

October 23rd, 1959

Sir Henry Dale, Chairman,
The Wellcome Trust,
52 Queen Anne Street,
London, W.1,
England.

Dear Sir Henry:

You will remember, perhaps, that I wrote to you on the 23rd of August in regard to the possibility of the establishment of a scheme for exchange fellowships. I am glad that you and Dr. Green have now been able to visit the Montreal Neurological Institute and to meet my associates: Rasmussen, Elliott, Jasper, McNaughton and Feindel. Let me outline tentatively our conception of the scheme, hoping that you or Dr. Green will amend it as seems best before submission to the Wellcome Trustees.

It is our desire, and our urgent need as shown over a twenty-five-year period, to be able to send men for special work in basic science and neurology to Great Britain and also to bring scientists or clinicians for periods of work from Great Britain to the Institute. Establishment of the Fellowships described below would help greatly to meet this need, and would continue a relationship which has been such a productive stimulus to us in the past:

THE WELLCOME TRUST EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS IN NEUROLOGY.

Holders of this fellowship are to be nominated by the Director of the Montreal Neurological Institute. The nomination should then be forwarded to the Wellcome Trust for consideration and confirmation.

Exchange Fellows may be divided into two types:

A. Wellcome Trust Neurological Fellows.

These individuals are to be drawn from some institution of learning or healing in Great Britain for a limited period of work or study in the Montreal Neurological Institute. By special agreement, an exceptional candidate may be drawn from

elsewhere, provided this seems to serve the ultimate purpose of these fellowships.

B. Wellcome Trust Neurological Travelling Fellows.

These individuals are to be drawn from the Montreal Neurological Institute for a limited period of work or study in Great Britain. These nominations will be submitted to the Dean of Medicine of McGill University for his approval before they are forwarded to the Wellcome Trust. By special agreement, an exceptional candidate may be drawn from elsewhere, or he may work elsewhere, provided this is judged to serve the ultimate purpose of these Fellowships.

The ultimate purpose of the Wellcome Trust Exchange Fellowships in Neurology is to promote the sympathetic exchange of knowledge and skill in the neurological sciences between Great Britain and Canada.

It is proposed that, during a trial period of five years, the Sterling equivalent of approximately \$5,000.00 be set aside annually, with additional allowance for travel as needed. There should be complete flexibility as to time of appointment and its duration, always provided the money remaining in the Exchange Fellowship Fund was not overdrawn. Thus senior holders of the Fellowship may receive a larger stipend for a shorter period and appointments may overlap.

If it is difficult to arrange for an indeterminate allowance for travel expense, perhaps the amount of the annual grant to the Exchange Fellowship Fund could be raised somewhat to a fixed level. Our belief is that these Fellowships will serve most usefully for senior rather than junior scientists. There are many more funds available for juniors than there are for seniors.

At the end of a trial period, it is our hope that the Wellcome Trustees will find this scheme worthy of permanent establishment.

Whatever decision the Trustees may come to in regard to this application, we want them to know that we appreciate deeply the great contribution the Trust has already made to medical research in Canada and throughout the world. We are grateful to you for the consideration that you and Dr. Green have already given to this project.

Yours sincerely,