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INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT: NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Since my last interim performance report six months ago, I have continued to work steadily at preparing the Latin editions of hitherto unpublished creed commentaries and explanations of the faith in eighth and ninth-century manuscripts. Since that report, Brepols publishing house has requested substantial samples of my editions for consideration in their series, Corpus Christianorum Continuatio Mediaevalis. The samples have been sent, and I expect to hear from them shortly, but I have not yet, at this date. At this point in my project, it is my utmost priority simply to complete all the Latin editions according to the format requested by Brepols, and with as full a source apparatus as possible. It is tracking the sources, or possible sources, of my editions that consumes so much time. My second priority is to prepare the final form of my Inventory of Creed Commentaries and Explanations of the Faith in Carolingian Manuscripts according to Brepols' specifications, which they would also like to publish, cross-referenced with the Latin editions. The Inventory (listing both published and unpublished works) offers more information than simply identifying the work (by its opening and closing words) and listing its manuscript(s). I also describe the contents of the work briefly, and also its manuscript(s). This is often complex, and can get detailed and lengthy, and I must decide just how much information I can or should give. It is extremely time-consuming to figure out how to say less, and yet be accurate, than to say more.

My third priority is the writing of my commentary on the texts I have edited, and putting them in the context of the Carolingian reform and the history of Christian doctrine. Brepols would also like to oversee this volume, and asked me to submit a proposal for it to one of their subseries. I have done this, and I have heard from the editor, who said he would like to discuss it with his board when they meet shortly.

I have talked with our budget people here at Duke, and reallocated some of my remaining funds so that I can continue to employ my research assistant through to the end of the project. This is extremely important for me time-wise, because my research assistant does endless leg work finding the books and articles so that I can check all my sources.

I have no administrative difficulties to report.