

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR  
F. CYRIL JAMES



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McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Dear Dr. Penfield,

I am attaching herewith a copy of a letter which I have just received from Mr. Alexander Ross, the Deputy Minister of National Defence, in regard to the per diem scale of charges for service patients who are to be treated in the Annex now being constructed alongside the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Mr. Ross and I had agreed over the telephone that this matter should be tackled by a small committee, consisting of yourself and Dr. Meakins from the University, and one or two experts from the Department of National Defence, but as you will see from this letter Mr. Ross wishes to have a more extended statement from me on the general nature of our proposals before such a committee gets down to work.

Would it be possible for you, in consultation with Dean Meakins, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, to study the various points that are raised by Mr. Ross in his letter and let me have by the early part of next week a memorandum on which I could base my reply to him? It would seem to me that he is confusing the Neurological Institute with other veterans' hospitals and also ignoring the fact that the Montreal Neurological Institute is not a profit making institution, but that our charges for patients in that institute exclude all costs of building maintenance, research activity, etc.

In any case you will appreciate these problems more vividly than I do and I hope that you will make your memorandum as comprehensive as possible, in order that I may be able to cover in my reply all of the points that Mr. Ross raises.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, and with best personal wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dr. Wilder Penfield.

Copy to Dean Meakins