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Dear Mrs and Mr Falter,

I wish to thank you very much for letting the Bibliothèque nationale de France exhibit one of your most impressive and wonderful Qumrân fac-simile: the Isaiah Scroll (1QIs) during the exhibition "Qumran: The secret of the Dead sea Scroll" (Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, may to july 2010) and therefore contribute to the success of this exhibition. Profanes and Dead Sea Scrolls scholars thus were able to admire this remarkable fac-simile. Being scientifically and faithfully reproduced from the original, it enabled everyone to enjoy contemplating the Isaiah scroll as if it were the authentic one whereas it is no longer displayed at the Israel Museum. The fac-simile was fully unrolled in a case, allowing scholars to study the manuscript as if they had been in front of the original one.

Laurent Héricher Head of the Oriental Manuscript division Commissioner of the Exhibition "Qumrân" Bibliothèque nationale de France

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