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30th December, 1958

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

address O.K.

Dear Sir Henry,

I have just seen your letter of December 21st which you wrote to Elliott in regard to his application for project assistance in his laboratory of brain chemistry here at the Neurological Institute.

We have a permanent annual income of \$20,400.00 for the laboratory of brain chemistry which, as Dr. Elliott has pointed out in his letter, is a modest endowment. It came originally from William H. Donner of Philadelphia.

Allan Elliott gets more performance out of the small amount of money than anyone I know. I think he is apt to ask for too little, often. The delay, to which he refers in his letter to the Trustees of December 5th, finally ended in a refusal and has put him in an awkward position in regard to these assistants.

If there is any possibility of his receiving from the Wellcome Trust \$10,300.00 for which he makes application, I hope that he will be given favorable consideration.

We realize at McGill how generous the Wellcome Trust has been in our direction and we are most grateful to the Trustees. However, Elliott's work is sound, as I think you will agree, and it lies in the very field that would have interested Sir Henry Wellcome.

Dr. Rasmussen and I have made an effort to get the endowment of Elliott's laboratory doubled but so far without any success.

Yours very sincerely,

WP/mb

P-S I did not see Elliott's letter when it went out. No work is more highly prized here than his and his is the only laboratory for which we have created permanent endowment which is separate.