

Montreal Neurological Institute; Federal
assistance

3. The Prime Minister, referring to the discussion at the meeting of February 12th, reported that the Director of the Montreal Neurological Institute was being granted an interview at which he would probably request the government for a grant of \$40,000 a year for five years in support of the research programme of the Institute, which was likely otherwise to suffer seriously.

4. The Minister of Reconstruction and Supply reported that it would be difficult to provide a grant through the National Research Council without changing substantially the nature of the Council's operations in the field of medical research, which had been, hitherto, of a rather limited nature confined primarily to provision of scholarships.

5. The Minister of National Health and Welfare suggested that, should the government proceed with a programme of grants to private institutions for medical research, the medical division of the Department of National Health and Welfare should be made responsible for advising the government on requests received and should set up an interdepartmental committee for consultation with the National Research Council and other appropriate bodies and agencies in this connection.

6. The Cabinet, after further discussion, deferred decision pending the Prime Minister's interview with the Director of the Institute.

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