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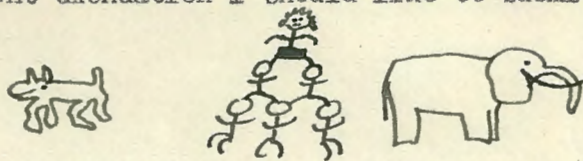
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Dear Sir:

March, 31st

Thank you very much for your kind letter of ~~June~~ 25th, in which you informed me that you had written to Washington concerning the problem of copyright involved in publishing my translation into Spanish of your *Mathematische Grundlagen der Quantenmechanik*. Now that another publishing year is ~~in progress~~ ^{in progress,} I should be ~~glad~~ ^{glad} to know your present opinion as to whether a solution is likely to be forthcoming in the near future. I am sure you will understand my eagerness to see the Spanish version in print as soon as possible.

It has occurred to me that in the event you may yourself be planning a new edition of the work, you might care to have a list of the errata of varying degrees of importance which came to my attention while working with the book, and which I note are all preserved intact in the French translation by M. Proca. There are also a few cases in which changes of notation, on occasion in the course of a single demonstration, offer some possibility of confusion to the reader. I would of course be very glad to send you such a list if it would be of interest. Meanwhile, one rather important emendation I should like to submit herewith for your approval:



Finally, if it is not too much of an imposition on your time, I should like to request a favor. I am accumulating materials for an essay on the concept of mathematical physics, and would very much appreciate having your views on the following questions:

- a) Is there any difference between mathematical physics and theoretical physics?
- b) Is mathematical physics merely a methodology, a simple study of mathematical methods employed in theoretical physics?
- c) What is the purpose of mathematical physics?

I am taking the liberty of writing to Professor Einstein in the hope that he may find it possible to give me his answers to these same

questions, and I hardly need say that I would be more than grateful if you had the occasion and should see fit to vouch at least for the seriousness of my intentions.

With highest regards and best thanks for all favors, I am,

sir,

Yours very sincerely,



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- (a) Is there any difference between mathematical physics and theoretical physics?
- (b) Is there any difference between a theoretical physics and a physical theory of mathematics?
- (c) Is there any difference between a theoretical physics and a physical theory of mathematics?

I am taking the liberty of writing to Professor Winchell