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Dear Penfield:

I am glad that the misunderstanding regarding aid from the Foundation has been satisfactorily arranged.

Doctor Patten has I believe written you regarding our preferences in point of fellowships. I am quite aware of the advantages of some of these short visits on the part of younger men, but we have not at the present time taken on any activity of this kind.

Doctor Lambert tells me that he is expecting to hear from you that the laboratory is to be opened as of August 1. Such a notification would be necessary to start the procedure of the transfer of capital: cost of maintaining the laboratory would be at your expense after August 1st until the transfer of capital is made, and we need a notification from you in order to make that transfer promptly.

Your kind invitation to attend the opening ceremonies is the harder to resist for being personal, but it will probably be best for me to keep to the policy of devoting my time to the preparation of future grants and deny myself the pleasure of celebration of the present or recent past. Also the time of your opening is certain to be so busy a one that it would be only at the expense

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of other peoples' claims that I could get away.

When an opportunity to get to Montreal does present itself, however, you shall have evidence that I am much interested in the progress of your undertaking.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. I have just learned that the official letter of notification has been received from Chancellor Beatty.