

Einstein's letter to Vargas

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Dr. Getúlio Vargas
Presidente of the Republic of Brasil
Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

Dear Mr. Presidente:

It has been suggested to me by Professor Abrahso de Moraes of the University of São Paulo that circumstances might arise in which a letter form me addressed to you on behalf of Dr. David Bohm would be desirable. This letter is a result of that suggestion.

Dr. Bohm, whom I have known personally for some years, is, in my opinion, a very gifted and original theoretical physicist. Professionally, he has added materially to our knowledge of quantum mechanics and has more recently become very interested in the fundamental philosophical implications of that theory. He is also an exceptionally able teacher who is an inspiration to his atudents.

I believe that you have heard that Dr. Bohm has had some political difficulties in the United States. I have no hesitation in stating that, in my opinion, those difficulties, which were the result of the tense situation after the war, have no bearing whatsoever on Dr. Bohm's moral character. I have had in the past the greatest confidence in him, both as a scientist and as man, and I continue to do so.

Respectfully yours,

Albert Einstein

This Einstein's letter completes the article *David Bohm, sua estada no Brasil e a Teoria Quântica*, by Olival Freire Jr., Michel Paty and A. L. da Rocha Barros, published in the issue number 20 of *Estudos Avançados*.