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Dear Phillip,

I stood for some minutes hardly comprehending the generosity of your letter. When Peter visited Melbourne recently, he told me I would be invited and I determined to manipulate a tight budget (fairly heavily pension dependent) to come to the reunion. Your cheque and offer of accommodation has made that so much easier.

To be honest, I feel a little hesitant about being a burden to Ron or Greg or you. Looking after an "old guy" has its drawbacks. I am missing some internal bits - have an artificial hip - a "rheumatoid lung" and am accompanied by a bag full of inhalents, pills and potions - but I am still lively - walk heaps, full of memories, have a lively cynical sense of humour and a fond regard

for you Levites.

The acceptance list brought to mind vivid memories of almost all - of course, they are of schoolboy faces - forty years ago - we have all changed but "age has not wearied us"

Phillip, would you pass on my thanks to all for their overwhelming kindness. I am counting the days but I beg off being part of the "Bestest" dessert. Any cake / tart baked by me would be, let us say, unique.

Fond regards,

John Sheehy

P. S. I will phone to arrange details

P. P. S at some function I sat with Br. Brian Berg who changed Leos from Union to League. For the first time in my life I was tempted to become an assassin.

J.