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To:

Grants Office, Room 310  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

From:

Project Number: RE-21238-95  
Award Recipient: Duke University  
Director: Susan A. Keefe  
Project Title: The Making of a Christendom: Creed Commentaries and  
Explanations of the Faith in the Carolingian Empire.

Subject:

Interim Performance Report  
Due Date: April 30, 1997  
Period to be Covered: 10/1/96 to 04/1/97

### Narrative Report

The goal established for the fourth six months of my three-year project (as set out in the Timetable of my Proposal) was as follows: "To complete the collecting and identifying phase of the project, as to whether the materials have ever been published."

Comment: This goal has been achieved. I have established a computer database of approximately three hundred creed commentaries or explanations of the faith in Carolingian manuscripts. While the search for more could go on indefinitely, I will not pursue further exploring of manuscripts, but concentrate now on editing the hitherto unpublished creed commentaries and explanations of the faith. Among the three hundred I have identified, seventy-five have never been published, as far as I can determine. Approximately another seventy-five have not been edited using all the known manuscripts. Many of these merit new editions, because of important variations in different manuscripts.

All of the microfilm I need to edit the texts as been received, except for four films ordered in the last month, and except for films from Milan, whose library has been closed.

Alterations in plans: I have requested a twelve-month extension in which to complete my project, without any changes in my goal or budget. I have attached a copy of the letter requesting the extension, which explains the reason for the request, due to the sudden absence of a colleague and urgent need for my teaching services this coming Fall. The extension will allow me to take a full year off from teaching duties, as planned, to complete the project, but the academic leave will be delayed until Fall, 1998-Spring, 1999.

In conclusion, I have no administrative difficulties to report.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Keefe

April 14, 1997

Amy Woynicz, Assistant Director  
Office of Research Support  
02 Allen Building, Box 90077  
Duke University  
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Dear Ms. Woynicz,

I received a three-year Editions Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, beginning April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1998. I would like to request permission to be granted a twelve-month extension of the project, to March 31, 1999.

The reason for my request is that I am not able to take a year leave of absence from teaching duties this year, as planned. The sudden departure of my senior colleague in Church History has left me as the only one to teach the required introductory course, and the Dean of the Divinity School and the Dean of Academic Affairs asked me if I would be willing to delay my leave of absence.

To accomodate their request, and to allow myself the needed full year without teaching in order to complete the project, is the reason I am requesting the extension. The project is extremely time-consuming, and it will be virtually impossible to complete it without a full year of intense concentration on nothing but it. I would be on leave from teaching duties during the academic year Fall 98/Spring 99, instead of Fall 97/Spring 98.

Thank you so much for consideration of my request for a twelve-month extension to complete the original scope of the project with the funds already made available.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Keefe  
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