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Ilmo. Sr.
Prof. Abrahão de Moraes
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Presado Professor Abrahão de Moraes,

Recebemos dos Srs. Mattsson e Establier, do Centro de Cooperação Científica para a América Latina (Unesco), cartas sucessivas indagando sobre a conveniência e a possibilidade de ser organizado no Rio de Janeiro um "Simposium de Física Nuclear".

A Unesco está ao par da improbabilidade de serem apresentadas contribuições de real importância científica, dada a escassês de cientistas que atualmente se dedicam a pesquisa séria na América do Sul. Entretanto, acredita o Dr. Establier que uma reunião de físicos seria benéfica para troca de idéias e a discussão de problemas sobre a organização da pesquisa nos países latino-americanos.

Solicitamos a V.S. externar a sua valiosa opinião sobre a oportunidade de realizarmos um Simposium de Física Nuclear (aproximadamente no fim do mês de Julho p.f.) no Rio de Janeiro. As sugestões de V.S. sobre o assunto serão acatadas com o maior interesse.

↓ ou Sr. José dos Campos

Atenciosamente,

Cesar Lattes

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Diretor Científico

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SYMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR PHYSICS

About two months ago this office organized a simposium in Montevideo on cell-biology in collaboration with the Institute of Biological Research in Montevideo. Now we want to investigate the possibility of arranging a similar simposium on nuclear physics this year in collaboration with interested institutions. We would like very much to hear your oppinion about the interest and the possibility of arranging such a simposium in Brazil this year.

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Lennart Mattsson

Concept II

SIMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR PHYSICS

The simposium might be arranged in Rio and I am sure one could get the support of the government and local authorities. Best time would be in June or July (vacation time here and nice cool weather) because at that time we shall have several foreign physicists in Rio.

My honest opinion is that such a Simposium at this time would not be very successful from the scientific point of view because there are very few people really doing research on nuclear physics in latin america. I would say that there are not more than half a dozen people engaged on research in this special field (I mean real serious work) and all of them on the theoretical side.

The Simposium would be more like a round table than a meeting for communication of results obtained during research.

I therefore think that if Unesco is prepared to suport the simposium purely as a mean of bringing together people from latin american countries so that they might discuss conditions for research etc., one may go ahead and do something useful but if Unesco expects a simposium such as one is used to attend in Europe and U.S.A., than I fear that the results will not be very good.

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Cesar Lattes

Anexo III

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SIMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR PHYSICS

We are in full agreement with you regarding the purpose of such a symposium. We don't expect that a lot of important research results from Latin America would be communicated. But bringing people from the Latin American countries together in order to discuss common problems and their research work with each others and with the foreign scientists who will be able to attend that, we hope, would be means of stimulating the development of research in physics in Latin America.

We are well aware of the scarcity of qualified scientific research going on in nuclear physics in Latin America outside Brazil, Mexico, and perhaps Argentina but we think that profiting by the presence of the foreign scientists who will be in Rio de Janeiro this year one could bring good stimulus to the progress of the research down here by arranging such a symposium, which would not be centred round the presentation of important research results but instead a round-table discussion with exchange of ideas and ventilating problems of importance for the research in physics in Latin America.

If a symposium were to be held not earlier than the end of July we could investigate the possibility that Prof. Auger could come over from Paris.

We would be very interested to hear further about your opinion and your suggestions.

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A. Establier