Dear Ian,

SPS Collider/Proposal P-108

I have discussed the contents of your letter to me of January 17 within the collaboration and can confirm that the following represent the agreed views of the collaboration.

Firstly, the collaboration accepts the limitation that its proposal be considered by the SPSC as a survey experiment aimed explicitly at seeing whether Centauro events exist or not, which would be carried out using just the streamer chamber and trigger hodoscopes.

Secondly, the collaboration is very conscious of the need to minimize interference to the large experiments at the collider. The above survey could be performed with the events obtained in a few days' running at reasonable efficiency: as few as 10K events, if possible spread over several beam energies, would be sufficient. The collaboration would therefore be content if it were required to have this amount of running time accumulated in an introductory phase of intermittent collider operation.

I would be grateful if you could pass this information on to the SPSC.

Yours sincerely,

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