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Dr. Wilder Penfield,  
Director,  
Montreal Neurological Institute.

Dear Dr. Penfield:

I have been thinking about your two conferences with Dr. Cobb, and I am inclined to think now that it would be desirable to appoint a psychological technician who would be capable of giving routine tests, including the Rorschach and Thematic Apperception Test (both "personality" tests) as well as intelligence tests. This person should, I suggest, be available for routine consultation on any of your patients at the MNI, not alone for those being studied as part of the temporal-lobe research. In this way, she (presumably a female) would obtain a better background of neurological experience by which to evaluate the results of tests with the temporal-lobe group; and also, I would suppose, there would be no need to have her put full time on this group, at least for the present.

I would suggest also that she be put under the supervision of Dr. Milner at first, but with the understanding that her first duty would be to obtain such Rorschach and other data as Dr. Caragula (right spelling?) needs for her psychiatric appraisal of the patients. By some such means as this, it seems, good liaison might be obtained.

I might add that the conferences were very valuable from my own point of view. This is most exciting work, clearly breaking new ground. As you know, I'm not much of a localization-of-function man, so I hope that Herb Jasper's hypothesis of amygdaloid-area function can be kept in mind as well as your funnelling-through hypothesis, wherever the two ideas might have different implications. But the main thing is, how exciting the whole work is: more power to your elbow!

Yours, as ever,

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cc. Dr. Jasper