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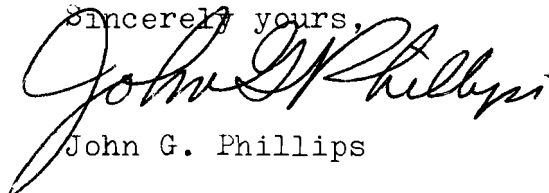
Dear Dr. Reber:

I am writing to find out if you are planning to be present at the forthcoming I.A.U. General Assembly in Sydney. If you are, it is my hope that you will be able to spare an hour or so to describe to me early events in the history of radio astronomy in the 1940's, particularly your pioneering observations in Wheaton. This material will be invaluable in a book I am assembling on important developments in astronomy.

As one of the graduate students at Yerkes following World War II, I can well remember the big impression you made on us neophytes when you came out to Williams Bay and gave us a colloquium talk on your observations. We could see that they were opening up an entirely new area for research, but little did we think that radio astronomy was going to become the major field it is today.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you in Sydney, and honored if you could spare the time to discuss the early days.

Sincerely yours,


John G. Phillips