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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 January 1983

Dear Professor Schopper,

Thank you for letting me know that you have won the race to trap the W particle. It is very exciting to have taken another step on the road to a unified theory of all the four forces of nature, and I am glad that British scientists from Birmingham University, Queen Mary's College, and the Rutherford and Appleton Laboratories, were there to help. I am sure they will be able to help CERN to many other important discoveries on the road to the unified theory.

Congratulations

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Professor Herwig Schopper

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Dear Professor Kingman

Thank you for your letter of 25 January about the discovery at CERN. I have indeed had telegrams from Professor Schopper, Alan Astbury and Carlo Rubbia, and I have sent them my congratulations. I am especially pleased that there was such a large British contingent in the winning team. I am sure British scientists will be there when the final step to a unified theory is made.

I am simply delighted. It was worth waiting for. Y
Yours sincerely

Professor J. F. C. Kingman

Raymond Delisle



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Dear Mr. Astbury,

Thank you for the telex which you and Carlo Rubbia sent on behalf of the UK contingent in the UA1 experiment. I'm not sure which is more exciting: the glimpses you have had of the W particle, or the knowledge that Santa Claus really does exist. Anyway, my warm congratulations on a very important discovery, and I am delighted that British scientists were once more in the winning team. I am sure the prize will be confirmed by your experiments in the spring, and that this will be just the first of many important discoveries for your team.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Alan Astbury, Esq.

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