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Dear Doug,

Thanks for your letter of May 15 soliciting comments about the Institute for Theoretical Physics program. It looks good. Some day down the line, not next year, I would propose a working group on the quantum theory of measurement and on the question "from what deeper foundation can we some day look to deriving quantum mechanics?".

Hugh Everett III who did that fascinating Everett interpretation of quantum mechanics and who ought to be got back into it to go on with it has written me indicating that he might conceivably get free to spend a period at the Institute. I have written Bryce DeWitt about this and believe that it has real possibilities for quite fruitful interactions.

I hope to be at Wilmington August 28 and 29 and if by good fortune you were there at the same time I would find it a joy to see you again. Best to you and Dianne.

Sincerely,

John Archibald Wheeler

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cc: Prof. Bryce DeWitt

bc: Dr. Everett