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Sample Permissions Request Letter:

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Material Permissions Department
Publisher address

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Faculty Member