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Dr Bjeland

The charge for these 5
pat's drawings is \$68-

I'm not even able to
locate the first bunch yet
but will continue to look
If you wish to mail a
check. My address is

126-168 Street
Hazel Crest, Ill.

Thanks.

If there are charges let me
know & I'll be glad to
make them

J. McIntosh

paid Oct. 46

Dear Dr Szilard:

As I remember I always have turned to you when I had a problem too large to solve alone. I have such a problem now. With your experience & contacts I hold your opinion in the highest esteem even tho it may be out of your field somewhat.

My wife is suffering the presence of carcinoma in her right lower jaw & possibly in her right rear lobe of her head just back of the ear. The extent has not been fully determined. She is attended by the Los Angeles County Tumor Board, who will no doubt prescribe barium injections. Since there were in effectual in her recovery of a breast tumor & removal a year ago. I am not reconciled to the treatment. I can if necessary furnish more thorough information. I hope privately that if I can prolong her life a year or two more science may be able to furnish a clue to a cause & cure.

If you can suggest any course of action better than what I have available I will be most grateful.

Sincerely, James A. Medford

5650 Ellis Avenue
September 24 1951

Mr. James A. McIntosh
951 La Alameda Avenue
San Pedro, California

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

I have your letter and was very sorry to hear about your wife's illness. I do not know of any new medical treatment that could be applied to secondary tumors (metastases) except that doctors occasionally use x-rays or radium on such tumors in order to alleviate a patient's condition, particularly when the secondary tumor becomes very large and presses on other organs or causes pain.

The trouble is that in most cases when secondary tumors appear there may be a number of them and not all of them are accessible to treatment. In hopeless cases and when there is intractable pain, some hospitals will now sometimes perform a simple brain operation called prefrontal lobotomy, which completely relieves the patient suffering from pain.

I do not know of any really promising lead to the cure of cancer which might offer hope that within a short period of time a cure might become possible.

I am very sorry that I cannot give you any good news in this respect.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,
Leo Szilard