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Dear Dr. Everett,

I obtained your address through the kindness of Prof. Wheeler, who suggested that I directly ask your opinion on what I believe to be a crucial question concerning the "Everett & no-longer-Wheeler" (if I understood correctly!) interpretation of Qu. Mech.

The question is one of terminology: to my opinion there is but a single (quantum) world, with its universal wave function. There are not "many worlds", no "branching", etc., except as an arte-fact due to insisting once more on a classical picture of the world. This idea is developed in greater details in pp. 184-185 of the enclosed preprint.

Your comments on this point, and other ideas in this paper, would be much appreciated, as well as any recent work of yours on these questions.

Sincerely yours.

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