

*Earth* *for science?*  
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Dear Allen:

This is to ask if you have any objection to my attending the International Conference on Theoretical Physics, Seattle, September 17-21, the return engagement for the conference held at Japan for which I helped get money and at which I served as a Vice President of the International Union. I expect to be back in Princeton the morning of September 11, and understand Physics 103 begins September 24. I realize that there will be busy days in the interim preparing for the course but I am so impressed with the wonderful job done by McIntosh, Treiman and Gerhart in the past that I trust this plan would not present serious difficulties. I particularly want to have serious talks with the individual instructors well before the course begins.

Eugene arranged on his own initiative some time ago about part payment of travel by me, but I had been dubious about going until very recently when I discovered that the university begins a week later than I had expected.

I just received a letter from Miss Farlee asking if I would go again Sept. 20 to the Orange Key group as I had gone with pleasure last fall. If you conclude it is appropriate for me to go to Seattle instead, would you tell her so?

After a first review in Copenhagen of Everett's Thesis in its present only partly satisfactory second draft, I have urged him to do and struggle it out in person with Bohr for a few weeks. I would like to see the thesis reach a form where it will be accepted for publication in the Danish Academy. I think his very original ideas are going to receive wide discussion. I am insistent that the bugs be got out before it gets published, not afterwards. Since the strongest present opposition to some parts of it comes from Bohr, I feel that acceptance in the Danish Academy would be the best public proof of having passed the necessary tests. Because of my feeling of the importance of this mutual agreement before publication, I am contributing \$ 260 towards Everett's travel out of my very small Elementary Particle Research Fund.

Best regards.  
Sincerely,

(John A. Wheeler)

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