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Dear Josh,

Many thanks for yours of the 12th May. Naturally, I am sorry that you cannot see an opportunity to give a firm answer to the Australian Academy of Science at the present time, but I fully appreciate and understand the reasons. I have alerted the Academy organisers of your position, and they will be in touch with you in due course concerning keeping the contingency open. It was a question that the Secretary himself did not want to give a definite reply to on the telephone - he felt he should consult the full Committee - hence the delay.

May I say that I very much appreciated the warm tone of your letter and the effort that you have taken to maintain the Australian connection.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

G. J. V. Nossal

Director.