Ethics Assignment

Give short answers (about 50 words each) to questions 1, 2, and 3.

1. Read ONE of the three cover story articles in the ethics (November 2004) issue of Physics Today. They start on page 42, 48, and 55. Comment on the contents of the article: did you learn anything new? Did anything strike you as particularly relevant to this class?

2. What ethical issues, if any, have you encountered so far in your senior thesis research work? What ethical issues do you expect to be mostly confronted with between now and the submission of your final manuscript? What ethical issues do you anticipate being confronted with in your scientific career?

3. Find the “Ask the ethicist” column in the November 2004 issue of APS NEWS. Read the question. Formulate your own response. Read the ethicist’s response. Compare both responses.

4. Search for a copy of the August 2, 1939 letter from Einstein to President Roosevelt and read it.