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Dr. Wilder Penfield,
Riverdale, N. Y.

My dear Penfield:

Glad to get your letter. The pain is nearly gone, and I started work yesterday.

As to the Rockefeller business, I would certainly go slow on that. We don't want to accept a full-time plan for you. We might, at most, accept a half-time plan, but if it comes to opening negotiations with the Rockefeller people I would ask them first to pay for your full-time assistant - say \$4,000. The financial side of it, however, must wait until the whole thing is laid before our Board of Governors, and I did not want to do that until I should get some assurance from the General Hospital people concerning what position and support they would be willing to give you. That meeting will be held very shortly. In the meantime I can tell you that from conversations with the leading men at the General, they are all for you; indeed are quite enthusiastic, and if I don't look out will take you entirely away from the Royal Victoria, or at least demand an equal share in you. I consider it practically certain that you will be given an indefinite appointment at the General Hospital, and that the bulk of the private neurological work there will go to you. Your headquarters would, of course, be at the Royal Victoria, and you would operate at the R.V.H. on all your private cases. It would very possibly be open to you to operate also on public cases at the General Hospital, exclusive of traumatic cases. In any case I feel sure of the hearty support of the General men. Under these circumstances I have little doubt that you would soon be making a very reasonable income.

I think you had better not go and see Pearce at present. Wait until we see what we can do here.

I am counting absolutely on your bringing Cone with you for as long as he is willing to stay, and I am expecting to raise \$4,000 for him. Would he be satisfied with that amount?

I begin to feel that you are not going to bring Mrs. Penfield up for that week-end. If possible I would like you to come up again, either with or without Mrs. Penfield, in the course of the next few weeks, in order to meet our Governing Board, and also the medical men of the General Hospital. I

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shall give you plenty of notice, but if Mrs. Penfield can come soon, you may come at any time, - as soon as you like.

Mrs. Archibald sends her best.

Yours always,

Edward Archibald

P.S.- Thanks for your reprint on encapsulated tumours. I had already read it when published. It is very good.

*What I said about the fee. step is confidential.
I may be counting too much anyway on their
unofficial promises of support, as there are some
others to be consulted. But the two chief surgeons,
& Mackay are all for you; & they count for a lot.*