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Dear Dr. Archibald,

A I wrote you a rather hurried note last night telling you of Dr. Cone's willingness to come to Montreal. If there is any question about our ability to swing this project up there I think we should let him know now before he has burnt all his bridges and as I wrote you last night it would be well if it is a possible thing to increase his stipend as you suggested. The promise of doing this at the end of the first year would perhaps do. You will know what is best about this.

A I have had to discuss a good many things with Dr. Martin which should really have been taken up directly with you. My plan is roughly as follows: Before the first of March we shall do up a number of specimens, sections and various things from the laboratory and send them to the Royal Victoria Hospital in care of Dr. Meakin. I thought perhaps you would be willing to have them stored in one of the rooms which are to be used for the laboratory. On the second and third of March I expect to go to Philadelphia to look over Dr. Frazier's and Dr. Grant's equipment and pick up all the ideas I can. On the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of March Grant and I are going to be in Baltimore watching Dandy. On the 9th and 10th I expect to be in Boston to get final suggestions from Cushing, and especially from Bailey, who as you know is going in June to the University of Chicago, to do the neurological surgery there. On the 12th and 13th of March I thought I would be in Montreal. There will be some things with regard to the laboratory and probably surgical instruments, that might well be done before next fall and I am very anxious to talk to you about many things. In the two weeks preceding my arrival in Montreal I hope to crystalize ideas about equipment. We shall sail from New York on the S.S. America on the 21st of March and have made reservations on the S.S. Montrose to leave Antwerp September 12th arriving in Montreal about September 20th.

... I sever my connection with the Presbyterian on the first of March. If you can start the salary guarantee arrangement in March as you suggested and then begin again the first of October I shall put in a full month in March and the latter part of September on the work of arranging things for the clinic. It would be a great help if I could have it before sailing. The only

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arrangement that I was able to make with the Rockefeller Foundation was to apply for a fellowship. I have been informally told that this will be granted although I have not received official notification as yet. At all events, I am paying completely for my passage over and back today and will simply have to swing it one way or another because I am sure that I shall get work which is very much worth while and which is quite to the point right now. You may say that that is not logical reasoning. I have always gone on the basis, that when the development of my work required a certain thing it was possible to do that thing. So far this lack of logic has been justified.

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I plan to have Cone organize the laboratory which will leave me free for clinical organization. The Montreal General has practically no instruments for neurological surgery and those that they have are very badly chosen. I wonder if they have considered the necessity of getting instruments and either buying or altering its table for neurosurgery. I was delighted with many of the instruments that you have selected but did not see a table that was high enough or had room enough underneath for a cerebellar table. I can talk all this over with you in March. I am awfully glad that you are back, if you really are back. It would have taken at least six years to develop any other man to fill the position that Cone is capable of. It is going to be great sport to try to build up a neurosurgical clinic now.

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Hoping you had a very good trip West and got the rest that you deserved,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Edward Archibald,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

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which Cone
is capable.