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Deutschland
May 14, 1928.

Dear Don Pio:

You will be surprised to hear from me on this side of the Atlantic but I have come over here for six months study and on our return to America we will move to Montreal Canada. I am so sorry that we can not come Madrid as Mrs. Penfield and I remember with great pleasure our friends in Madrid.

I have undertaken to write edit a book on "Cytology of the Central Nervous System, Normal and Pathological." I had hoped that you would write two Chapters. Is that too much? One Chapter on Microglia and one on the epiphysis. The first would be both normal and pathological, the second would be only normal structure as Bailey will write on the tumors of the epiphysis. The Publishers will translate both chapters as the whole book will be in English. You might use some of the illustrations that have appeared previously if that would make the task any easier.

Very little is known in general about your excellent work on the Epiphysis and none can do it so well as you can. With regard to ~~xxx~~ microglia your fame has gone through the world and I think that, as a pupil of yours, I can claim some of the credit for that for I have sung your praise in both English and German. Chapters 1, 4, 8, and 9 have already appeared in Cowdry's "Special Cytology" which has just been published. The ~~three~~ ^(1, 8, 9) sections will be rewritten. My Section (4) included all of the interstitial cells. I will remove microglia from it in case you agree to write that part, and I should like to remove astrocytes also if Cajal will consent to ^{do} that part. My section would then include only oligodendroglia. Therefore if you feel you can only do one Chapter it would be better to do the one on The epiphysis.

The manuscripts should reach me by November 15, 1928. There will be a small royalty paid to the authors the size of which must depend on the sale of the book. Those writing two sections would of course ^{receive} twice as much but it will be a small amount in any case I fear.

What do you think of the outline? Can you suggest any one to write on -Papilloedema or the hypophysis or tumors of the sympathetic? Please write me at once whether or not you will undertake these Chapters. Possibly some letters have gone astray but I have never received a letter from you since the one you wrote to me in Paris and a postcard from Toledo. I have received letters freely from other people in Spain. I have received none of your reprints though I have sent mine to you. I am sending this letter registered so that I will know whether or not it is received. Please write to me at once. I do hope you will do both Chapters but in the name of friendship I ask you to send me some answer.

Mrs. Penfield joins me in sending best wishes and greetings
to your family and yourself sincerely yours

Wilder Penfield