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Mr. D. L. Thomson, Dean
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Dear Dean Thomson:

About a month ago I wrote Dr. Wilder Penfield to tell him that the proposal he and his colleague Dr. Theodore Rasmussen submitted to the Foundation under its mental health program was still under consideration. The officers and staff of the Foundation have now had a further opportunity to review the proposal together with the recommendations of our Advisory Group in this field. Now that we are taking official action I am writing to tell you that the Foundation cannot support their application.

As you perhaps know, the response to our announcement of this program was extensive. The Foundation is gratified at the large number of proposals received and is most interested to learn further of current activities in the field of mental health. You will recall from our announcement that "persons and institutions considering application are asked to note that the Foundation expects to support only a few programs in the indicated areas." I am sorry we cannot spread our support in the field more widely and I am sure you will appreciate that a certain number of meritorious proposals must necessarily be rejected.

I am grateful to you for your interest in this program and I am sorry our reply cannot be favorable.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph M. McDaniel Jr
Secretary

Copies to Dr. Wilder Penfield and
Dr. Theodore Rasmussen

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