MEMORANDUM

To/A : SPSC
From/De : V.L. Telegdi
Subject/Objet : Impact of pp-shutdown on the SPS programme

We all know that the pp-project requires an extensive shutdown of the SPS. The length of this shutdown, first announced as 6 months starting in the summer of 1980 (see SPSC/M 111, 19/5/78), appears to have been constantly protracted. Furthermore, the fraction of time to be devoted to pp-experiments in 1981, i.e. after the shutdown, appears also to have gradually escalated.

The consequences of the present schedule for the SPS programme are extremely severe. The SPSC, by agreeing to the currently proposed shutdown schedule, had de facto made an important policy decision.

The spokesman listed hereunder feel that the SPSC should concern itself with this other critical situation. As a minimal modification of the current shutdown schedule, they request the addition of a 4th running period in 1980 before the pp shutdown begins. Furthermore, several groups feel that the 1979 year-end shutdown should be suppressed.

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The coordinator of EHS, L. Montanet, supports this request but prefers to address the SPSC in this matter directly.