

February 14th, 1953

Dr. R.S. Morison,  
Rockefeller Foundation,  
49 West 49th Street,  
New York City, N.Y.  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Morison:

I hope you will accept this letter as an application for a three-year grant-in-aid of a project of investigation at the Montreal Neurological Institute under the title of "Neurological, Psychiatric and Psychological Studies of the Function of the Temporal Lobe," or, for the sake of brevity, "Temporâl Lobe Studies."

This investigation would be carried out under the dual direction of Dr. Herbert Jasper and myself. He is adding to this a tentative outline of the budget needed for this project and the rôle to be played by those who would be financed by the grant.

Dr. Stanley Cobb has recently come to Montreal to review the possibilities of this project. He would be glad to function as consultant with recurring visits.

Dr. Lawrence Kubie has also studied our patients and would perhaps be willing to help when and if his advice is needed, although he has not been approached in this regard. He would, however, be able to give you an unprejudiced opinion of the significance of this material in the field of psychiatry.

Something over three years remain to me on active duty. It is possible that I may decrease my operative work before that time or might retire from the Directorship.

Dr. William Feindel and Dr. John Hanbery are well qualified to carry on this type of neurosurgical work, as well as Dr. Lamar Roberts, and we hope to keep all three of these able neurosurgeons here.

I am enclosing two reprints on the Mechanism of Memory which gives an indication of the amazing role the temporal lobe plays in the field of the intellect.

Dr. R.S. Morison

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The psychiatric abnormalities of temporal lobe epileptics are sketched, in first outline, in the book (Epilepsy and the Functional Anatomy of the Human Brain) which Jasper and I have written and which is now in the hands of publishers.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

WGP/AD