



McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

INTER-DEPARTMENT
CORRESPONDENCE

July 5th, 1944.

Dear Dr. Penfield,

Harold Fetherstonhaugh telephoned me this morning to say that on the basis of the discussions with you yesterday afternoon he is hoping to formulate some reasonably clear ideas regarding the costs of construction of the proposed wing and also to find out the relative length of time that would be required for the construction of this wing as against the reconstruction of the Field House. He tells me that this information will be in my hands before the end of the present week.

In order that I may complete the dossier of information which I shall need to present this matter effectively to the Board of Governors, I should appreciate it very much indeed if you could let me have your estimates of the additional costs of operation, on an annual basis, that would be involved through this increase in the size of the Montreal Neurological Institute, together with your estimates of the increased revenue from patients that would be derived from the use of additional beds for service cases during the war, and for private or civilian patients after the war. I presume that the Royal Victoria Hospital would continue to operate the existing ward space and assume responsibility for the new wards, but that other space would be a direct cost to the University, so that the figures should perhaps be divided under these two headings.

I am sorry to have to ask for this information at such short notice but I assume that you have already given the matter a good deal of thought, and am anxious to bring matters to a head as speedily as possible.

With renewed good wishes to you, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dr. Wilder Penfield.