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Dear Mrs. Brown,

John Benton has just told me of your willingness to help me in checking my list of incipits of Carolingian baptismal expositions against the incipit file of the Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes. Thank you so much!

As John gives me to understand, you will give the enclosed list to someone at the IRHT. The California Institute of Technology is willing to pay for their service. Probably checking my list will take a full day. If I could ask you to negotiate a very generous fee for someone who will do this, I would be most grateful. (John urges me to tell you that there is really no limit to what Caltech will pay, so please don't hesitate to offer a very attractive sum).

Also enclosed with the list of incipits is an "Inventory of TEXTS" and an alphabetical "List of Manuscripts", which are both necessary because of the cross-reference system of the incipit list. What I wish to know from checking my list against the IRHT file is whether there are any manuscripts with my incipits that I do not already have listed in my "List of Manuscripts". I expect that there will be some; the problem is whether the incipits of my baptismal expositions develop differently from texts filed with the IRHT. It is a problem because such a high proportion of the contents of the baptismal expositions is quotations from Isidore, Alcuin, and earlier Church authorities. Anyway, I am most anxious to see what the IRHT will come up with.

Thank you again for permitting me to put my list in your hands. I hope to be able to meet you one day in Paris.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Keefe