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Sr. Bon Pic del Rio-Hortega, Conde de Aranda 4, Madrid, Spain.

My dear Professor del Rio-Hortega:

Last summer our mutual friend, Dr. Penfield of New York, wrote to me that there might be a possibility of your coming to this country. I immediately wrote him that I should be most keenly interested in having you join our group of workers at the Johns Hopkins University. I have in my department in the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital a neurological laboratory, all the facilities of which I should be delighted to put at your disposal, and I feel that I could obtain funds to the extent of \$3600.00 or \$3800.00 per year for your personal compensation. Dr. Penfield made it clear to me that it was very largely the possibility of getting adequate autopsy material that would attract you to our country. On this score I feel that it will not be too difficult to make arrangements with neighboring hospitals to procure excellent material in this direction. I also believe that it would be of the utmost interest to subject to careful histological study the material

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which can be derived from our experimental studies of circulation of the cerebro-spinal fluid which is being undertaken in connection with the studies of epilepsy. Your very remarkable study of neuroglia could hardly be promoted along more interesting lines. I really believe that the atmosphere of Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, and the possibilities of finding students, and of teaching, could make happy and worth while attractions to you, and I can hardly express the extent to which I personally should value having associated with us a man of your attainments and interest.

It may be that Professor Ramon y Cajal may remember meeting me at Clark University, Wooster, Massachusetts, where I was pathologist of the State Hospital for Mental. Diseases. When my institute was opened I had hoped to be able to induce Professor Ramon y Cajal to honor us with his presence. I greatly regret that he felt unable to accept our invitation. I can assure you in behalf of my colleagues that you would find here a cordial reception and an unusually attractive field of work. Would you be good enough to let me know under what conditions it might FORM 902 20M 7-24

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be possible for you to accept this invitation. You may write in Spanish, and I hope your reply will be favorable to our hopes that you may join us in our work.

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Believe me with my sincerest regards

Very truly yours,

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