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Dear Hugh:

I will appreciate it if you will see if you agree with my enclosed reply to Stern's letter, which is also enclosed. In case you write more, I would appreciate it if you would send one carbon to Niels Bohr care of Aage Peterson and another carbon to me. But this long distance writing I for one find a very inefficient way of using my time to forward your work; discussion would be much more to the point. Hence my great hope that you will arrange to come.

From the tenor of the present discussions by others and from what I have written myself you will see that I have no escape from one sad but important conclusion: that your thesis must receive heavy revision of words and discussion, very little of mathematics, before I can rightfully take the responsibility to recommend it for acceptance. Moreover, I think it will be humanly impossible to come to agreement on all issues unless you and I are in the same place for several weeks, or unless you and Bohr and associates are in the same place for several weeks, or both. If you agree with this conclusion, I would like to hear from you what you think should be the next step.

As I have said before, I feel that your work is most interesting and am sure that it will receive discussion of a scope comparable to what has attended Bohm's publications. But in your case I must ask that the bugs be got out and the sources of misunderstanding be clarified before the job is made public, not afterwards. I hope you will realize that I mean this as what is called here your ''promoter'', and one actively interested in your reputation and promising future.

May I suggest you show this correspondence (Stern to me, me to Stern



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and me to you) to Professor Dicke or Hamilton or Treiman or Wightman, preferably to two out of the four, and get further advice from them. I believe you should struggle this out in Copenhagen now, not wait and let things cool until my return in the fall. You cannot expect to meet all objections and clarify all obscurities without the fullest opportunity to meet strong and well informed opposition.

Sincerely,

John Wheeler
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