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To whom it may concern:

One of the first major acquisitions by British Columbia's Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology, now the Royal BC Museum, was a collection of Nuxalk and Heiltsuk cultural objects purchased from Bernard Filip Jacobsen in 1893. It remains one of the most significant Indigenous collections from the central coast of British Columbia.

The documentation provided by Filip Jacobsen at the time, however, was minimal despite his apparent familiarity with the region and its peoples. Neither is there much information about Filip as a collector; the focus has been primarily on his brother, Johan Adrian Jacobsen, who shipped tons of artifacts from the Northwest Coast to museums in Europe and the United States.

The Royal BC Museum is therefore most interested in the research on the Jacobsen brothers being undertaken by Mr Sigbjørn Rønbeck. It will provide new insight not only into Filip Jacobsen's life and collecting activities, but also into the Royal BC Museum's collection and the broader context of 19<sup>th</sup> century collecting in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

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