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Dr. A. Oko,
Hebrew Union College,
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Dear Dr. Oko,

Dr. Ettinghausen has just returned from Lisbon with the remarkable collection of Marano MSS, which he was fortunate enough to be able to secure for you. We are sending them to you today in a buckram case.

In addition, we have secured from the real discoverer of the Maranos a letter explaining the provenance of the MSS and how he obtained them. Also a MS list made by Mr. Schwarz, giving a short explanation of them. We also send you some typewritten notes of a Protestant Pastor on the Maranos, which we obtained.

Mr. Schwarz' great work on the Maranos, OS CRISTAOS NOVOS EM PORTUGAL NO SECULO XX, which is now in the press and will appear shortly, will also be delivered to us. We are obtaining his typewritten manuscript, and he is ready to sell (through us) the full publication rights in English, of this work, which could be published by your press for a sum of money to be agreed upon between you and ourselves - with his approval - the whole of

which would be applied to the provision of Hebrew instruction and free places at the Jewish School in Lisbon, for the children of the "Cristaos Novos".

We might mention that the sum which Mr. Schwarz has received from us for the MSS is being applied for the same purpose.

We should be glad to hear from you as soon as possible and are prepared to have the MS translated into English in London under Dr. Ettinghausen's supervision, who has himself met several Cristaos Novos, and has heard some of the prayers from their own lips.

We are sending you the Introduction and Chapters I and II of Mr. Schwarz's book today. The more interesting chapters, which are about to follow, containing the prayers, notes thereon, and a full account of their Minhagim, will follow as soon as the printers have done with them.

We hope you will see your way to make as big an offer as possible for the American and English rights for this work, in the interests of the Cristaos Novos. We believe that their survival ~~of this sect~~ and their ^{rites} ~~religion~~ is one of the most romantic episodes in the history of the Hebrew race.

We might add that Mr. Schwarz does not want the leaf, which is marked "unpublished BBB", ever to be published, as he is not publishing it himself, as it would be against the interests of the Maranos.

The full interest and importance of the MSS you have purchased will be completely evident to you when you get the chapters that follow, which fully explain it to you. These MSS are worthy of a place beside the Chinese ones which you recently purchased.

Yours very truly,

Maggs Drs.

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P.S. We have pleasure in enclosing Consular Certificate and invoice herewith for the Collection of Manuscript Prayers.