

July 29, 1971

Dear Dr. Nathan:

Thanks for sending me the further material on Mr. Mehra. I can only repeat my reaction on the telephone: I would seek legal counsel. Mehra is certainly persistently pushing the boundaries of legitimate behavior and probably crossing them. The question is, "Is there something practical that could be done?" On this I think you need expert help.

Sincerely,

Carl Kaysen

Dr. Otto Nathan
Estate of Albert Einstein
24 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

July 9, 1971

Professor Pierre Speziali
2, Chemin de Roches
Geneva
SWITZERLAND

Dear Professor Speziali:

I hope that my letter of June 24 has meanwhile reached you.

In a letter to Miss Dukas of October 23, 1970 you advised her that you had recently a visit from Professor Jagdish Mehra from the University of Texas in Austin. I should like to ask a few additional questions in regard to Professor Mehra's visit. In a volume entitled EINSTEIN by Ronald W. Clark, which has just been published in the United States, it is mentioned (page 634) that Dr. Mehra possesses copies of Einstein's correspondence with Michelangelo Besso. Unless I misunderstood your letter of October 23, 1970 to Miss Dukas you had only allowed Mr. Mehra to read Einstein's letters. Under the circumstances would you be able to suggest how Professor Mehra can claim to possess copies of those letters? For reasons which we do not like to set forth in a letter we should be very anxious ^{for you} to throw as much light on Professor Mehra's claim as at all possible. In the letter which you said he sent to Mr. Vero Besso, did he explain at all why he would want to acquaint himself with the Einstein-Besso correspondence?

We should be very grateful for anything you could tell us about that matter. I am sure you have by now been able to send the final manuscript of the correspondence to Paris. I can well imagine that you will feel a great satisfaction when your work is actually sent to the printer and when it will in due time appear as a printed volume.

With kind regards

Otto Nathan
TRUSTEE

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Vacallo, le 20 juillet 1971

Dr Otto Nathan
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Cher Monsieur,

Je vous remercie vivement de vos lettres du 24 juin et du 2 juillet (le service postal est actuellement quelque peu irrégulier). Il y a deux points de la seconde auxquels je tiens à répondre : 1^o Dès que je n'aurai plus besoin pour mes vérifications des lettres de Besso à Einstein, je les remettrai à Mr Vero Besso de votre part et de la part de Mlle Dukas. Je suis certain qu'il les acceptera avec joie et gratitude ; 2^o J'ai parlé dernièrement encore à Mr Vero Besso des lettres d'Einstein à sa soeur. Il est naturellement d'accord pour vous en transmettre la copie - je ne crois pas nécessaire que vous lui écriviez - seulement, il m'a demandé de m'en occuper et je ne pourrai le faire qu'à mon retour de vacances à la fin août.

Aujourd'hui, je reçois votre lettre du 9 juillet et je ne vous cacherai pas que je suis fort désagréablement surpris par ce que vous m'apprenez à propos du Prof. J. Mehra. Quand, avec l'accord de Mr Besso, je lui avais laissé pendant quatre ou cinq jours la correspondance, il avait été bien précisé, de ma part comme de la sienne, que c'était seulement pour qu'il la lise, vu sa compétence et son intérêt - d'après ce qu'il m'a affirmé - pour tout ce qui concerne la théorie de la relativité. Il m'avait même promis de faire un compte rendu de mon livre dès qu'il sortirait. Il m'avait proposé de collaborer avec moi pour la partie scientifique : j'ai dit alors que Mme Tonnelat s'en était déjà chargée, comme il avait été convenu avec Mr Taton, mais que je lui serais reconnaissant de me dire quels passages scientifiques étaient, à son avis, les plus importants. Et, en effet, en me rendant le manuscrit, il a dit avoir pris "quelques notes" et qu'il m'écrirait à ce sujet. Il ne m'a plus donné signe de vie et j'en ai déduit qu'il n'avait pas eu

le temps de s'en occuper. A Mr Vero Besso il avait annoncé qu'il préparait une exposition consacrée à Einstein pour le début de cette année ; je me suis demandé, depuis, si cela correspondait à la vérité. Peu après sa visite, j'avais mis au courant MM Taton et Berès et aussi, en quelques mots, Mlle Dukas, car l'insistance manifestée par Mr Mehra à vouloir collaborer avait fini par m'étonner et même par m'agacer.

Or, d'après ce que vous me dites, Mr Mehra s'est permis de prendre de_s copies (de toutes les lettres ou d'une partie ?) - et je puis affirmer sans aucune autorisation - et il s'en est même vanté auprès de Ronald W. Clark. De tels procédés sont pour le moins surprenants de la part d'un scientifique et j'ai de la peine à en comprendre le mobile et le but. J'aimerais beaucoup connaître votre avis au sujet de cette affaire et quelle suite vous estimez qu'il convient de lui donner.

J'ai envoyé à Mr Berès, il y a environ un mois, le manuscrit complet et définitif de mon volume et j'attends les premières épreuves à corriger. En vacances (à l'adresse ci-dessous) jusqu'au 25 août, je dispose du temps et de la tranquillité nécessaires pour ce travail.

Dans l'attente de vos nouvelles, je vous prie de trouver ici, cher Monsieur, l'assurance de mes sentiments très dévoués.

Pierre Speziali

Pierre Speziali
c/o Mr P. Carobbio
6833 - Vacallo (Switzerland)

ESTATE OF ALBERT EINSTEIN
24 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10011

July 15, 1971

Dr. Carl Kaysen
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

Thank you for your letter of July 8 and the copy of the letter of July 6 which you received from Professor Mehra. I share your view that the letter may not require a reply. Certainly not for the time being, as I shall want to explain.

Besides the letter to Mehra of June 29, of which I had sent you a copy, we had some other correspondence with him. You may have seen an announcement of the publication of a new biography of Einstein which was prepared by the English journalist Ronald W. Clark. In the notes of that volume it is stated that Mehra possesses copies of the correspondence between Einstein and his life-long friend Besso. He made those copies available to Clark. We were very distressed since Clark used passages from the Einstein letters which we would not have permitted him to do had we known about it in good time.

The question is how Mehra got possession of the copies. I have made enquiries, particularly of a professor in Geneva, Switzerland, who just completed the editorial work of the Einstein-Besso correspondence for publication by a French publishing house. Mehra called on that professor some time ago and was given access to the correspondence in question. The letters exchanged between Mehra and myself about the Einstein-Besso correspondence are attached, together with Mehra's and the "Center's" replies to my letters of June 29.

If I should want to reply to the Mehra letters at all I should certainly not do so before having received a reply from Geneva. This reply may throw some light on how Mehra was able to obtain copies of the Einstein letters.

May I suggest that you, too, postpone your decision about a reply to Mehra until the receipt of a reply from Geneva? I shall keep you informed.

With kindest regards,

Otto Nathan
Otto Nathan
TRUSTEE

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

Department of Physics
Center for Particle Theory (CPT)

6 July 1971

Dr. Otto Nathan
Trustee
Estate of Albert Einstein
24 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10011

Dear Dr. Nathan:

I have just now received another letter from you dated June 29.

Mr. Ronald Clark is a friend of mine. I consulted and cooperated with him in every way I could during the time he was working on his biography of Einstein. Mr. Clark visited me in Austin, and I have visited him in London, and we have discussed his work at great length.

I placed all the materials I have collected on Einstein over the years at Mr. Clark's disposal. I am quite sure that he recognizes, just as I do, that the literary rights to Einstein's writings are a property of the Estate. I also understand that he has received permission from the Estate to publish the materials contained in his book.

It is not quite clear to me what you mean by saying that I had no right to show him (such as copies of letters or other material) "without the permission of the Estate". Please be good enough to let me know whether the permission of the Estate is necessary for using the materials for publication or for possessing copies and showing them to interested scholars as well.

Again, let me point out that soon after I obtained copies of Einstein's letter to his uncle and his article, I presented you and the Estate copies of them. You or the Estate did not know about their existence, so far as I am aware. I thought I showed great courtesy to you in doing what I did. It is my feeling that your present letter and the one I have already answered do know show the same consideration towards me. I sincerely hope that you would extend to me the same courtesy in the field of Einstein scholarship as is available to others.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jagdish Mehra

Jagdish Mehra



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Department of Physics
Center for Particle Theory (CPT)

July 5, 1971

Mr. Otto Nathan
Trustee
Estate of Albert Einstein
24 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10011

Dear Mr. Nathan:

This is in response to your letter of June 29, 1971, concerning the article Albert Einstein's "First" Paper by Dr. Jagdish Mehra. This item is a preprint. It is not a published paper, nor is it part of a periodical or serial publication. It is neither available to the public, nor is it for sale.

Most of the research done at our Center, when completed, is first written up as a preprint. The date and the number on the pre-print are part of our filing system. We simply assign the document a number and put the date on which this number is assigned. The preprints are sent by our researchers to certain colleagues elsewhere, who might give their advice or comment on the work. This is a general practice in many research institutions nowadays. It is only when the author is completely satisfied with his work that he sends it to a journal for publication.

Dr. Mehra's preprint was assigned our filing number on January 8, 1971. A number of preprint copies were made available about a week later. Dr. Mehra sent a few copies to selected individuals for comments, in keeping with our practice, only after he had received permission from the Estate. We shall be pleased to insert a clearer note in the preprints that the Estate of Albert Einstein owns the literary rights to the Einstein materials.

In any case, please note again that our research items are only preprints, not for sale. We hope that this confirmation would clarify that there has been no irregularity, nor is any intended.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Austin M. Gleeson".

Austin M. Gleeson
Associate Professor

CC: Dr. J. Mehra



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Department of Physics
Center for Particle Theory(CPT)

2 July 1971

Dr. Otto Nathan
Trustee
Estate of Albert Einstein
24 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10011

Dear Dr. Nathan:

I am surprised at your letter of 29 June. The item which you have called a "pamphlet" published by the University of Texas is merely a pre-print of our Center. It is a research document of the Center, and bears the date on which a filing number was assigned to it.

Permission to publish was given to me in your letter of 12 January 1971. The pre-print was sent to a selected number of people for suggestions, as one would send something in a draft stage. You had also made your suggestions on the translation of the letter at that time. You were in fact the first person to whom I had sent the translations I had prepared. When the article was completed it still bore the date and the number it had been assigned earlier, and you also received a copy of that.

It is not clear to me how the permission, which had been sought and granted, to publish the material in a scholarly journal has been violated by the pre-print (which is not a publication).

Allow me to say that I have not violated any faith or courtesy in dealing with you. I gave you and Miss Dukas copies of these materials soon after I obtained them, already in spring last year. It is my impression that there might be people who wish to publish on Einstein themselves, and are seeking to interfere. May I request you, indeed urge you, to re-affirm the spirit of your letter of 12 January 1971. I shall be grateful for this.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jagdish Mehra".

Jagdish Mehra

June 29, 1971

Professor Jagdish Mehra
Department of Physics
Center for Particle Theory (CPT)
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Professor Mehra:

From a note in Ronald W. Clark's volume entitled EINSTEIN we have just learned that you possess copies of the Einstein-Besso correspondence. We believe that it is hardly necessary to point out to you that the Estate of Albert Einstein owns the literary property in all of the letters which Einstein addressed to Mr. Besso. We consider it, however, necessary to advise you that, under no circumstances, should any use be made of the Einstein letters without permission from this Estate. Although Mr. Clark's remark is not completely clear it is almost to be assumed from what he said that you made the Einstein letters available to him. You had, of course, no right to do so without the permission of the Estate.

Sincerely yours,

Otto Nathan
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July 9, 1971

The Institute for Advanced Study
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Attention: Dr. Carl Kaysen

Dear Carl:

I could hardly finish the letter of Jagdish Mehra because the tears obscured my vision. I agree with your first inclination not to respond to it. If he has the nerve to call for an appointment at a later date you can decide at that time whether or not to relent!

We shall start immediately to prepare a draft of a copyright agreement for William S. Dix, Jr.

Sincerely yours,



A. C. Reeves Hicks

ACRH:jf

July 8, 1971

Dear Miss Dukas:

Here is Mehra's answer to my letter
of 29 April, a copy of which I have also sent
to Dr. Nathan. I think his chutzpah is incredible!
Would you be inclined to answer him?

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Miss Helen Dukas
Institute for Advanced Study

Attached: Letter from
Mr. Mehra

July 8, 1971

Dear Reeves:

Look at the attached! It is clear Mehra
has the makings of a Presidential press secretary!
My first inclination is simply to ignore this letter,
but I would like your advice.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Mr. A. C. Reeves Hicks
6 Charlton Street
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Attachment: Copy of letter
from J. Mehra

July 8, 1971

Dear Dr. Nathan:

I am surprised Mehra has answered my letter to him of April 29. His cheek is incredible! My first reaction is simply not to respond to him, but I would like your advice.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

Dr. Otto Nathan
Estate of Albert Einstein
24 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Attachment: Copy of letter
from Mr. Mehra

7606 Rustling Road
Austin, Texas 78731

6 July 1971

Mr. Carl Kaysen
Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Mr. Kaysen:

I had received your letter, but my father's death and other personal misfortune did not allow me to write to you earlier.

I was pleased to learn from you that the papers which Miss Dukas had been missing were returned to her without loss.

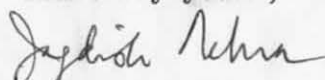
The conclusion in the second paragraph of your letter is both unfair and unnecessary. During my visits to Princeton since 1958, I have called upon or telephoned Miss Dukas whenever I could. She has always been aware of my affectionate regard and respect for her, and she has always treated me as a good friend. I shall never do anything to hurt her or the obligations she is responsible for.-- nor is it my custom to do so to other people.

Since I first met you in your office at Harvard before you went to the Institute, I have had the highest respect for you. You also allowed me the pleasure of visiting you in your office last year. If it is convenient to you, I shall be glad to call on you when I visit East Coast in the fall and explain to you every minute of my last visit to Princeton and the Institute.

I have been engaged on Einstein studies since 1952 when I first wrote an essay on his scientific work, and which he was kind enough to praise. Soon after I obtained copies of Einstein's letter to his uncle and an essay written by the young Einstein, I presented Miss Dukas, Dr. Nathan, and the Estate, copies of these materials. Please be good enough to assure Miss Dukas of continuing respect and regard.

May I just add that I have not entertained ^{my} the slightest bad faith against you or Miss Dukas, and I hope that friendly consideration would continue to be extended to me.

Sincerely yours,


Jagdish Mehra

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

THE DIRECTOR

April 29, 1971

Memorandum for the Record

I talked to Dr. Nathan about this matter. He has no objection to my sending the letter. He himself would not do it. He is concerned that Mr. Mehra would make the letter and the incident public. I said I thought it would be foolish of Mr. Mehra to do so, and I did not expect him to be so foolish.

C.K.

April 29, 1971

Mr. Jagdish Mehra
7606 Rustling Road
Austin, Texas 78731

My dear Mr. Mehra:

You will, I am sure, be pleased to know that all the papers that were missing from Miss Dukas's file were returned to Miss Dukas in the mail on Tuesday, April 20. They came in a brown paper parcel, with no covering letter, and what was clearly a misleading return address.

In view of the many unexplained circumstances surrounding both the disappearance and the reappearance of these documents, I must tell you that you will not be welcome to consult the Einstein material at the Institute again. When there is a satisfactory explanation of the whole incident, I will be ready to reconsider the situation.

Very truly yours,

Carl Kaysen

cc: Reeves Hicks, Esquire -
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William L. Garwood, Esquire -
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April 20, 1971

Dr. Carl Kaysen
The Institute For Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

Following our phone conversation this morning, I called Mehra and told him that the missing documents had been received in the mail under the circumstances you described. Among other things, he asked that I verify this to him in writing and I told him I would, and have done so by my letter to him of even date, copy of which is enclosed.

He also requested that you so inform him, because I had only had the word from you over the telephone, or that you confirm it to me in writing and I could send him a copy of the letter. I told him I didn't see the need for this but would pass it along to you. I suggest that perhaps you write me essentially to the same effect as I wrote Mehra, identifying the documents in question as those shown on the list your secretary sent me April 15 and which she gave over the phone to my secretary also on April 15. I don't think it is necessary to say anything more than that the documents were received on April 20th under the circumstances you told me about and as I outlined in my letter of even date herewith to Mehra.

I think Mehra is fishing for something which will say "we know you didn't do it" or "we are sorry to have bothered you" or "we won't look into this any more", but I do not feel it is necessarily advisable to get into those matters in such a letter. If it meets with your approval, I will send a copy of your letter to me of the variety above suggested to Mehra, and I see nothing wrong with this.

Yours sincerely,


William L. Garwood

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cc: Mr. A. C. Reeves Hicks
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April 20, 1971

Professor Jagdish Mehra
7606 Rustling Road
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Dear Professor Mehra:

This will confirm what I told you this morning in our phone conversation, namely that I was informed earlier today in a phone call from Dr. Kaysen, Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, that the missing Einstein documents, those shown in the lists furnished you with my letters to you of April 16 and 17, 1971, were all received today at the Institute for Advanced Study in a package delivered in the mail and bearing postmark indicating it was mailed April 19 in Newark, New Jersey; this was apparently sent registered mail, insured, with a notation to the effect that if undelivered it was to be returned to H. Dukas, 112 Mercer Street (I believe, but I am not positive that was the street and number told me), Princeton, New Jersey; I understand it was special delivery and was addressed to Miss Dukas, in care of Dr. Kaysen at the Institute for Advanced Study; there was no indication of the sender; there was no cover letter or anything else in the package or envelope other than the missing documents and a folder of some sort, but such folder was not the one they were kept in at the Institute.

Very truly yours,

William L. Garwood

WLG:mb

bc: Dr. Carl Kaysen
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Princeton, New Jersey 08540

bc: Mr. A. C. Reeves Hicks
6 Charlton Street
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April 29, 1971

Mr. William L. Garwood
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Post Office Box 98
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mr. Garwood:

Thank you for your letter of April 20. I am writing to Mr. Mehra along slightly different lines as indicated by the attached. Reeves Hicks has seen it and thinks it will do the job we want done. I do not at this time propose to press matters any further as far as action goes, although we are still continuing our investigations in Newark.

I trust you will have an opportunity soon to finish the narrative of your discussions with Mehra; it will be useful for me to have it should any issues arise by way of Mehra's response to this letter.

Let me thank you again for your helpfulness and skill in handling this difficult matter.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

cc: Mr. A. C. Reeves Hicks

Attachment: Copy of letter to Mr. Mehra

ESTATE OF ALBERT EINSTEIN
24 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10011

June 28, 1971

Dr. Carl Kaysen
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 11 in regard to Professor Mehra's publication in Texas.

I enclose copies of the letters which, complying with your suggestion, were sent to the Center for Particle Theory and to Professor Mehra.

With kindest regards,

O. Nathan
Otto Nathan
TRUSTEE

ON:jb

June 29, 1971

Professor Jagdish Mehra
Department of Physics
Center for Particle Theory (CPT)
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Professor Mehra:

I enclose copy of a letter which the Estate addressed to the Center for Particle Theory at your University today. When you asked permission for reproducing Einstein's letter to his uncle and his paper, you indicated that you intended to publish them "in a journal like the American Journal of Physics of ISIS" or, as you put it in another letter, in "one of the scholarly journals." The permission we had given you for the publication in "one of the scholarly journals" is herewith withdrawn in view of the publication of the material in a pamphlet published by the University of Texas in Austin.

Sincerely yours,

Otto Nathan
TRUSTEE

ON:jb

June 29, 1971

for your files

Center for Particle Theory (CPT)
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Sirs:

We have recently learned that, under the date of January 8, 1971, you published a pamphlet by Jagdish Mehra entitled Albert Einstein's "First" Paper (CPT-82; AEC-31). It appears that the pamphlet is an issue in a periodical or serial publication. Since we have not been acquainted with it before, we should like you to advise us about the nature of the publication. We should also like to know at what price the individual issues are being offered to the public and what the approximate size of distribution of the publication is.

We were surprised to notice that there is nowhere in your publication an indication that the literary property in Professor Einstein's early paper and in the letter to his uncle is owned by this Estate. We had advised Professor Mehra in a letter of March 25, 1971 of the Estate's ownership in the Einstein material (although that should have been known to him anyhow); we added that we should like to have the ownership indicated in his publication. At that time we did not know that the material had been published 2½ months before.

We should like to request herewith that all the Einstein material (including the photostats of Einstein's originals) be copyrighted in the name of the Estate and that you insert a copyright notation in all copies of the publication which you might distribute henceforth. *We expect a confirmation from you to this effect.*

Sincerely yours,

Otto Nathan
TRUSTEE

ON:jb

June 11, 1971

Dear Dr. Nathan:

Excuse my delay in answering your letter of June 4 about the further problems that Mr. Mehra's conduct has raised. I think it would be wise to advise the Center for Particle Theory at the University of Texas that they have acted without the permission of the copyright owners, and to send a copy of your advice to Mr. Mehra. Perhaps you can then leave it up to the Center to see what response they wish to make. This will have the useful effect of putting some of Mehra's nearby associates on notice with respect to his questionable behavior.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

Dr. Otto Nathan
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New York 10011

ESTATE OF ALBERT EINSTEIN
24 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10011

June 4, 1971

Dr. Carl Kaysen
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

I should like to thank you again for all the help and assistance you have given us, particularly in regard to that mystery story which, thanks to your investigations, seems to be less a mystery than it appeared in the beginning.

It is in regard to that problem that I should like to ask for additional advice. The gentleman in Austin informed us some time ago that he had been able to obtain copy of a letter which Einstein had addressed to one of his uncles in 1894 or 1895 and in which he had included what might be his very first paper on scientific matters. The gentleman offered to let us have Einstein's letter and paper but requested in return that we allow him to publish an English translation in an American scientific journal. We gave him permission "to publish Einstein's letter to his uncle and his paper on 'The State of Aether in Magnetic Fields' in an article on the origins of Special Relativity to be published in one of the scholarly journals." Since the reproduction of the German originals was never mentioned, we had no reason specifically to limit our permission to the publication of English translations (although it would have been wise to do so); our request that copy of the English translations was to be submitted to us before it was to be sent to the journal for publication indicated that it had never occurred to us that he might publish the German originals in photograph.

We have found out only recently that The Center for Particle Theory at the University of Texas has published a special pamphlet over the name of that gentleman including an article by himself, Einstein's letter to his uncle, Einstein's paper and a photostatic copy of Einstein's long hand originals of letter and paper.

The question is whether we should take any action, whether we should write him that he has violated the permission given him by the Estate and whether we should request of The Center for Particle Theory to discontinue the distribution of the pamphlet which they have published without permission of the copyright owners. We are unable to appreciate whether or not such action might help or possibly impair the steps which you have taken and which you might

Dr. Carl Kaysen

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June 4, 1971

want to take in the future. It may be possible that one should leave things alone and not do anything except possibly advising him briefly that we well realize that he has acted without, and against, our permission in having the pamphlet produced by the Center. In any event, we should request of the Center that the pamphlet be copyrighted in the name of the Estate.

I shall much appreciate being advised of your opinion.

With kindest regards,

Otto Nathan,
Otto Nathan
TRUSTEE

ON:jb

PS: I enclose my copy of the Center publication although you might have received a copy yourself.

Chair 720
(legal fees)

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TELEPHONES
AREA CODE 609
PRINCETON 924-1199
TRENTON 586-0600

May 26, 1971

The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Attn: Carl Kaysen

Dear Carl:

In accordance with your letter of May 24, 1971, I have instructed the Atlantic Dectective Agency to close its investigation. I am attaching its invoice for \$160.25 which you may pay directly to it if you wish.

Sincerely yours,



A. C. Reeves Hicks

ACRH:pj

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

REQUISITION FOR PAYMENT

Date 6-1-71

Pay to Atlantic Detective Agency

Address 4343 South Broad St., Yardville, N.J. 08620

Approved by (Signature) _____ Amount \$160.25

To be charged to 720

In payment of (Itemize)

Services in connection with missing Einstein papers
April 23 to May 12, 1971

\$160.25

Check No. _____

Batch No. _____

Extensions Chkd _____

Entered By _____

May 24, 1971

Dear Reeves:

Thanks very much for the report of the Atlantic Detective Agency. It does seem to me that we might as well close out the case now. Although my curiosity is not entirely absent, I do not see any use pursuing the matter further since we do not really intend to take any legal action.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

Mr. A. C. Reeves Hicks
McCarthy, Bacsik and Hicks
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May 18, 1971

Dr. Carl Kaysen, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Olden Lane
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Carl:

I am attaching a letter I have received from the Atlantic Detective Agency and its attachments. After you have had a chance to examine it, please let me know if you wish to go further.

Sincerely yours,



A. C. Reeves Hicks

ACRH:jf

Attachment



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585-2500

Tyburn & Trenton Rds.
Levittown, Penna.
215
295-2300

Mr. A.C. Reeves Hicks
6-8 Charlton Street
Princeton, New Jersey

May 12, 1971

File 71-25

Dear Reeves:

Below listed are efforts that we have made in behalf of the Mehra investigation to date. To set your mind at rest the most expensive single cost was paid to the handwriting consultant as per your approval (\$75.00)

4/23/71

In an attempt to determine the person mailing the package we decided to trace the whereabouts of Pitney Bowes machine # 607665:

- (1) call to Pitney Bowes Corporate Office New York
- (2) call to Pitney Bowes Division Office New York
- (3) call Main Post Office Newark
- (4) call Post Office Meter Section

As a result of call number (4) we were informed that the only way we could determine the information we were seeking was to write a letter to the Post Master General. In an attempt to by pass this bureaucratic process the following calls were made:

- (a) Lawrenceville branch Post Office -- negative
- (b) "consultant" whos father happens to work at the Post Office in Newark

In an attempt to cover all bases we phoned your office for exemplars of Mehra's hand writing and wrote the Post Master General.

4/26/71

Received call from "consultant" negative

4/27/71

Received back my letter to the Post Master General with a note from one J.J. Anthony written on same (see encl)

Called Roseville Post Office to see if the questioned machine was there or if the Government was aware that a stamp issuing machine existed without its knowledge.

Finally reached someone with intelligence who did not have a high opinion of Mr. Anthony. While the person

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would not admitt that the machine was located in Roseville, he was most cooperative and did indicate that registration number 677438 (which appeared on the package) was their number. Through this party , we were able to interview "Joey" who had mailed the package and remembered the party. Same fit the general discription of Mehra but postman stated he believed the party had a beard rather than a "small black mustache".

Contacted Hand Writing Consultant

Phoned your office for permission to hire same.

5/6/71
Met with writing consultans and turned material over to same.

Called TWA and determined that Branniff Airways offered the best service to Austin, Texas.

5/11/71
Received report on hand writing. (see report which is inconclusive)

In view of the above, it would appear that an attempt should be made to get a positive ID from "Joey" while things are still reasonable fresh in his mind. If you agree, we would appreciate your permission to contact parties you may suggest in Austin, under a ruse, and get a picture of Mehra. We could also contact societies that he might be a member of or as a last resort attempt to get his pass port photo.

Please advise us how you would like us to proceed.

Best regards,
Lewis W. Hicks
Atlantic Detective Agency
Lewis W. Hicks Vice president

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LWH/gd



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April 23, 1971

Mr. Joseph J. Benucci
Post Master General
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Mr. Benucci:

On behalf of our client we are attempting to locate the address in your City from where a certain *package* was mailed. As a starting off point in our search, we have noted that the package was issued a stamp by a Pitney Bowes machine PB 607665.

I would appreciate it very much if you would be good enough to supply me with the information concerning the location of said machine.

Naturally this information will be treated with all confidence.

Yours very truly,

Atlantic Detective Agency
Lewis W. Hicks Vice president

 Lewis H. Hicks:

Sorry, we do not have this number listed in our files.

J.J. Anthony, Supt. Customer Service
201- 645- 9336

P.S.- In the near future, if you have any more meter numbers to be located, according to law, there is a \$1.00 fee.
LWH/gd

In the future write to address above

Attn Main Window Mr Rinaldic 201- 645- 2147

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Handwriting

CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED

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Telephone: 609 - 448-5360

507 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017
Telephone: 212 - 697-5895

May 10, 1971

Mr. Lewis W. Hicks, III
Vice President
Atlantic Detective Agency, Inc.
4343 S. Broad St.
Yardville, NJ

Re: Institute for Advanced Studies

Dear Mr. Hicks:

With reference to the above matter, you have submitted to the undersigned the following material for examination:

- ✓1(Return Address of a package dated April 19, 1971. This is the questioned writing.
- ✓2(Photostat of address and return address of another package purportedly written by Jagdish Mehra, Austin Texas
- ✓3(Photostats of two handwritten segments signed by J. Mehra.
- ✓4(Originals of four handwritten segments signed by J. Mehra, two of which are the photostats above (#3).

In comparison, we find that the initial letters J, M, A in Nos. 3 and 4 above bear similarity to the questioned matter. Where the base line (the portion of the writing that is at the bottoms of the letters) bears some similarity and the letter and number formations also bear similarity, there is no identical stroke in any of the points of comparison. This could be due to the fact that the questioned writer has variations of a wide scope within the segment of the sampling of #1., or it could be due to the fact that there is another writer.

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5/10/71

Inconclusion, though there are similarities in the handwritings of J. Mehra and the questioned note, there are insufficient similarities to make a conclusion that would be definite either way.

If you obtain any other written or typewritten material from Mr. Mehra; or have any other writing you may feel is suspect, please forward it to the undersigned for another examination.

Thank you for your use of my services.

Very truly yours,


Renee C. Martin
President

Statement by H. Dukas.

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On Friday, April 2nd, I met Professor S. Sambursky who had arrived from Jerusalem the night before. He was waiting for me in the common room of Fuld Hall when I came in at about 11 a.m. I took him down at once, opened the vault and showed him where I worked and where the Einstein material was kept. I opened the combination-file where the manuscripts and other valuable material was kept. The combination to this file is known only to myself and Dr. Otto Nathan, my co-trustee. I showed Prof. Sambursky only two things: The first folder of the holograph manuscripts, labeled "Scient. Manusc. published Holographs. Opening the folder I indicated the first item, the manuscript of the Inaugural address of July 1914 before the Prussian Academy of Sciences in Berlin which had just appointed Professor Einstein as a member. I remarked that this address had been published often. Secondly I showed Professor Sambursky one of the notebooks (for lectures) of the winter 1918/19 which was of particular interest to Prof. Sambursky who had been attending Prof. Einstein's lectures when he was a student at Berlin University. At no time had Prof. Sambursky ^{held} anything in his hands. I also showed him the card-index I had made over the years of all scientific material, correspondence and original manuscripts etc. After some conversation about common friends etc. it was time for lunch. I closed up the vault and went upstairs with Professor Sambursky.

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Princeton N.J. April 16,1971

Helen Dukas

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Each manuscript has clipped to it a
carbon-copy of the corresponding
index-card, of which this is a sample.

July 2nd, 1914

Antrittsrede (Inaugural Address) *

Preuss. Akademie d. Wissenschaften, Berlin

Schilpp. 69, Readex 64. Sitzgs. Ber. d. Akademie A dft. 2 pp

1914, Part II, pp 739ff. publ. "Mein Weltbild" and
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Scient. Mss. publ. (1)

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Helen Dukas

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April 15, 1971

Dear Mr. Garwood:

Attached is a rough copy which was given me listing the missing items from the Einstein files and from which I read to your secretary this afternoon. I thought it might be useful to you to have this, although the mail may be too slow to accomplish that.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Paul Bortell, Jr.
Secretary to Dr. Kaysen

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Telephone-609-924-4400

THE DIRECTOR


April 13, 1971

Memorandum for the Record

Re: Einstein Papers

At about 3:00 P.M. this afternoon Mr. M. C. Morgan, Jr. informed me that some material was missing from Miss Dukas's files. Miss Dukas came to my office and told me the following:

1. On Friday morning (April 9) she showed Dr. Sambursky various items--her card index and the like--and in particular she showed him the folder "Published Scientific Manuscripts 1914-24." This folder usually is the first one in the top drawer in the combination safe-file just inside the door of Miss Dukas's office. The first division of the first drawer holds an index and the file is the first of the group on the other side of the division. During the morning Miss Dukas is certain that she did not let the file out of her hand or physically give it to Professor Sambursky but merely showed him some of its contents. She remembers distinctly putting the file away.
2. Professor Mehra came in sometime after 2:00 P.M. and stayed for an hour or so. The safe was again opened. He was not shown documents from this file nor did he remain for any length of time in Miss Dukas's office. He worked for less than an hour in the outside office noting and copying some materials. During his conversation with Miss Dukas she reminded him that he had borrowed a reprint which he had promised to return and had not done so. Mr. Mehra left saying that he was going to a lecture in honor of Professor Rogers at the University.
3. Miss Dukas opened the safe again Monday after lunch with the notion of showing Mrs. Sher some of its contents. At that time she noticed that the folder was not in order. Examination showed that the attached items were missing.


Carl Kaysen

Addendum for the Record - April 13, 1971

This afternoon I had a phone conversation with Dr. Nathan. He authorized me in behalf of the Estate to take whatever measures I thought necessary or helpful in connection with the documents that had disappeared from Miss Dukas's files. I indicated that I would get legal advice, recounted my suspicions of Mr. Mehra, and told Dr. Nathan I would keep him informed.

C.K.

Numbered 1-24

- 1) Antrittsrede July 2, 1914 Preuss. Akad.
- 2) German text for article in London "Times" Nov. 28, 1919
- 3) Oct. 27, 1920, Introductory remarks to inaugural address Leiden
- 3a) 1921, "Kurze Skizze z. Entwickl. der Rel. Theorie" Nature, Febr. 17 1921
- 4) January 27, 1921 "Geometrie u. Erfahrung" lecture Akademie
- 5) Part II of "Geometrie u. Erfahrung" 1921
- v 6) Preface to Czech ed. of Rel. Theorie 1922
- 7) Bemerkung zu d. Franz Seletyschen Arbeit: Beitrage z. kosmolog. System 1922
- 8) Review of W. Paulis article "Relativ. Theorie" 1921
- 9) Emil Warburg als Forscher (Naturwissenschaften) 1922
- 10) Zur Theorie d. Lichtfortpflanzung 1922
- 11) Bemerkungen z. Arbeit v. A. Friedmann 1922
- 12) Notiz z. Arbeit v. A. Friedmann 1923
- 13) Grundgedanken u. Probleme d. Rel. Theorie" (Nobel Lecture) 1923
- 14) Bemerkungen zu meiner Arbeit "Zur allgem. Rel. Th." 1923
- 15) "Die affine Feldtheorie" 1923
- 20) Quantentheorie des einatomigen idealen Gases, 1924
- 21) "Ueber den Aether" 1924

Manuscripts missing from folder labelled "Scient. Mss. published" ¹⁹¹⁴⁻¹⁹²⁴ Holography

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April 8th, 1971

Dr. Carl Kaysen
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J. 08540

Dear Dr. Kaysen,

Upon arriving back home I thank you again for your
kindness and the assistance you extended to us.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Rotenstreich.

May 10, 1971

Dear Mr. Garwood:

Thank you very much for your report on your contacts with Mehra. It sustains me in my belief that we were wise to warn him off, although it certainly provides no basis for doing more than that. As you probably know, we are trying to learn what we can about the circumstances of the mailing of the package, but so far we have got no additional information of any value.

Again let me say how much I appreciate your helpfulness in this difficult and delicate matter. I am attaching an Institute check in payment of your bill.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

William L. Garwood, Esquire
Graves, Dougherty, Gee,
Hearon, Moody & Garwood
Austin National Bank Building
Post Office Box 98
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cc: A. C. Reeves Hicks

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Dr. Carl Kaysen, Director
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Dear Dr. Kaysen:

Thank you for your letter of April 29th and enclosed copy
of letter to Mr. Mehra.

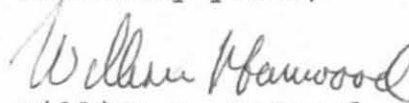
I enclose a narrative memorandum concerning my activities
with respect to the missing Einstein papers.

Since it would seem that our connection with this matter has
come to at least a temporary halt, I thought it would perhaps be
in order to submit our statement, and I enclose it herewith. I
have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter, and of
each of its enclosures, to Reeves Hicks.

If you should have any further desire for assistance in
respect to Mr. Mehra or other aspects of this matter, we will be
glad to be of any assistance we can.

It was a pleasure to have been able to be of service to you
in this connection, and we hope to be able to do so again should
the occasion arise.

Sincerely yours,


William L. Garwood

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TO: THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
Princeton, New Jersey
Dr. Carl Kaysen, Director

FROM: William L. Garwood

DATE: May 4, 1971

SUBJECT: Missing Einstein papers, contacts with Jagdish Mehra

This is a narrative memorandum to informally memorialize some of the matters which came to my attention in connection with the Einstein papers which were missing from The Institute For Advanced Study for approximately 18 days in April 1971, and my contacts in regard thereto with one Jagdish Mehra. This memorandum is prepared May 4 and 5, 1971 while most of these events are fresh in my mind, and in preparing it I have relied not only on my memory but also on certain notes made by me and letters written, as well as those received, during this time to refresh my recollection. This memorandum, however, does not purport to be a 100% complete recitation of everything that I remember in respect to the events here discussed.

On Wednesday, April 14th, in the early afternoon I believe, I received a call from attorney Reeves Hicks, in Princeton, inquiring whether we would be available to be retained as counsel to assist in locating some missing documents for an unnamed client of his as to which it was thought an individual in Austin might have some connection. I indicated we would and he called me back in a few hours later and said that the clients were The Institute For Advanced Study which acted as custodian of many of the papers of Dr. Einstein, and the owner of the papers, the trustees of Dr. Einstein's estate, Dr. Nathan and Miss Dukas; our retention as counsel for these clients was confirmed and Hicks explained that the missing papers were some of those of Dr. Einstein, and that the individual in Austin whom it was thought might have some connection

with or knowledge of these papers was one Mehra. Hicks went on to say that the papers were kept in a vault in a lower floor at the Institute For Advanced Study, next to which was a copying room, and the interested persons sometimes came to examine the papers. Miss Dukas was customarily on duty in the vault where the papers were, and there was also usually an employee in the adjacent copying room. It was thought that the papers became missing, Hicks said, on Friday, April 9th, inasmuch as Miss Dukas remembered seeing them that morning when she held the folder in which they were in her hands and was showing the papers in it to an interested person (a man whose name Hicks mentioned but which I have forgotten), Miss Dukas further recalling that on this occasion the papers remained in the folder in her hands, and that when the man she was showing them to left she put them back in the lockable file cabinet in which they were usually kept. Miss Dukas recalled that in the early afternoon of the same day Mehra came by and looked at some papers (Miss Dukas not recalling that they were specifically the papers which were later missing) and was also in the copy room and she mentioned something to him about his not having returned some other papers he had previously borrowed. Apparently very shortly thereafter he became somewhat agitated and left saying he didn't feel well, or something to that effect, and that he was going to some character of function being held elsewhere around Princeton. As I understood it, the vault and copy room closed for the weekend at the end of the working day on Friday, April 9th, and did not reopen until the following Monday, April 12th. Monday morning, April 12th, Miss Dukas noticed that the papers in question were missing. The missing papers were identified as originals of published manuscripts during the period 1914 to 1924, being Nos. 1 through 15 (including 3A), 20 and 21 in a folder containing Nos. 1 through 24; I did not get the exact titles; the papers did not have any particular scientific value as such, inasmuch as they had all been published or copies of them made available elsewhere, but being originals they likely had very considerable value as collector's items or museum pieces. It was explained that after the documents were discovered missing on Monday morning, April 12th, a very thorough search was made for them everywhere, and Dr. Kaysen, the Director of the Institute was consulted, and finally being unable to locate the papers anywhere, Mr. Hicks, who was an attorney for the Institute was consulted and he determined to call me.

Hicks stated that since Mehra was present at the Institute, and in the vault in question, on the day which the evidence indicated that the documents became missing, it was therefore thought to be at least very possible that he had them; that they were checking with all others who had been there that day, and it was not entirely clear to me whether there was only one other person than Mehra, that previously mentioned to whom Miss Dukas recalled

showing the documents in the folder, or whether there were more than just two outsiders in the vault that day, but in any event it was clear that if there were more than two there were still only a very few; Hicks moreover stated that Mehra, an Indian (from India) who was a professor of some sort in the Department of History of Science and/or physics at the University of Texas, had a somewhat shady reputation in the academic community in the sense of overstating his credentials or his work or things of that nature, but not necessarily a reputation for actually stealing anything, and that the said other "outside" person whom Miss Dukas mentioned had an excellent reputation. Hicks pointed out that it was possible that the papers were taken either intentionally or by accident, as if someone had picked them up with their own papers and walked out not realizing that they had them.

We decided I would approach Professor Mehra directly, telling him I had been retained by The Institute For Advanced Study and the trustees as an attorney to assist them in the recovery of the documents, explaining the situation to him with reference to when it was thought the documents became missing and how the Institute desired to check with whoever was there that day on the thought that they might possibly have the documents or might have picked them up along with their other papers, and requesting that they search their files to see whether they had them.

After talking with Hicks on this second occasion, I looked at the staff and faculty directory at the University of Texas 1970-71 and could find no J. or Jagdish Mehra listed, although I did find a Mrs. Marlis Mehra listed as a teaching assistant in Germanic Languages and showing a home address at 7606 Rustling Road, which the phone book showed to be that of Jagdish Mehra.

I then tried to call Mehra in the late afternoon (about 6-6:30) at his home address, but got no answer. Later, about 7 or 7:30 p.m., April 14, I called his home again and reached him. I told him my name, that I was an attorney who had been retained by The Institute For Advanced Study and wanted to talk to him on their behalf about something. He asked me what and I said I preferred not to go into it until I could personally meet with him and talk about it. He pressed me several times but I maintained this position. I asked him if he was in the department of History of Science at the University of Texas, but he said there was no such, and that he was connected with the UT Physics department. I offered to meet him at his office the next day. He said he was perfectly willing to see me right away and I could come out to his house that night. I said I would be willing to this, but if he preferred I would also be perfectly willing to see him at his office the

next day. He indicated a preference that I come out to his house that night, so I told him I would and after dinner I went out to his house arriving at about 8:30 or quarter of nine.

His house is in a new development in a nice section of town and appears to be worth in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$40,000, perhaps in the lower ranges of those figures (whether this is rented or owned I don't know). When I got there Mehra was standing in the front lawn. He asked me in and we went into his living room to talk. The house was moderately furnished, and seemed reasonably clean and orderly.

I gave Mehra one of my professional cards, and again explained that I was an attorney and had been retained by The Institute For Advanced Study. Then I directly went into the matter of the missing papers, how they were thought to have become missing on April 9th, how it was understood that he was there at that time and how they therefore desired that he check over his papers, etc. to see if he did not have these, also stating that similar checks were, as I understood it, being made with whoever else was there that day. Mehra asked me directly whether he was being charged with stealing the documents. I said that so far as I knew no one was being charged with anything but the Institute simply desired to get the documents back and wondered if he had them on account of the circumstances above mentioned. He said of course he did not take the documents and that furthermore he was not even at the Institute anywhere near April 9th.

He then proceeded to explain that he had left the Princeton area days before April 9th and could conclusively prove this; that he arrived in Princeton (or the vicinity) in the late afternoon or evening of March 31st after having been at Yale, that on April 1st he had been at the Institute and seen Miss Dukas from about 3 to 3:20 in the afternoon, and that he had been around the Princeton area on April 2nd or 3rd, but had not actually been at the Institute on those days, and that he left to return to Austin from Kennedy Airport on April 4th. I was pulling out my calendar and trying to follow the days of the week for the dates he mentioned, and I said to him that March 31 was a Wednesday and as I understood him he was at the Institute on Thursday, April 1st but not on Friday or Saturday April 2nd or 3rd; however, while Mehra indicated agreement to this, he did not have a calendar with him (though he briefly looked over his shoulder at mine) or his diary or anything of that sort (though I understood his diary was close at hand) and he was talking very rapidly, and my attention was directed to the fact that this was considerably removed from April 9th, the crucial date, and I did not press for an unequivocal assertion from him

that he was sure he was not at the Institute April 2nd. I explained to Mehra that there must be some mistake, but I did not know quite what it was.

Mehra in the course of our conversation also mentioned that he had an Einstein reprint of some kind which he took me into his study to show me, which he had gotten from the Institute For Advanced Study and which he had not returned as soon as he indicated he would, and he said that when I called him he thought that Miss Dukas had been complaining about this and was trying to get me to get this reprint back from him. He offered to give it to me so that I could send it back, but I declined, pointing out that this was not my mission and that I was only concerned with the missing documents in the 1914 to 24 period as I had explained to him. He said he had recently, either April 12 or 13, gotten a letter from Miss Dukas about the reprint, and I also believe he said she had called or wired him about it recently, but I am not sure about the call or wire.

Mehra said he had a great many papers related to Einstein in his study and that he was an Einstein scholar and his name was always connected with Einstein's; also that he usually locked his study because sometimes his son would get in there and might mess things up or something of that nature.

I saw no evidence of either his son or his wife anywhere around the premises, nor was there any particular indication that they had been there recently. In the course of our conversation he also mentioned that he had a severe migraine headache that day and he was subject to migraine, that tobacco smoke in a small room was hard on him, and also that he was subject to claustrophobia and that when he had last been up at the Institute and down in the vault he had had something of an attack of claustrophobia and had to leave rapidly for that reason.

I explained to Mehra on this occasion that the missing documents were numbers 1 through 15, including No. 3A, and Nos. 20 and 21 out of a file which ran from No. 1 through 24; that they were originals of various published manuscripts of Einstein's during the 1914-24 period. Mehra asked me several questions about the value of the documents, and I explained I understood they did not have original scientific value any more, as they had been published or otherwise reproduced, but that they did have potentially a fairly large value as collector's items or museum pieces. Mehra was interested in knowing whether the Institute knew exactly what documents were missing, as early in our conference (before I was taken in his study) I had said I was unable to say just exactly

what they were, and I assured him that the Institute did know exactly what documents were missing, because they had a list of them by title and that the numbers on the documents were keyed to these titles so they knew exactly what it was that was missing.

Mehra said something to the effect that he supposed the Institute was very desirous to avoid any publicity about this, and I indicated that that was partially the case, although it would have to become at least semi-public knowledge and they would notify people if the documents were not found in the near future, probably notifying collectors, museums and other places the documents might show up, and also the authorities.

Mehra was also somewhat concerned as to really who I was, and so finally to satisfy him about this, we called Hicks, reaching him at his home at probably around 9:30 or so that evening. I talked to Hicks in Mehra's presence relating essentially what had transpired from our visit to that point, particularly that Mehra had not been at the Institute on April 9th or for several days prior thereto, and when I got through talking to Hicks, then Mehra proceeded to talk to him on the phone in my presence. I cannot remember anything of these phone conversations which was not essentially duplicative of what I had already talked to Mehra about.

Mehra also said on this occasion that he knew Miss Dukas very well and thought very highly of her, was sure that she was very disturbed about the papers being missing and that he was very anxious that they be found so that she would not be further upset and the like, and he also mentioned knowing Dr. Kaysen and being surprised that Dr. Kaysen or Miss Dukas didn't contact him directly, but had instead chosen to contact him through me, an attorney.

Mehra was rather upset during the whole conference, was very talkative, and displayed a rather strange and varying mixture of defensiveness and aggressiveness.

Because Mehra had not been near the Institute on or about April 9, we did not come to any very clear conclusion at our conference, but I indicated to Mehra there was likely some mistake in dates and I would find out and likely be in touch with him; he rather vaguely indicated he would look in his papers anyway.

The next day, April 15th, Thursday, I did not contact Mehra. I tried to call him but did not reach him (I think I tried once at his home and he was not there, and I cannot now remember whether someone was there and gave me his number at the University and I called there and was unable to contact him).

Mehra can be reached at the University of Texas through the Physics Department, but I have never found out just precisely what his status or position there is or was at the time.

Sometime on April 15th Dr. Kaysen called me from Princeton and I related to him briefly the upshot of my visit with Mehra and how he had not been there on April 9th or anywhere near then, and Dr. Kaysen informed me that April 9th was a mistake and that actually it was April 2nd, likewise a Friday, that the papers were thought to have first become missing, and that all the events previously attributed to April 9th occurred on April 2nd and likewise that the initial discovery that the documents were not there took place on April 5th, Monday, rather than the following Monday, April 12th, etc. Dr. Kaysen said his secretary would phone into my secretary a list of the titles of each of the documents. In this conversation it was also determined that I would again contact Mehra, tell him my mistake, that the day was April 2nd, and that I wanted to know for sure whether or not he was there April 2nd and wanted him to look over his papers, etc. to be sure that he did not have these documents, as perhaps the information concerning April 9th had caused him not to make the search previously requested. A little bit later on April 15 Dr. Kaysen's secretary called and gave my secretary over the telephone a list of all the documents, which she typed up.

April 16, I wrote Mehra a letter dated April 16th, with a copy of the list attached, and a copy of such letter and list are attached hereto. However, after I had dictated this letter and before I had mailed it I got in touch with Mehra over the phone. As I recall, he called me. I gave him the information which Dr. Kaysen had given me, namely that the date was April 2nd, and I also told him that I had gotten a list over the phone of the documents and that I would send these to him with a cover letter. He stated that he was coming by The Austin National Bank, in which building my office is located, and that he would just drop by and pick up the letter and list. I made it quite clear to him in this phone conversation that I wanted to know whether he was there April 2nd. At this time he said of course he did not have his diary with him and he couldn't say, taking a good deal more of an attitude of precision about this than he had previously, and he also stated that he had not searched his documents, and that he would do so but that it might take some time as he had a lot of them.

During this phone conversation on April 16, and again when he came by my office later that day, he mentioned to me, and I believe he had also mentioned it to me when I was at his house on the evening of April 14th, that he had never really had any contact with an attorney before, but that since I was an attorney and he had now come into contact with me he was wondering if maybe

I couldn't do a will or some other similar matters for him that he had need of. The impression I got, frankly, was that he wanted to retain me so that I would be representing him and thus in a sense would be disqualified to do anything against him. I kept putting him off.

About 4 p.m. April 16th Mehra came by my office and I handed him the letter to him of April 16th and the copy of the list of the documents my secretary had typed up pursuant to the call from Dr. Kaysen's secretary. He was not in my office more than 15 minutes.

Another thing that Mehra said either during the meeting in my office on April 16th or earlier that day on the telephone was that he wondered whether The Institute For Advanced Study was going to the authorities and whether there was going to be any criminal prosecution in case they got the documents back, and I stated that I really didn't know and that they had not indicated to me that there was going to be any criminal prosecution but that I was only interested in trying to get the documents back.

Also on April 16th (in the phone conversation or office visit or both), and also possibly on April 14th but I am not sure about April 14, Mehra asked me more than once whether he should get an attorney, and I told him in essence that I would never advise anyone not to get an attorney, that some people in his position would get an attorney and that some people would not, and that if he was concerned about the matter then quite possibly he ought to get an attorney. He said that he was not concerned about it but still wanted to know from me whether he should get an attorney, and I would again repeat what I had said previously.

I made it quite clear to Mehra on April 16th that I did want to know whether he had been there on April 2nd, which I made sure he understood was the crucial date, and that I did want him to check his documents for the missing papers.

On April 17th I received a letter from Dr. Kaysen's secretary dated April 15th with a list of the missing documents; likewise on April 17th I made a Xerox copy of this letter and list and sent both to Mehra with my letter dated April 17th (copy of my letter of April 17 to Mehra attached). The afternoon of April 17th I went to Houston and returned to Austin late in the morning of April 18th and on neither day did I have any personal or telephone contact with Mehra.

On Monday, April 19, I received in the mail from Reeves Hicks, without a cover letter, a copy of Dr. Kaysen's April 13, 1971 "Memorandum for the Record" and of the list attached thereto.

On Monday, April 19th, Mehra called me. He asked whether the folder in which the documents were was missing and I said I didn't think so. I thought I had already told him that, but I am not sure. He stated that he had not yet examined his papers, that they were too numerous but that he would do so. He asked me very pointedly about how many people were there, how many outsiders, on April 2nd, and this was also something he had asked me two or three times before, and I told him I really wasn't sure, that I had only been told one other name of anyone who was there, and that I couldn't remember what that other name was. As I recall this telephone conversation was relatively early in the morning something like 9 or 9:30; I am sure it was in the morning but it might have been later in the morning. In this phone conversation on April 19 Mehra did definitely say that he was at the Institute on April 2nd, and he also acknowledged receiving my letter to him of April 17th and its enclosed list and copy of letter from Dr. Kaysen's secretary.

On April 20th, in the morning, I received a call from Dr. Kaysen who informed me that the missing documents had been received earlier that morning (April 20) in the mail in an envelope, or, more accurately speaking, wrapped in paper, the postmark thereon indicating it was mailed on April 19th in Newark, New Jersey, the circumstances as related to me by Dr. Kaysen in this regard being more particularly set out in my letter of April 20th to Mehra (copy attached). Within approximately an hour at the most after my phone conversation with Dr. Kaysen on the morning of April 20th, I called Mehra on the phone and told him that the documents had been received in the mail at The Institute For Advanced Study that morning, namely April 20th, and told him the circumstances (i.e., those stated in my letter to him of April 20th). Mehra indicated that, in view of the documents having been recovered, he would like to have a letter from me; I did not exactly understand what he meant, but he seemed to be indicating (without coming right out and saying it) that he wanted some kind of an apology or something of that nature, while at the same time saying he wanted something in writing to the effect that the documents had been recovered. I told him I would be glad to relay to him in writing what I had just told him on the phone as to the return of the documents. I proceeded to do so and wrote him on April 20th by the above mentioned letter.

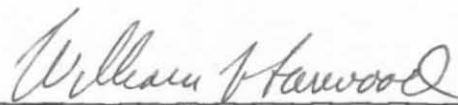
In the course of our phone conversation on April 20th Mehra mentioned something to the effect that he had seen an attorney; in view of this I asked him whether he wanted me to send the letter in question to his attorney, rather than to him; he then very quickly said he had not actually retained an attorney, he had just opened up with an attorney the question of whether he might retain him, but Mehra was very definite that he had not retained him, and likewise was very definite that he wanted the letter from me to be sent to him, not to the attorney; he did not mention who the attorney was.

In this April 20 phone conversation Mehra also stated that he wanted some character of letter from Dr. Kaysen. I said I didn't quite see what the point of this was inasmuch as he was going to have a letter from me, but he indicated that I had only heard over the telephone that the documents were returned, and he would like something from Dr. Kaysen who presumably had actually seen them, and at the same time he continued to hint for some sort of letter of apology, or some kind of a letter that would get him off the hook, but he never did come out and expressly put it this way. I merely told him I would forward this request on to Dr. Kaysen, indicating that I would do so merely in terms of mentioning to Dr. Kaysen that Mehra wanted a letter that said that the documents had been recovered.

In this April 20 phone conversation Mehra also said something to the effect that he presumed this would be the end of the matter since the documents were recovered. I did not state anything in reply to this other than I did not know what plans the Institute had, but I knew they were glad to have the documents back and that the circumstances under which they were received were unexplained and mysterious. In our April 20 phone conversation Mehra also asked something about whether the Institute had gotten the folder back. I told him the folder had never been missing, as I had told him previously.

I have not heard from Mehra one way or the other since April 20th, nor have I made any attempt to contact him other than writing him the letter dated April 20th. On May 1st I received Dr. Kaysen's letter to me dated April 29th and a copy of his letter of the same date, enclosed therewith, to Mehra.

The only occasions I have seen Mehra in person are the evening of April 14 at his house and the afternoon of April 16 at my office. The only other contact I have had with him are phone conversations on April 14, 16, 19 and 20, and my letters to him (and their indicated enclosures) of April 16 (delivered to him in my office), 17 and 20.



William L. Garwood

April 16, 1971

Professor Jagdish Mehra
7606 Rustling Road
Austin, Texas 78731

Dear Professor Mehra:

Enclosed please find copy of list typed in my office of papers reported to my secretary by a secretary in the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton by telephone call April 15, 1971, as the Einstein papers which are missing. It is believed that these became missing April 2nd, 1971.

It would be appreciated if you could check your papers to be sure that you did not pick any of these up when you were recently at the Institute.

Also, it would be appreciated if you would check your diary or other records to determine whether you were at the Institute on April 2nd, 1971.

Yours sincerely,

William L. Garwood

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*Mehra came by office
picked up 4/16/71. 4/20/71*

1. Inaugural Address before the Prussian Academy of Sciences in Berlin - July 2, 1914.
2. An article for the London Times - original in German three copies of the original type script were attached. (7 pages, published in English translation 11/28/1919)
3. Introductory remarks to inaugural address at Laiden, Holland - October 27, 1920.
- 3A Brief outline of the development of the "Theory of Relativity"
(German original draft - published in English Feb. 17, 1921)
4. Lecture at the Prussian Academy of Sciences - Berlin January 27, 1921 - "Geometry and Experience - Part I"
5. "Geometry and Experience - Part II" - the manuscript has a cut-out where the drawings have been (published in Berlin 1921)
6. Preface to the Czech Language Edition - book about relativity. September 23, 1923.
7. Remarks to F. Selety's Paper entitled "Contribution to the Cosmological System"
8. Review of Peter Auli'a article "Relativitaetstheorie". Is in "Encycloepedia of Mathematical Sciences" published 1922 in German
9. Article entitled "Emil Warburg Als Forschaer". The article was with an attached list of Warburg's papers, published September 1922.
10. Publication which appears in the proceedings of the Academy of Sciences in Berlin. 1922 entitled:

"To The Theory of Light Propagation" (the English translation of German title)
11. Remarks to the paper by A. Friedmann about "curvature of space", publication dated September 1922.
12. Note to paper by A. Friedmann identifying No.(s11)
May 1923 (no title given)
13. "Basic Thoughts and Problems of the Theory of Relativity"
Nobel lecture at Goteburg, Sweden, July 11, 1923.

14. Remarks to my (Einstein) paper about "General Relativity" published in the proceedings of the Academy of Sciences in Berlin, May 1923.
- 15 German text of an article "Theory of The Assine Field" published in English Sept. 1923.
20. "Quantum Theory of One-Atomic Ideal Gases"
Published in the proceedings of the Academy of Sciences Berlin, 1924.
21. "About The Ether" - lecture of October 4, 1924 at Lucerne, Switzerland.

The first item mentioned is a

reference sheet which is normally kept on top of folder,

"MSS. Tubl. 1925-1930"

April 17, 1971

Professor Jagdish Mehra
7606 Rustling Road
Austin, Texas 78731

Dear Professor Mehra:

Enclosed please find xeroxed copy of list of missing Einstein papers received today in my office from The Institute For Advanced Study per Mrs. Bortell's cover letter to me, dated April 15, 1971, copy of which is also enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

William L. Garwood

WLG:mb
encls

April 20, 1971

Professor Jagdish Mehra
7606 Rustling Road
Austin, Texas 78731

Dear Professor Mehra:

This will confirm what I told you this morning in our phone conversation, namely that I was informed earlier today in a phone call from Dr. Kaysen, Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, that the missing Einstein documents, those shown in the lists furnished you with my letters to you of April 16 and 17, 1971, were all received today at the Institute for Advanced Study in a package delivered in the mail and bearing postmark indicating it was mailed April 19 in Newark, New Jersey; this was apparently sent registered mail, insured, with a notation to the effect that if undelivered it was to be returned to H. Dukas, 112 Mercer Street (I believe, but I am not positive that was the street and number told me), Princeton, New Jersey; I understand it was special delivery and was addressed to Miss Dukas, in care of Dr. Kaysen at the Institute for Advanced Study; there was no indication of the sender; there was no cover letter or anything else in the package or envelope other than the missing documents and a folder of some sort, but such folder was not the one they were kept in at the Institute.

Very truly yours,

William L. Garwood

WLG:mb

bc: Dr. Carl Kaysen
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

bc: Mr. A. C. Reeves Hicks
6 Charlton Street
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Description of Jagdish Mehra

Medium height - 5'8 to 5'9

Weight - average

Trim build; black straight hair (parted on the side ?);
small black mustache; light (for an Indian) tan skin.
May wear glasses when working. Dark brown eyes.

Smooth manner; easy talker.

Sent to Mr. Hicks 4-26-71

Reeves Hicks wants a description of Mehra
(preferably a picture);

and a sample of his handwriting (attached is all
I have).

Translated by Jagdish Mehra -

Presented to the Einstein Archives
J. Mehra
Jan. 7, 1971

Transcription from the original by Jagdish Mehra -

Presented to the Einstein Archives

J. Mehra
Jan. 7, 1971

1894 oder 95. A. Einstein (Datum 1950 nachgeholt).

JAGDISH MEHRA
7606 RUSTLING RD
AUSTIN TEXAS 78731



RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

MISS HELEN DUKAS
112 MERCER ST.
PRINCETON, N.J. 08540

VIA AIR MAIL

AIR

Prior correspondence
with J. Mehra.

Mehra

August 28, 1970

Dr. Austin Gleeson
Department of Physics
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Dr. Gleeson:

This is to confirm my telephoned message that Dr. Kaysen's calendar for September has become too crowded to permit his accepting the invitation to visit your University on the 21st as he had thought possible when he talked with Dr. Mehra this spring. I know he appreciates your and Dr. Mehra's wanting him to participate in one of Dr. Sudarshan's series of talks, but I am sure you understand that his first responsibility is to the Institute. Demands on his time that take him away, however interesting and appealing, can be accepted only when priority permits.

I will remind Dr. Kaysen on his return to the office this week that you would be glad to have him visit whenever it is convenient, and if such an opportunity presents itself, he will be in touch with you or with Dr. Mehra.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Paul Bortell, Jr.
Secretary to Dr. Kaysen

Series of talks
Public Understanding of
Science

Some Aspects of Science
Eugene Wigner
Arnold Weiss

Abbas Salama

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Bob Marsic -

Es - 1 - 1/2

Local TV - interview

Financing of Science

Dr. Austin Gleeson
Dept. of Physics
U. of Texas

September 18 or 21, 1970

Dr. J. Mehra will invite Dr. Kaysen (or perhaps Dr. Sudarshan will) to go to the U. of Texas on either of these dates to speak on a topic related to financing scientific research. They want both Dr. Kaysen and Mrs. Kaysen to come, arriving the evening before and staying a day beyond. Dr. Kaysen will decide, when he receives the final invitation, just what he will do.

REB - May 13, 1970

Princeton University: DEPARTMENT

To Carl Kaysen
Institute for Advanced Study

DATE May 20, 1970
SUBJECT

FROM Arthur Wightman

Dr. Jagdish Mehra

I looked into Mehra's reputation. Began by looking through
Mathematical Reviews for the last ten years. He has pub-
lished no review papers as a physicist or mathematician.

Later discovered that his field of activity is the history
of science. He surely has good knowledge of the anecdotal
history of modern physics.

Consulted Tom Kuhn on his reputation among the historians ~~and~~ of
scientists and discovered that he had already passed his
opinion on to you.

*The fact that Mehra is surely an operator
might not prevent him from being a
thoughtful commentator on the history of
science, but I have no direct evidence
ASW/ga that he can write as well as he
can talk.*

*TSK highly skeptical
of Mehra.*

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

May 13 - Mehra

February 20, 1970

Dr. J. Mehra
Department of Physics
University of Texas
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Dr. Mehra:

We have had on Dr. Kaysen's calendar the three dates discussed with you but he has not been able to keep them clear for an out-of-state trip. As you know, the new buildings here are very much in progress and, together with general Institute business, demand more than usual of his time and presence. For this reason I can only suggest some dates after the end of term - i.e. April the 10th or 13th or sometime in May, and these would have to be tentative I am afraid.

I am sorry this is the situation, but we will most certainly let you know immediately Dr. Kaysen is able to commit himself.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Wakeham
Secretary to the Director

Follows

January

for March 17 or 19

December 17, 1969

Dr. J. Mehra
Department of Physics
University of Texas
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Dr. Mehra:

We are writing to let you know that Dr. Kaysen hasn't forgotten your invitation, and that he still hopes to pay you a visit. It now appears that the most likely time that will fit into his schedule will be during March. Perhaps you will let us know if this is not convenient, or if one part of the month is better than another, and we will try to keep this in mind as he plans ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Wakeham
Secretary to the Director



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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

Physics Building 202
Phone: 512-471-~~XXXX~~
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September 26, 1969

Dr. Carl Kaysen
Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

I had the pleasure of visiting you in March, and you had been kind enough to accept my invitation to visit Austin during the fall. Dr. Sudarshan and I will be very happy if you would visit us for a couple of days at any time of your choosing. You had mentioned to me that sometime towards the end of October would suit you; please let me know if this is still all right, or we should choose some other days.

Please let me know the title of a talk you might be willing to give here. We will also have an invited group of people for an informal discussion with you.

Sudarshan and I have thought more about the research center in India and have discussed the plan with a number of people who might be able to help. We would like to present these ideas to you, and invite your help and guidance. Your visit to Austin will give us this opportunity.

May I just mention that we would like to make all arrangements for your travel and stay.

Respectful regards,

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jagdish Mehra".

Jagdish Mehra

JM:mc

*By telephone with KEB 10-16-69 - extended invitation to my lab
at CK's convenience, will take care of travel arrangements.*