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Dear Dr. Cohen,

I am sure the Judah Joffe Collection of Old Yiddish literature will not be seen as a pressing matter requiring your immediate attention. Be that as it may, I should like to inform you of Ms. Sarah Zefatman of the Yiddish department at the Hebrew University who is currently spending a few months in New York. Her specialty is the medieval Yiddish narrative and she has just returned from a year spent at the Bodelian Library in Oxford. The Joffe Collection is next on her agenda. It contains, according to her preliminary findings, not only incunabula, but also the only extant or complete copies of a number of important works. All this is uncatalogued, shelved at random in our library! Ms. Zefatman ~~has~~ offered to catalogue the entire collection for us as part of her research. Do you think any funds could be made available for this purpose? It would involve a three-month period beginning September 1. The details can be worked out with Dr. Schmelzer.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

David G. Roskies
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cc. Dr. Menahem Schmelzer

*It may be possible, but I will
have to wait for Dr. Schmelzer's
return. (How much will
she need ? \$3,000
3-4 months*

T. J. P.