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*Wheeler*

*Department of Physics*

January 30, 1976

Professor John A. Wheeler  
Department of Physics  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Professor Wheeler:

Your visit to the university last week was a very enjoyable experience for all of us here. Enclosed is a voucher which I hope is sufficient to cover the travel expences you incurred. If the amount is not sufficient please let me know.

Since your visit I have discussed various possibilities with Dean Olum and Vice-President Sutton. Dean Olum will be calling you early next week to consult with you further concerning the details. I am very hopeful that we will be able to provide the support and other essentials of an offer you will find attractive.

I have attached a list of telephone numbers should you wish to contact any of the individuals whom you met during your visit. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Again, let me say what a pleasure it was to have you here.

Best regards,

Thomas A. Griffy  
Chairman

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Enclosure



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
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*Department of Physics*

March 24, 1976

Professor John A. Wheeler  
Department of Physics  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Professor Wheeler:

On behalf of The University of Texas at Austin, I am pleased to offer you a position as Professor of Physics beginning September 1, 1976. The salary associated with this position will be \$43,000 for the nine-month academic year, September 1 through May 31. This is, of course, a tenure appointment, and as such, it is governed by the Regents' Rules and Regulations concerning tenure at The University of Texas.

In addition to your own position, the Budget Council in the Department of Physics has agreed to reserve one of our currently vacant Assistant Professor lines for an individual whom you will nominate. This appointment will, of course, be subject to the same approvals as required for any faculty appointment.

President Rogers has agreed to provide the following research support for the 1976-77 year: 1) Research Scientist Associate II, \$14,376; 2) three Research Scientist Assistant III's, full-time, \$10,656 each, \$31,768; 3) Administrative Secretary, \$9,336; 4) Consultants, \$5,000; 5) Travel, \$1,000; 6) M&O, \$3,000; Total, \$64,480. In her letter to Dean Olum, President Rogers stated, "While the above budget is presented for the first year only, it is my intent to continue support at the same level of effort in subsequent years, provided the funds available for support of research permit the same effort."

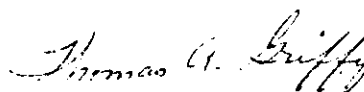
In your original proposal, you had listed funds to bring Professor Dennis Sciamia to the University for a one-semester visit. I believe it will be possible to do this through teaching funds available in the Physics Department. If Professor Sciamia is appointed as a Visiting Professor, this will, of course, entail some teaching obligation to be determined by the Department.

As you are aware, the mandatory retirement age for faculty members at The University of Texas is 70. However, there is the possibility of modified service beyond this time if approval is granted annually by the Department and the Administration. Normally, such modified service requires that the individual should have served continuously at The University of Texas for a period of 20 years prior to retirement. The Administration has agreed to recommend that

this requirement be waived in your particular case in order that you would be eligible for such modified service.

I hope that you will find the offer that I outlined above an attractive one. The University is very excited about the prospect of your joining the Department of Physics, and I believe you would find the Department a stimulating place to work and Austin a pleasant place to live. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or answer any questions you might have concerning your position.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Griffy  
Chairman

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xc: Dean Paul Olum  
Vice-President Ross  
Vice-President Lieb  
Vice-President Sutton  
President Rogers

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5 April 1976

Professor Thomas Griffy  
Chairman, Physics Department  
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Dear Tom:

I am pleased and honored to accept the offer detailed  
in your recent letter and clarified in your telephone call of  
today. Warm regards!

Sincerely,



John Archibald Wheeler

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