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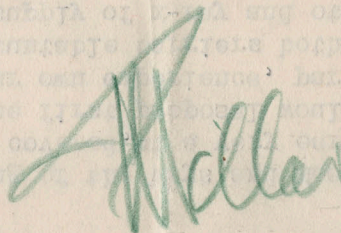
I have your letter of December 14th concerning contemplated extensions to your Institute.

2. Dr. Cathcart and myself are fully seized of the necessity of making some further arrangements in the Montreal district for the care and treatment of neurosurgical cases arising from casualties of the present war.

3. I can promise you that we will have a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee in this Department, on how best the situation can be covered, at a very early date. It is obvious that the structure you contemplated in the first proposal would be the ideal solution of the present difficulties, but from our own experience, particularly during the past year, I have to visualize almost insurmountable barriers both with the Controller of building materials and particularly with the supply of x-ray and other special hospital equipment -- I may say that we, in this Department, have been trying to get two Modest X-ray Installations ever since last Spring for two new additions to our hospitals in Canada, and so far we have not been granted a priority rating sufficiently high to permit the vendors to supply the machines.

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4. However, some steps will have to be taken to relieve the situation in Montreal, and I assure you that we will give the matter very careful attention as to how best the situation can be met.



Ross Millar, M.D.,
Medical Assistant Deputy Minister.

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