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Professor Uta-Penate Blumenthal, Director  
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Dear Professor Blumenthal,

I recently received Carolingian Essays from the publishing house, and I wish to tell you how surprised and pleased I was at its physical appearance, as well as its contents. Your introduction is a clear and concise picture of where we have come to in our knowledge of Carolingian learning, and manages to compliment a number of scholars working in this field. It gives the reader an initial sense of the value of the efforts of all of us publishing in this area, and a sense that one should, indeed, be aware of the literary activity of the Carolingians on a new level. Your words explain and highlight the particular choice of essays included in the volume.

The lay-out of the text and the handsome green cover design are so pleasing! You have done a wonderful job in overseeing all of this.

Personally, I feel tremendously honored to be included among far more learned authors. I am terribly grateful to you for allowing me the space in your volume and a chance to inform the public of my work and solicit help in the manuscript research. It is truly an invaluable gift to have my first blossoming amidst such a distinguished group of scholars. Thank you again, and for your patience and care with all the technical reading (manuscript sigla, Latin words, etc.) included in my article.

I am sure you have already received many compliments on Carolingian Essays. I hope we can all look to you again in the future to publish more in this area. It is exciting to know that your volume will be seen in years to come as an initial one in the modern return to Carolingian research, for with the shared youth and enthusiasm of all involved in Carolingian Essays, there

will be much new information forthcoming and needed revisions of our notions to date.

With deep appreciation,

*Susan Keefe*  
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P.S. Could you please extend to your assistant, Mrs. Katherine Mack, my very sincere thanks for all her correspondence answering my many inquiries as to details and keeping me informed on the progress of the book? She is a rare gem.