Dear Josh,

Many thanks for your prompt reply of February 20th. We are all terribly disappointed, and I especially, to learn that you don't feel you can make even a short trip to Melbourne next year. I fully understand your reasons but should you wish to change your plans the invitation still stands. Indeed, it could be on the limited basis that you are the guest of the University of Melbourne, you fly here for one week only and return immediately to California. The Vice-Chancellor has indicated that the University would be prepared to meet the cost of one of the distinguished team which I am trying to assemble and I could easily nominate you as the one who is to be the guest of the University. As such your obligations would extend no further than our campus and would only involve one lecture. Please think it over.

With every good wish to yourself and Esther,

Yours Sincerely,

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