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Mrs. Madeleine Ottmann,
320, Park Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Mrs. Ottmann,

It has been my intention from time to time to let you know how the money which you gave for research in epilepsy is being spent.

Since we began working with this fund in July \$2281.00 has been spent. The largest items in this have been:

- A German photonicographic apparatus for \$950.00
- A slide cabinet. \$198.00
- For addition to the Laboratory library. \$296.00
- Expenses of two nurses to study details in other medical centers. \$450.00

I have put a nurse on half time on the pay-roll of the fund. She assists at the experimental operations, \$50.00 a month. A student is putting in all his spare time carrying out some special technical work at \$58.66 a month, and as you know, I gave a fellowship of \$1000.00 a year to a recent medical graduate under the name of The Ottmann Research Fellowship which comes out at \$83.00 a month.

The first lot of monkeys has just been received and is not included in this. The expenditure altogether from the fund for the month of October came to \$510.00.

Thus, you see, we are not letting the money lie idle but we are pushing ahead as fast as possible. It will be some time before we are sure of our results in the present undertaking, however.

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There is one expenditure which I have had in mind but feel that I should consult you about it first. That is a special piece of X-ray apparatus to be used for taking X-rays of the skull after air injection. There is at present no satisfactory machine made for this purpose, that is, no machine which will take plates from any angle without moving the patient. About half of the patients for whom this would be used would be suffering from epilepsy, and it would be most convenient also to use on patients with other conditions. I therefore cannot say that the money would go entirely for research in epilepsy, but it would be a distinct step forward for the treatment of such cases. I have had drawings and models made of the machine which we want and it can be attached, of course, to the X-ray plant at the Royal Victoria Hospital. The Hospital does not feel able to provide me with this new piece of equipment. According to the estimate which I have been given it will cost \$1700.00 but I presume that it may mount up to \$2000.00 before it is finished. Have I your permission to use between \$1700.00 and \$2000.00 of this fund for this purpose. It is my belief that it will become a piece of apparatus that every neurosurgical clinic will have to have, but it is necessary to demonstrate it first.

I have just had a long distance call from Dr. Geyelin and I have agreed to meet him in Boston on December 4th. I shall probably be in New York on December 2nd and 3rd and hope that I shall see you then. I hope that Hugh Auchincloss has treated you well and that you are out of the Hospital again now.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

WGP/HL.