Last year (Spring, 1991) I applied for a URC Major Grant for support of a project entitled: "The Education of a Christendom: Clerical Instruction and Popular Belief in Ninth-Century Europe." The goal of this project was to publish a book with this title, and the grant was requested in order to pay for travel to manuscript libraries in Europe and microfilm of numerous medieval manuscripts whose ninth-century Creed commentaries will be published in my book. (I have included a copy of my 1991 proposal).

I was generously awarded by the URC and was able to do extensive research in Europe for 2 months last summer. I was also able to order microfilm of some of the manuscripts examined, although my research turned up and continues to turn up ninth-century manuscripts which contain Creed material that has never been identified, published, or analyzed. My project to survey as many extant 9th-c. mss as possible for this book can only be done by extensive reliance on MF. For this reason I am requesting further assistance to pay for this MF of early medieval mss ordered from European Libraries. I am not eligible to apply for a Major Grant, but am requesting the maximum amount from a Regular Grant.

Even if $2000 will not, in fact, cover this
Also, every payment I make involves getting a foreign draft from the bank, at $15.00 for every draft, go to $50 expense. I must plan to be charged a minimum of $50 for each microfilm of a ms I order (sometimes the cost is much higher). I already have a list of well over 50 mss that contain Creed material I wish to see.

I understand the time and expense my project involves. But I also understand the tremendous importance to social and liturgical historians of a book which, for the first time, collects all the evidence for the teaching of the Christian Creeds in the 9th c. I have been granted a junior leave of absence for the Spring Term, 1993 and will be spending full time in the analysis of the microfilm material and the preparation of editions of Creed texts never before published.

Although I will have other expenses including computer and print-out costs and a trip to the microfilm resources at the Hill Monastic Library in Collegeville Minn. I am requesting the $2000 maximum strictly for the cost of foreign microfilm.
I visited 24 libraries national, municipal, and monastic libraries in France, Switzerland, Italy and Spain, and consulted well over one hundred manuscripts. Of those consulted, I determined a list of 49 manuscripts I was most desirous to obtain on microfilm. (See enclosed list). My research, however, especially using the incipit files at the IRHT in Paris, turned up numerous more mss I have not yet consulted, which...

Of the enclosed list of 49 mss for which I have already ordered mf, I have at this date received 22. I have a minimum of 50 more mss for which I must order mf. That alone will total $2500.