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Dear Dr. Meakins,

We are sending off a good deal of stuff from the laboratory here. It has been addressed to me in your care, University Clinic, Royal Victoria Hospital. I should have asked you before, but I hope that you will be able to spare a corner of one of the rooms to store these things in. Most of the stuff is coming by freight, this need not be touched but merely stored. On the other hand there is a barrel which is coming by express. This barrel contains about thirty brains. They are packed in sea moss and will stay in good condition for a few days. However, as soon as they arrive they should be removed from the barrel and placed in 10% formalin.

I have ordered four large crocks to be sent thinking you might not have available large receptacles. But in case they do not arrive in time, I wonder if you could have the brains removed and put in to crocks of some sort containing 10% formalin. Each brain is tied up in a gauze handkerchief and securely labeled. Therefore, they can be put together in large containers. They are rather valuable. There are twenty odd hydrocephalus brains which I am anxious to finish working up and other things that are of interest to us, although they have no intrinsic value.

I shall be up to Montreal before sailing but not in time to supervise the unpacking of the barrel. I am quite sure Dr. Young would be glad to provide 10% of the commercial formalin, that is, about 4% formaldehyde is what they should go in to. Preferably Merck's formalin, but any other may be used if you do not happen to have this.

I hope that these things will not be too much trouble.

Very sincerely yours,

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