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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is a report on my fellowship activities for the year, 1955 - 56. I deeply regret any inconvenience the delay may have caused you. Last summer I believed completion of the requirements for my Ph.D. was imminent, so I put off submitting a report until I could write a more complete one. Unfortunately, receiving my Ph.D. was not quite so imminent as I had supposed (it has just recently occurred), and the matter of writing a report was forgotten. Please accept my most humble apologies.

Sincerely yours,

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Report on Fellowship Activity for 1955 - 1956

During the year of 1955 - 56, no formal course work was undertaken officially, but of course I sat in on a number of lectures and seminars. Most of my time was devoted to my thesis on the foundations of quantum mechanics. This work was essentially completed by April, 1956, and sent to my thesis adviser, Professor J. A. Wheeler, who was in Holland at the time. The remainder of the fellowship year was then devoted to extending the results of my work on recursive games (which will appear sometime this summer in Contributions to the Theory of Games, Vol. III, Princeton University Press).

Upon the termination of my fellowship year I joined the staff of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, which does operations research for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of Defense, where I am currently employed. Shortly thereafter, Professor Wheeler informed me that he felt some of the wording of my thesis could lead to misunderstandings and advised a careful revision of the wording, with which I agreed. He suggested that first a condensed version be written for publication, and this was accomplished in February, 1957. This condensed version was then accepted as my thesis, and I passed my final oral examination April 23, 1957.

An abstract of my thesis is enclosed, and its publication is scheduled for the July issue of Reviews of Modern Physics.

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