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Dear Wheelers:

Two years ago the Everett family enjoyed our first visit to Texas with you. One year ago I attempted to convey our gratitude for this visit in a letter never sent, but then we saw you at the Misner's upon receiving your honorary degree at U. of Md.

Now we are writing to ~~express our enthusiasm~~ say how much we enjoyed the PBS Einstein show, March 13, hosted by you, Peter U., and the Texas U. physics Department! I would think everyone would be most pleased with how it came out and hope that it will be aired on commercial television in the future to reach more viewers.

Everyone should see it! We thought the models and experiments were excellent as was the manner of presentation as though the viewer were being taken on an informal, personal tour. Hugh wants to know if this marks the start of a new show business career?

There are two things about Hugh that perhaps need clearing up. One is, tho it appears he plays hard-to-get by refusing to corresnd, the truth is, he feels the written word is totally inadequate in comparison to a one-to-one converstaion. This is why the meeting at Austin two years ago with Bryce DeWitt, the young Britishers, and others was such a great thing for him to participate in.

Secondly, in line with the above thought, Hugh's refusal to comment on other's papers in same area of study is not instigated by contrariness, but because he feels again that he could not do such works justice by making one-sided random comments. He is more than willing to meet such people personally. (if the price is right,.)

Indeed, Hugh has been known to atleast try to reach persons on the phone. In fact, he tried to reach you one night after the Einstein program. But you were not in Texas. Perhaps making up your U. of Md. appearance of February which must have been snowed out?

Far from being totally unconcerned, Hugh may even feel some gratification to be receiving a small measure of recognition for work done under your counsel. Lets.see - one fellow, Paul Benioff, I think, Hugh tried to contact over a year ago, but it was near Thanksgiving vacation, and I don't believe they ever did get together. Another fellow sent a page from his book on Human Values (enclosed) referring to Hugh Everett's thesis as "almost as a fitting tribute to Einstein," which would be fun to read in a book! *New York call in March from?*

Now we read in Physics Today that even more is being done to expedite the flow and exchange of ideas what with the new Institute at Santa Barbara. (Hugh always thought Santa Barbara was a lovely spot.)

We also saw your editorial in Newsweek... are there some we have perhaps missed?

On a personal note, you are responsible for our Daughter Liz now being in Honolulu, Hawaii, trying to make a living in the radio-TV world. After her visit with her Army friend in Austin two years ago, she and Mark visited him in Hawaii a year ago, and then she desided to try living there as of the first of '79. She likes that climate.

Hugh's Travel Agency, mini-computer business, and condominium rental unit on St. Thomas continue to keep us all busy. He is enjoying creating accounting systems and relies heavily on the Radio Shack TRS-80 at present. Best wishes

and Congratulations again!

Sincerely,

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Prof. & Mrs. John A. Wheeler  
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Two years ago the Everett family enjoyed our first visit to Texas with you. One year ago I attempted to convey our gratitude for this visit in a letter never sent, but then we saw you at the Misner's upon <sup>your</sup> receiving your honorary degree at U. of Md.

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There are two things about Hugh that perhaps need clearing up. One is, tho it appears he plays hard-to-get by refusing to correspond, - the truth is, he feels the written word is totally inadequate in comparison to a one-to-one conversation. This is why the meeting at Austin two years ago with Bryce DeWitt, the young Britishers, and others was such a great thing for him to participate in.

Secondly, in line with the above thought, Hugh's refusal to comment on other's papers in same area of study is not necessarily instigated by contrariness, but because in most cases the intricate subject matter is not so easily dispensed with. He is happy to meet with such persons when mutually convenient. Indeed, Hugh has been known to even try to

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We also saw your editorial in Newsweek....are there some we have perhaps missed?

On a personal note, we want you to realize the part you have played in causing our daughter Liz to choose to live in Honolulu, Hawaii, making a living in the radio-TV world. After her visit with her Army friend in Austin two years ago, she and Mark visited him in Hawaii a year ago, and subsequently decided to move there the first of '79. She likes the climate.

In addition to his systems analyses operation, Hugh's side ventures including a Travel Agency, a mini-computer business, and condominium rental unit on St. Thomas continue to keep us all very busy. He is enjoying creating accounting systems and relies heavily on the new Radio Shack TRS-80 computer capacities (and amazing capabilities).

Talked with Susanne Misner and she sends birthday greetings to Jeanette. Best wishes and Congratulations again! Sincerely,  
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*sent to [unclear]*

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April 77 - Texas visit.

March 78

Dear Wheelers:

(even Easter)

Just a little late with our holiday season greeting.

Since we last forwarded some material to you (last summer) I have been wanting to correct what probably appeared to be an ~~antipathetic~~ attitude on my part atleast at the recent flurry of activity over ~~our~~ renewed interest in Hugh's Princeton thesis topic.

At the time, it was not clear to me why Hugh just couldn't write some quick acknowledgements to some of the mail, just as a matter of courtesy. In retrospect I better understand that the subject matter is not so easily dispensed with, and that while he is more than willing to sit down and talk with whomever on points of agreement/disagreement, etc., that it is most difficult to carry on a one-sided discourse via mail. One fellow, Paul Benioff, I think, Hugh even tried to contact by phone, but it was near Thanksgiving vacation, and I don't believe they ever did get together.

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This is all an explanation for my rather ~~curt~~ correspondence which I fear sounded ~~machinelike~~ as though Hugh was not concerned. ~~machinelike~~ and I were exactly I felt I was not wording what Hugh's real (?) thoughts were as eloquently as he can express himself, but I felt some explanation was due you and the letters forwarded to us by you. ~~In fact it is still gratifying to the~~ ~~email friends~~ ~~and we are now~~ ~~in a~~ ~~way~~ ~~that~~ ~~we~~ ~~will~~ ~~you~~ ~~adise~~

So, this is to say, I understand Hugh's reluctance to discuss this topic other than in person, and it is not because of unconcern. Indeed, he seems quite pleased that he is now receiving a small measure of recognition. One fellow recently sent a page from his book on Human Values (enclosed) referring to Hugh Everett's thesis as "almost as a fitting tribute to Einstein," which ~~xxm~~ will be fun to read in a book!

\* I felt I was not expressing Hugh's actual thoughts on the matter but didn't have too much of an inkling as to what they were. This is to assure you that we are most appreciative of everything you've done regarding the expediting the flow and exchange of ideas. The Austin get-together was really great! Also, you may have started something ~~xxm~~ going with our daughter Liz and her friend in the Army she visited in Austin. She and Mark visited him in Hawaii in February, and now she is seriously considering visiting him on a more permanent basis in June!

My letter writing hasn't improved much, but this will have to do.

- shagat  
Hawaii  
Jan. 79.

Hugh's Travel Agency has opened for business, so you can see, he is a man of several interests! We note that John Toll may become U. of Md. president. And I think Benedicte ~~graduates~~ graduates this year.

Have a good summer in Maine.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Hugh Everett

Who knows - it may be late  
The 3rd martine - lunch break.

Candidate for job opening  
- laid off with back problems

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supercilious

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antibody houses yielded two with anal fistula & 3 with

benignous (none basal) very odd induction onto behavioral level we would  
expect activities as of benzodiazepine receptors or galanin would suggest  
more primitive to yourself receptor and its function being one no substitute  
what seems more realistic although of doubtful behavior.

Dear Wheeler again - one year later -

Remember that I told you on 3/10/78 you are fit, quit eat all

the fast food etc. etc. so you can't complain about the function later. 3/22/78

just a note to say how much like myself the

PBS Einstein program March 13, hosted by you and  
Peter U. and Texas U. physicist Dept. We thought it  
very well done, especially the next models and as tho  
the names were patiently, personally being taken on a tour,

you are the best teacher I have ever seen. I think

3/27/78

Hugh is not one for letter correspondence - hence  
I never asked last year's letters with him - nor even sent it!  
However, he happened to me it him that he tried to call  
you on the phone one day last week - after a fellow  
from N.York, called & urged him in conversation on  
how Everett Heimler & why. - Since he was unable  
to reach you, I feel justified in sending this small  
Communication to you, on my behalf.

I believe you were shown out of your job. talk at U of Md?  
I think all bases covered since a no win political situation at

U of Md like this and your personal freedom within varied w/

a lot of, who has more or less control of money and whatnot. Everett I think  
is to be blamed with most of your own as informed sources to me  
very anti personally oriented which I had

which at present keep a small

silence

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