and give you all the practical support possible, but it has not yet been brought before their Executive Board as a matter to be voted upon and passed. We have hardly yet got into our stride in the session. As soon as I am better I shall push things forward.

In case I should find difficulty <sup>which is not likely</sup> in raising the financial guarantee, which amounts, I understand, to \$17,000 or \$18,000, do you think that the Rockefeller people will be at all likely to come across? And would it do any harm if you sounded them out provisionally in this sense? That would have to be absolutely informal and strictly on your own, because, if it should come to that, I fancy the Dean and myself would prefer to do our own begging. For my own part I would put it on the basis of a yearly contribution for five years, rather than a permanent endowment from which one would use the interest.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

E. Archibald

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Loid Palmer was writing  
I would not like full time  
but should like half time which  
Rockel might prefer to remain  
to office at Hof x lab as well