International Conference on Theoretical Physics

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Dear Professor Mott:

Thank you very much for your letter of 9 December intimating us of the subject on which you care to deliver a lecture at our coming Kyoto conference.

All of us were much gratified to be assured by a letter from Dr. Fraser that the amount of $10,000 would be granted from UNESCO, and we have been requested by Dr. Fleury to communicate to him at an early date our plans for a first repartition of the sum.

Now as you may recall, our original invitation contained a question asking how much of the necessary travel expenses to Japan the invited guests themselves could be expected to secure within their own country, but none except a few seemed to have been in a position to answer this question outright, and a second letter sent on December 15, 1952 reminding them of the question has not succeeded in producing any results so far. In this contingency, we thought of allotting to invited guests who had not given us definite indications of their needs roughly a given fraction of the total return fare to Japan, and reserve the surplus for those who would be finding out that they could not secure the balance and for other unexpected needs.

The attached sheet contains two alternative plans for the first repartition on this principle, the only difference between the two being the amount of the fraction to be used in the calculations, and we should like you to suggest which of the two, or possibly a third alternative proposal from you (including perhaps the addition of other names not mentioned in the list) would best suit the circumstances.

The apprpriations to Møller, Gorter, Perrin, Fröhlich, and Hylleraas have been tentatively made based on letters received from these people, copies of which are herein enclosed for your reference.

Dr. Wheeler's name appears in this list because of a passage in a letter received a few days ago from Professor Fleury, which reads as follows:

" ..... M. WHEELER m'a écrit qu'il espérait recevoir au moins 2/3 de ses frais de déplacement par la National Science Foundation; j'espère qu'il recevra le tout; sinon, il faudrait sans doute prévoir le troisième tiers sur les crédits Rockefeller?...."

The $ 10,000 from UNESCO was pooled with the $7,000 from Rockefeller and was considered as a block sum of $17,000. We should be pleased to be told of cases where there might be reason to believe that it would be more convenient or otherwise preferable for some of the physicists to receive their reimbursements from one or the other source.

Thanking you in advance for your advice, and with our heartiest greetings of the season, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Yoshio FUJIOKA
Secretary of the Conference.

Encl.: Tentative plans for the first repartition of UNESCO and Rockefeller subventions.

C.: Prof. Fleury

Tentative Plans for the First Repartition
of UNESCO and Rockefeller Suventions

Plan A.

Bohr, de Boer, Coulson, Ferretti, Heisenberg, Heitler, Mott, Néel Peierls, Prigogine....$1,000 each...	$ 10,000
Bhabha (Half round fare from India)	$ 300
Fröhlich, Perrin ....$ 300 each	$ 600
Møller (Return fare $ 1,380 of which $ 700 secured in Denmark)	$ 680
Wheeler (1/3 return fare from New York)	$ 650
Earmarked for assistance to participants recommended by national committees, say 10 cases of $ 300 each (including Hylleraas)	$ 3,000
Total	$ 15,130
Balance reserve	$ 1,870
Total subvention	$ 17,000

Plan B

Bohr, de Boer, Coulson, Ferretti, Heisenberg, Heitler, Mott, Néel, Peierls, Prigogine ...$1,200 each...	$ 12,000
Bhabha	$ 300
Fröhlich, Perrin $ 500 each	$ 1,000
Møller	$ 700
Wheeler	$ 700
National committees, including Hylleraas, say 3 cases of $ 500 each	$ 1,500
Total	$ 16,200
Balance reserve	$ 800
Total subvention	$ 17,000

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