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May 1, 1979

Dr. Basilis Xanthopoulos
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Dear Dr. Xanthopoulos:

The purpose of this communication is to offer you formally an appointment as Research Associate in our relativity group for the academic year 1979-80, at a monthly salary of \$1,000, the starting date to be sometime between July 1 and October 1, 1979 at your convenience. Though we understand that in all probability you will move on by the end of the year, we intend that the commitment of the University be for a full twelve months, in case your plans should change. In that event you would also be eligible for a second-year appointment under similar conditions for 1980-81 if funds are available.

Though nominally you will work under our supervision, all doctorate appointees have, of course, complete scientific freedom to follow their interests in research, in your case in general relativity and related fields. We should hope that you will have close contacts with members of our Department of Physics, through seminars and otherwise, for the purpose of mutual stimulation. You may also find that several members of the Syracuse University Department of Mathematics work on problems in topology and differential geometry of interest to you. We think that you will also find the location of the University convenient for maintaining contacts with research groups located elsewhere.

Though this offer of appointment commits the University to a definite minimum term of employment, it is our policy to release research associates at any time if they request so for personal or professional reasons. In such an event a few weeks notice ahead of time will be appreciated by the authorities of the University.

As a Research Associate you will be considered a member of the Department. You will be covered automatically by group life insurance and by dismemberment insurance, each in the amount of \$3,000, both paid for by the University. You are eligible to take out additional group life insurance at favorable rates, and also group major medical insurance. The details of these schemes you can ascertain later on, if you decide to come. All members of the University staff have social security taxes withheld, along with federal and state income taxes.

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If you have any questions concerning professional arrangements or concerning living conditions, please let us know, and we shall try to furnish information, and later to give you some help in locating living quarters if desired.

We hope that you will give this offer of appointment your serious consideration and that you will decide to accept it. We certainly look forward to having you join our group in the near future and hope that your stay here will prove mutually beneficial. If everything appears satisfactory, we should like to ask you to indicate your acceptance by signing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to us.

Sincerely yours,

Peter G. Bergmann

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