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Dear Mostafa,

I will be delighted to contribute a paper for a special issue of J. Phys. Chem. honoring the career of Richard Bersohn. Rich has been an imaginative and collegial member of the international community of physical chemists for many years, and it is entirely fitting that we acknowledge our respect and gratitude in the form of a Festschrift issue on the occasion of his retirement.

I plan to contribute a report on our experiments using circularly and linearly polarized transient FM spectroscopy to characterize the Doppler-resolved orientation and alignment of CN photofragments from ICN photodissociation. This report will be the culmination of my work with Matt Costen on ICN photodissociation, and I would be honored to be able to dedicate it to Rich, who has made so many significant contributions to the field of small molecule photodissociation.

Sincerely yours,

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