## DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES MADE IN THE PAPER.

- (1) A few sentences in the abstract and in paragraphs 1 3 and 5 of Sec. I were edited for better clarity, with no change of meaning.
- (2) In Sec. VIII, by mistake, the numerical calculations for eqs. (8.11) (8.13) and (8.20) used a wrong value for  $B_0$  (0.000093 instead of the correct 0.000091 given in (8.9)). The numbers in those equations were now recalculated. Also, the first sentence under (8.19) had to be changed, but the change had no consequences for the other results.
- (3) For the same reason as above, in subsection IXa several numbers had to be recalculated and a few figures redrawn:
- (a) The recalculated numbers are in eqs. (9.12) (9.13), in Table I (all numbers in the last column) and in the caption to Fig. 4.
  - (b) The redrawn figures are 4 and 5.

The subtle differences between the old and new figures an between the old and new numbers have no influence on any statements made in the paper.

- (4) For better clarity, one sentence was added at the end of the first paragraph on the new page 11. The second sentence of the second paragraph of the new page 11 was reordered for the same reason.
- (5) In consequence of the changes made in subsection IXa, a few words in subsection IXb had to be changed ("larger" and "smaller" interchanged, the sentence preceding (9.22) and the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph on page 11 rewritten). This had no influence on the conclusions.
- (6) In consequence of point (2) above, the numbers in the last columns of Tables III and IV and in eq. (9.23) had to be recalculated, and Figs. 7 8 redrawn.
  - (7) The paragraph under Table IV was edited for style only.
- (8) In Sec. X, Figs. 9 and 10 had to be redrawn; the differences will probably not be noticed by readers, and they have no influence on the conclusions.
- (9) In consequence of point (2) above, the numbers in (11.3) (11.4) and in the adjacent lines of text had to be recalculated; the change does not influence the conclusions.
- (10) The paragraph under (11.4) was re-edited to correct my error. There existed only one BATSE detector and it was de-orbited in 2000, while I suggested that there were several of them and that they kept working after 2000. But the data I quoted remains unchanged.
- (11) The changes made in Sec. XI required the corresponding numbers in the summary section XIII to be also changed, they were in the first paragraph.
- (12) To satisfy the referee, I used this opportunity to remove the parenthetical remark about the "inflationary propaganda" in the penultimate paragraph of Sec. XIII. I hope this will put an end to the needless discussion about inflation.