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Dear Professor Reynolds,

Greetings! I do not know when you are returning from Europe, but I hope this letter finds you and your family all back safely, happily, and in one piece. You must have wonderful adventures to relate. What memories you will be able to share around the dining room table! Sometime, somehow, I will have to get to Toronto to see you and hopefully share some of your slides.

I hope, too, that it was a very successful and informative year for you, research-wise, and that you have a lot of material which you will publish for us. I have just last night received Carolingian Essays. I want to thank you very deeply for making it possible for me to get included in that volume, with all you distinguished others. It certainly is awesome to see your name in print for the first time, and I cringe when I think of all the corrections and changes I've been able to make since I sent my article in. Well, in any case, the fact that it is written and out I'm sure will be enormously helpful to me in the future, as I truly do want to contribute to liturgical studies. Thank you again.

I am now wrapping things up at Caltech, and thinking what a tremendous blessing these past two years (which seem more like two months) have been. Teaching-wise, I feel confident and excited about going to Davidson. I will bring with me everything, hopefully, I will need on computer tape to complete a book on baptismal instruction in the Carolingian period. I do sometimes wonder if I have acted wisely in spending so much time getting all the microfilm and typing in the variants of every manuscript of every text. I certainly do have an enormous amount of material to wade through, and I think, with God's grace, to make some interesting comments on the way the Christian faith was received and perceived in the Carolingian period. I hope there will be time at Davidson to get at this quickly, although I am prepared for delays.

I'm leaving here August 1 for home, to spend 2 weeks with my family sunning and swimming and sailing in Maine (I can't wait!), and then on to Davidson. Please give my dearest greetings to Ruth, and to Michelle, Caleb, Persus, and Nathan. I hope the new year at PIMS will be a wonderful one for you.

*Always in affection, and always in gratitude,
Susan*