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Dear Mr. Geramian,

On behalf of the Islamic Studies faculty, librarians, and students at the University of Southern California, I would like to thank the Alavi Foundation for its generous support. Thanks to the funds received from the Alavi Foundation, we were able to secure matching funds from the University and have purchased invaluable books in Islamic history, philosophy, law, and culture.

The foundation's support was, however, far greater than merely financial. Thanks to the grant we received from you, we were able to convince the university to create, for the first time in its history, an Islamic Studies Collection in our library. This has led to the purchase of the whole collection of publications from the Institut für Geschichte der Arabisch-Islamischen Wissenschaften (more than \$50,000).

It is with a deep sense of gratitude for the foundation's support for our efforts at this most critical time in the development of our program that I enlist your help this year. Our goal will be to broaden our holdings and generate more recognition for the field of Islamic Studies at our university. Your continued support will greatly help our cause.

Most respectfully,

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