



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA

January 19th, 1943.

Dear Dr. Penfield,

During the past few days I have seen Ian Mackenzie once again, and also talked at some length with Allan Magee regarding the matter of the proposed extension to the Montreal Neurological Institute.

If we are to succeed in achieving anything in this matter, I think it important that we should submit a clear and comprehensive statement showing the extent to which the Institute is at present congested, and indicating clearly that we cannot, without such a proposed extension, adequately deal with any additional cases coming from the Armed Services. In view of the fact that there is also a proposal that the government erect a four-hundred bed military hospital, I think it would be appropriate to submit a second memorandum setting forth in clear detail the fact that the equipment of appropriate wards in such a new hospital to deal with neurosurgical cases would involve a total expenditure greatly in excess of that envisaged for the extension of the Neurological Institute. If you agree with this proposal I hope that you will be willing to draft the two memoranda in question, since you are much more familiar with the facts than anyone else. I should appreciate it if you would telephone me when you get back to Montreal, and let me know your opinion about the whole thing.

With best personal wishes to you meanwhile,

I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dr. Wilder Penfield,  
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