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Dear Dr Reber,

Thank you very much for your letter of February 1st. Let me start by congratulating you on the award of your medal, which is of course only "token" and inadequate recognition of your amazing pioneering contributions.

It is obviously a disappointment that you will not be able to come to London personally, but of course this would be too much to expect. Many of the younger scientists in this country, such as myself, would have been delighted to have had the chance to talk with you. Since you will be receiving your medal 'in absentia', I will certainly be willing, indeed honoured, to accept it on your behalf. I have been in touch with Professor R.D. Davies, and will probably be able to do this at the March or April meeting of the R.A.S. I wonder if there is anything which you would particularly like to be said on that occasion? I would certainly be pleased to read out a short message from you, if you would like to send one.

In conclusion, let me once again congratulate you, and say that your award has given particular pleasure to all my colleagues here.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Martin Rees".

Martin Rees