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Dr. Wilder Penfield,
730, Park Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Penfield,

I need not tell you how delighted I was to get Archibald's telegram, and your letter which followed.

Dr. Meakins is, of course, ready to let you have those rooms, even though it is, as you will understand, something of a sacrifice to give them over when he has them in prospect for some others; nevertheless, he, like the rest, is very anxious to have you here, and will, therefore, make them over.

On the other hand, on talking to Oertel yesterday, I found him much more amenable than I had realized, and I really believe, if it came to the scratch, you could have both of those rooms downstairs - at all events, the whole of the smaller room and two-thirds of the larger room. However, these things are not of any importance, and you certainly can have your choice.

So far as the Biological Building is concerned, I can quite understand that you only want to do experimental work on animals there, and we can easily arrange that to meet your wishes.

I notice with just a little bit of dismay - but only a very little - that you have raised the budget on maintenance of the laboratory. However, we intend to take care of that to the best of our ability and will meet your wishes, I hope in every respect.

You can also be sure of the equipment, which I suppose is going to be more expensive in view of the fact that you will be working in the Medical Clinic rather than in the Pathological Department, where they already have most of the things you will need. In any case, I quite agree with you that there is no use in descending to mediocrity in doing new work of this kind.

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So far as the animals are concerned, I think that you will find you will have no difficulty when we get properly organized with new members of the staff in other Departments. When Collip comes, and also Babkin - who, by the way, has accepted the position of Research Professor of Physiology, we will have that whole matter put on a very much better plane.

With regard to a room in the hospital for seeing private patients, I will have to bring that matter up de novo in order to see what can be done, but I do not quite understand your sentence which reads as follows:-

"That would keep me closer to the Clinic, and also mean that I could make up the amount of the salary guaranteed more quickly, not having office rent to pay."

Meakins wondered if you meant that we were guaranteeing a sum of \$10,000.00 over and above your office and living expenses? I told him that I did not think so, and that I thought you might, perhaps, have made an error in the last part of that sentence.

I may say that we have been very successful in getting a good deal of money, and there will be no trouble about the guarantee.

I spoke to Sir Arthur Currie to-day, and found him very sympathetic. It will be a mere matter of form for him to bring the matter before the Board of Governors, and he will very shortly write you the letter for which you ask, and make very definite statements according to the lines which you have suggested. You will perhaps know later what your plans are with respect to March or September, and we can arrange accordingly.

The technique of your call will be as follows:- The University will, first of all, extend to you a call as Clinical Professor of Neurological Surgery, and with this will go the position of Surgeon to the Hospital in charge of Neurological Surgery. The General Hospital will then state exactly what position they are prepared to offer you there, and that will complete the whole matter.

Before closing this formal letter, let me just add that we are all delighted beyond measure that you are coming, and can assure you of the heartiest cooperation of all the members of the staff.

With kind regards, believe me

Very cordially yours,

C. H. Martin