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Dear Dr. Cohen,

This is the week to barrage you with letters. Today I am writing on my own behalf, not for the greater good of the Jewish people.

We spoke back in January about my upcoming sabbatical leave and you generously offered to facilitate my work with a research grant and other perquisites. I am now in a position to formalize my specific needs.

For legal reasons, I am asking the accounting office to pay me half my salary over the full term, including a cost of living increment if such is being offered. Virtually the entire sum will be paid out to my wife who was just awarded monthly payments by the court, though she is currently earning in excess of \$38,000 a year. Such is the inequity of the law when you know how to manipulate it. Thus, I shall be living on the research grant alone and should like to request \$7,000 to be paid out in two installments: \$3,500 on September 1, 1981 and \$3,500 on February 1, 1982. Obviously, I will settle for less, if such a sum is unfeasible. I only ask that this nontaxable income be paid out separately and not figure on my paycheck.

In addition, I should like to maintain my office in Union during my sabbatical leave, though Lifsa Schachter is certainly welcome to share it. Finally, when the time comes, I would like access to a secretarial pool to type the manuscript. The Seminary no longer provides this service to its faculty and I'd rather be able to deal directly and continually with one or two typists than go begging for favors.

I thank you.

Sincerely,

David G. Roskies