

December 18, 1973

Professor Janos Bak  
Department of History  
The University of British Columbia  
Vancouver 8, Canada

Kedves Janos!

Your letter of August 8, 1973 arrived while I was in Hungary on a two month IREX grant. My wife Eva was going to bring it along with herself since she was planning to join me in Budapest on September 2.

Nothing worked out as we have planned and this is the reason you have not heard from me. Upon ~~returning~~ home I was full of good intentions to write to you but somehow this did not materialize. The last three months have been filled with terrible anxiety and fear and I have not felt up to writing to anybody at length. We are still not out of the woods but hopefully the worst is now over. In brief this is what happened: Eva who was supposed to join me on September 2 in Budapest called me to say that she is very ill with a bad virus infection, inflamed ears, throat and bronchial passages. She had lost weight and was very much run down. So we cancelled our plans for 3 weeks in Bp., a trip to Prague and London and I flew back to the U.S. alone on September 19. Since then she had several flare ups of various forms of inflammations and what is most disturbing her white blood count has been high, even after extensive medication. Three weeks ago the doctors ran a leukemia test on her. The result was negative, thank God, but until we waited out the laboratory work (a week-end) I feel that I have gone through the worst days of my life. Since the white blood count is still elevated, Eva entered the hospital on December 13 for a whole series of tests and examinations. Her condition indicates an infection somewhere and it has to be found. There are several possibilities: She had surgery last year in November to remove an ovarian cyst and many adhesions from previous caesarian deliveries. These could cause new problems. She has had an unusual skin inflammation on her forehead which has caused problems on and off for 12 years but has turned worse recently. The possibilities are infinite and until they find the cause of her problems I am very much disturbed and live in constant fear for her. I just hope that all this will end well and soon and that we can resume our normal life in the near future.

While in Budapest I met Karl Nehring and we had a most pleasant conversation. As for his manuscript, do you want it sent to UBC and if yes, when will you need it. I have studied it to my "Herzenslust"

December 17, 1973

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, i.h.  
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet  
Menesi ut 11-13  
Budapest XI, Hungary

Kedves Tibor!

Please excuse my long delay in writing to you. Upon my return home I had all the good intentions of keeping in touch with you, and above all to thank you for all your kindness during my stay in Budapest. Your thoughtfulness and friendship certainly added to the pleasure of my stay in Hungary. I am particularly grateful for the most pleasant evening at your residence and the trip you made possible to Sarospatak.

Since my return to the U. S. my life has been filled with terrible anxiety and fear. As you probably remember, my wife Eva was supposed to join me in Budapest last September and we were going to visit Prague and London before returning home. Her illness prevented this and what is most disturbing, she is still not well. Since then she had several flare ups of various forms of inflammations and what is most disturbing her white blood count has been high, even after extensive medication. Three weeks ago the doctors ran a leukemia test on her. The result was negative, thank God, but until we waited out the laboratory work (a week-end) I feel that I have gone through the worst days of my life. Since the white blood count is still elevated, Eva entered the hospital on December 13 for a whole series of tests and examinations. Her condition indicates an infection somewhere and it has to be found. There are several possibilities: She had surgery last year in November to remove an ovarian cyst and many adhesions from previous caesarian deliveries. These could cause new problems. She has had an unusual skin inflammation on her forehead which has caused problems on and off for 12 years but has turned worse recently. The possibilities are infinite and until they find the cause of her problems I am very much disturbed and live in constant fear for her. I just hope that all this will end well and soon and that we can resume our normal life in the near future.

Because of Eva's illness my work has not progressed at all. I have not had the motivation to do research or even to write to my dear friends in Hungary. Although I consider myself to be a strong person emotionally the last three months have been very hard on me and have been the most anxiety filled of my life. Hopefully all will turn out well and 1974 will bring a new and successful year.

December 10, 1973

Dr. Istvan Deak, Director  
Institute on East Central Europe  
Columbia University  
420 West 118 Street  
New York, New York 10027

Kedves Pistam!

Since I do not know if you are in Budapest or at Columbia at the time this will reach you, I am sending a copy of the letter to both places, in the hope one will reach you.

Thank you very much for your card from Esztergom. We sincerely hope that your broken leg has healed by now and that you are again running and jumping as you did before, however with a little better luck. It was in my last days in Budapest that I heard that you were home at Mese u. with this accident. On the evening before my departure I tried to call you but could not get through.

Upon returning home I was full of good intentions to write to you but somehow this did not materialize. The last three months have been filled with terrible anxiety and fear and I have not felt up to writing to anybody at length. We are still not out of the woods but hopefully the worst is now over. In brief this is what happened: Eva who was supposed to join me on September 2 in Budapest called me to say that she is very ill with a bad virus infection, inflamed ears, throat and bronchial passages. She had lost weight and was very much run down. So we cancelled our plans for 3 weeks in Bp., a trip to Prague and London and I flew back to the U.S. alone on September 19. Since then she had several flare ups of various forms of inflammations and what is most disturbing her white blood count has been high, even after extensive medication. Three weeks ago the doctors ran a leukemia test on her. The result was negative, thank God, but until we waited out the laboratory work (a week-end) I feel that I have gone through the worst days of my life. Since the white blood count is still elevated, Eva will enter the hospital on December 13 for a whole series of tests and examinations. Her condition indicates an infection somewhere and it has to be found. There are several possibilities: She had surgery last year in November to remove an ovarian cyst and many adhesions from previous caesarian deliveries. These could cause new problems. She has had an unusual skin inflammation on her forehead which has caused problems on and off for 12 years but has turned worse recently. The possibilities are infinite and until they find the cause of her problems I am very much disturbed and live in constant fear for her. I just hope that all this will end well and soon and that we can resume our normal life in the near future.

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May 2, 1973

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, i.h.  
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet  
Menesi ut 11-13  
Budapest XI, Hungary

Kedves Tibor!

It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you that I have been nominated for the International Exchange Program and have a good chance of coming to Budapest for two months this summer and early fall. Final disposition of the matter rests now with the acceptance of the American candidates by the Hungarian side. I hope that no problems will arise and that we will meet again soon.

My plans, at this point are formulated as follows: I would arrive in Budapest on July 20, 1973 and depart around September 17 or so. My wife Eva would join me on September 2 and we would return via Cracow and Prague to the United States.

Recently I spent considerable time at Notre Dame with our mutual friend Astrik. We organized a meeting of the American Subcommission on the History of Universities in preparation for the International ~~Congress~~ Congress of Historians which will be held at San Francisco in 1975. I had the honor of delivering one of the three major papers at the conference, the other two papers were by Prof. Bosl of Munchen and Prof. Pearl Kibre of New York University who has an excellent book on the Nations at Medieval Universities as well as a volume on the problem of Scholarly Privileges. As always Astrik was a marvelous host and guided the program in his masterful fashion. My paper, which was very warmly recieved was on the Italian Universities and Hungarian Humanist of the late 15th century. Unfortunately nobody knows much about this outside of Hungary.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to the two months I hope to spend in Budapest. This will give me the time to finish the research on Hungary in the Age of Corvinus.

and can return it to you whenever you want it sent.

It is strange but while in Budapest I told Barta Gabi that there is one person I have to meet yet and that is Bonis Gyorgy. Unfortunately it did not work out but I am sending him a reprint of the Obuda article.

Would love to hear from you. What are your plans? You are fortunate that you still have sabbaticals. The Ohio Legislature has abolished our program and so there is no more sabbaticals at any of the state universities here.

With all my serious family problems nothing has been done with my research but hopefully if Eva recovers I will be able to get moving again.

Janoskam, I wish you Merry Christmas and a successful new year. May all your dreams and ambitions become a reality.

May 25, 1973

Dr. Istvan Deak, Director  
Institute on East Central Europe  
Columbia University  
420 West 118 Street  
New York, New York 10027

Kedves Pistam!

It was with great delight that I received your note and the very interesting Xerox reprints which you were kind enough to send me. Unfortunately the rejoicing about our meeting in Budapest in September seems to be premature. The very same day that I received your letter a call came from IREX indicating that the Hungarians rejected six out of ten candidates for grants and that I am among the six. As you can well imagine I was shocked and dismayed and find the whole situation incomprehensible. Based on my correspondence with scholars in both the historical and literary institutes I was and am convinced that they hold a high regard for me both as an individual and as a scholar, therefore, the rejection must have originated in the bureaucracy of the Institute for Cultural Exchange.

My plans for the summer are pretty well upset although I still am planning to go on the trip if at all possible. Dr. Kassof and Mr. Matthews are going to Budapest in the first week of June and I hope that they will be able to reverse the decision of the Hungarians. I know that you are on very good terms with these gentlemen and if you could put in a good word I will immensely appreciate it. Six to eight hours of research on my book plus conferences with a number of specialists in the field is really an absolute necessity in order that I can finish my studies on Matthias Corvinus.

You will hear from me in the near future in the meanwhile any advise on your part will be greatly appreciated.

All this has also negatively affected my research. I have been unable to do any serious work since my return. Two articles which I hope to publish soon are unfinished but somehow I just did not feel up to completing them. I expect to get back into the "groove" early in January and do many of the things I have neglected for so long. If you see Ranki please tell him what has happened and that I will write to him soon to thank him for the usual warm hospitality of the Institute.

Pistam, please excuse the long and depressing letter and I hope that next time I write it will be full of good news and happiness. Our greetings and love to your family.

With warm personal regards,

October 26, 1973

Mr. John P. C. Matthews, Deputy Director  
International Research and Exchange Board  
110 East 59th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Please excuse the long delay on contacting you but time seems to fly at a terribly rapid rate since my return to Youngstown.

In my last letter from Hungary I had indicated that if possible I would call you on September 19 in the afternoon when I was scheduled to arrive in New York. Unfortunately the plane from Amsterdam was over 30 minutes late and I had no time to give you a ring, in fact had to race like mad to make my connection to Cleveland. A few days later I called your office but found that both you and Mrs. Carmichael were out. At that time I left word that I would get in touch with you soon. Well soon turned out to be a month.

Unfortunately, ill health has been causing considerable concern to me. As I had indicated to you previously, my wife was to join me in Budapest for the last two weeks of my stay. This she had to cancel because of a severe virus infection. Although she was somewhat better when I returned home, she is still ill after two months of medication and attempts on the part of the doctor to get her back on her feet. Furthermore her blood picture shows some possibly alarming disorder and she will see a hematologist next week. As you can imagine, I am terribly worried and only hope that all will turn out well and with further medication she will be able to recover.

The problem of my lost baggage is still not resolved. Although it has been missing since July 20, and I have been in contact with BEA, still there has been no progress on the reimbursement of my losses.

Enclosed you will find a receipt for Excess Baggage. Would you please be so kind and have your accounting department make out a reimbursement check for this amount.

Aside from the loss of my luggage and the fact that my wife could not join me, the two month research trip to Hungary was an unqualified success.

My reception by Kultint was friendly and Mr. Peter Gyorgy was most solicitous of my well being when he took over from Mrs. Korosi. Since I was settled, had an excellent room and all was going well, there was no opportunity for him to do anything concrete but it was quite obvious that



he was ready to be of any assistance that I would have needed. Before departure he invited me to a lovely lunch at the Budapest Intercontinental and in our conversation made clear that the rejection of my name from the original list of IREX was in no way a personal matter, directed at me.

At the Institutes of Historical Studies and the Literary Research both outdid themselves in an effort to make one feel at home. At the Historical Institute I received comfortable working quarters and although the Institute Library was being transferred from one wing of the building to the other, I still had no research problems of major proportions. At the Literary Institute, the library and Xerox machines were at my disposal and before my departure the Director, Dr. Klaniczay gave me the chauffeur driven car of the Institute and a scholarly guide so that I could visit North Eastern Hungary particularly Saropatak and Nyirbator which were important centers of study.

Would you please indicate in a brief note how extensive a report you expect from me after this two month trip and how soon I should send it to IREX.

Please convey my regards to Dr. Kassof and to Mrs. Carmichael.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Leslie S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

December 10, 1973

Mr. John P. C. Matthews, Deputy Director  
International Research and Exchange Board  
110 East 59th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Thank you for your very kind and solicitous letter of October 30, 1973, which was greatly appreciated.

My long silence is due mainly to the extreme critical period we lived through the last few weeks. In my last letter I indicated to you that my wife was still ill and that her blood count showed an alarming presence of high number of white blood cells. Since medication has not appreciably decreased this level and since she has had several reoccurring illnesses, the doctors finally decided to run a leukemia test on her.

We got the result, which fortunately are negative, but what we lived through can only be described as pure hell. In order to finally get to the root of this problem she will enter the hospital on December 13 for a whole series of tests and examinations. We only hope that nothing very grave will be found and that she will soon regain her health. These last three months have been very hard on us.

At least here is some good news. A week ago BEA finally came up with a check for my lost baggage. I would have preferred my suitcase instead of the money since I did have some very fine things in the lost bag but at least there was nothing in it that is not replaceable. Now by shopping wisely and waiting for some good post Christmas sales I might cut my losses to a minimum. Thank you for your kind offer to write a strong letter of protest in my behalf. I was about to take you up on it when the BEA letter arrived with the money. Now that is at least solved.

Hopefully my next letter will be all good news and cheerfulness. Thank you for your understanding attitude concerning the final report. It will come in January.

With greetings to Dr. Kassof and the lovely Mrs. Carmichael, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos

November 19, 1973

Dr. Thomas L. Sakmyster  
Department of History  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

Dear Professor Sakmyster:

Thank you for the invitation to write a book review for the East Central Europe. I will be delighted to do it.

Since we last exchanged correspondence, I spent 10 weeks in Hungary doing research on an IREX grant. Unfortunately I have been unable to complete my article which I promised to you due to serious family problems. I hope that the Christmas vacation period will enable me to devote the 2-3 hours which are still necessary for the completion of the task.

In the hope of receiving the review copy soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

LSD:sf

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Through the binational agreement between the Institute for Cultural Relations in Budapest (KKI) and the International Research and Exchange Board of New York (IREX), I have been awarded a two month research grant to complete work on a study of Matthias Hunyadi and the Renaissance in Hungary.

The grant is designated to begin on July 20, 1973 and I have reservations to leave Youngstown early on Thursday July 19 and arrive in Budapest in the afternoon of the following day. KKI has been informed of my arrival.

Unfortunately the official invitation letter (Ígazoló Lép) was delayed in Budapest and I received it only an hour ago. I am forwarding it with the appropriate forms, photographs and my passport.

Dear Mr. Ambassador, I sincerely request that you instruct the Visa section to issue me a visa at the earliest possible time and return my passport in order that my departure will not be delayed. Since the mail moves so very slowly, I am enclosing a "Special Delivery" stamp to facilitate and expedite the matter.

Your prompt action in this matter will be greatly appreciated. With sincere best wishes and many thanks, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

L.S. Demoulas, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor

July 17, 1973

Manager  
Green Park Hotel  
Half Moon Street  
London, England

Dear Sir:

Through a friend I received information about your excellent hotel which was recommended to him most highly as being clean, orderly and centrally located.

On Friday, September 21 at 4 p.m. my wife and I will arrive in London from Prague and should need accomodations for two days before departing for the United States Sunday, morning September 23.

Would you be so kind and send me information concerning your prices, whether you need a deposit, and also make tentative reservations for a cheerful and quiet room for two people with bath.

Since I will be leaving for Europe in two days, send your response to my wife to the address given below. Your kind cooperation and prompt answer would be appreciated. I remain

Sincerely yours,

Leslie S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

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Hugh G. Earnhart, Chairman, Department of History

July 17, 1973

L. S. Domonkos

From July 19 to September 23 I will be in Europe on a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies. The Grant will expire on September 19 at which time I will be leaving Budapest for Prague to attend a two day Symposium of Renaissance scholars from Central Europe.

Since the fall quarter starts on Thursday, September 20 it will be impossible for me to be here for the opening of the academic year.

I In order that my classes should be covered, I am making appropriate preparations and will have a graduate student distribute the syllabus to each of my classes on Friday, September 21, the only day which I will be missing.

In order to prevent any criticism from any quarter I have discussed this matter over with Dr. Earle Edgar, Vice President for Academic Affairs on Tuesday, July 10. He gave his enthusiastic consent and instructed me to notify you of my problem. Thank you for your kind consideration, I remain

July 17, 1973

Hugh G. Earnhart, Chairman, Department of History

L. S. Domonkos

Due to the relative shortness of travel funds, I realize that the task of equitable distribution of monies will be most difficult this coming year, furthermore the fact that the AHA convention will be in San Francisco will greatly increase the expenses of travel. Realizing these problems I still would like to request partial funding of travel to the AHA convention in December of 1973.

As you know the last AHA convention I attended was in 1968 when we traveled together to New York and were so successful in our recruiting. Five years have passed since I have attended an AHA convention and although I regret that I have to ask for funds to go to a site as distant as San Francisco, there are a number of reasons why I think my request is justified.

My former dissertation director, mentor, and good friend Dr. Gabriel of Notre Dame will be delivering his address as president of the American Catholic Historical Association. Obviously I would like to be there.

I am putting this request as early as possible so that if the most unpleasant situation arises again as it did last year which meant that I had to cover expenses for going to a professional meeting where I was delivering one of the main papers, because of the unwise spending of some of our colleagues. Thank you for all of your assistance, I remain

Hugh G. Earnhart, Chairman, Department of History

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L. S. Domonkos

In the nine years I have taught at Youngstown State University I have scrupulously followed all guidelines, dates, etc., however, I find it necessary to give my final exam for the summer quarter one day ahead of schedule, that is on Wednesday, July 18 instead of Thursday. Since I am leaving for Europe on Thursday, it has become necessary to administer the exam on Wednesday so that the grades can be turned in Thursday morning.

I hope this will not cause any inconvenience or problems, I remain



June 28, 1973

Paperback Department  
Atheneum Publishers  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10017

Gentlemen:

Would you please send me a complimentary copy of the following two books for possible adoption in my Medieval Civilization Course:

Jacob R. Marcus, The Jew in the Medieval World  
(T-7; 70133-0)

Israel Abrahams, Jewish Life in the Middle Ages  
(T-1; 70001-6)

There are usually 25-30 students enrolled in the Medieval Civilization course and it is offered at least once each academic year.

Your cooperation in sending these books will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD:sf

June 26, 1973

Sam Goody, Incorporated  
235 West 49th Street  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Would you please send me, as soon as possible, the following item:

Claudio Monteverdi - Vesperae Beatae Mariae Virginis  
by the Monteverdi Chor of Hamburg and the Capella  
Antiqua of München.

TELEFUNKEN - SAWT 9501/02-A/

I hope that I have the numbers correct and that this is indeed the record in stereo.

This record is intended as a goft and the day of celebration is imminent. Therefore, I ask you to please send the record immediately.

Enclosed you will find a Bank Draft for \$10.00. I will naturally reimburse you immediately.

Thank you for your prompt action.

Sincerely,

Address: Dr. L. S. Domonkos  
1418 Cascade Drive  
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

June 26, 1973

Mrs. I. Barabas, Librarian  
MTA Történettudományi Intézet  
Uri utca 51-53  
Budapest I, Hungary

Dear Mrs. Barabas:

In the last few months a few books have accumulated which I am mailing to you for the Institute Library. Unfortunately the number of publications in Medieval history have not been extensive, so that I could not send you more material. I hope that the books will be useful to my colleagues.

Norman Cantor ed., Medieval Thought: Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, 1969, (paper) pp. 198.

Norman Cantor, ed., Renaissance Thought: Dante and Machiavelli, 1969 (paper), pp. 227.

Norman Cantor ed., Ancien Civilization 4000 BC - 400 AD; Studies and Interpretations, 1967 (paper), pp. 241.

Norman Cantor ed., Medieval Society, 400-1450; Studies and Interpretations, 1907 (paper), pp. 213.

T.S.R. Boase, Death in the Middle Ages: Morality Judgement and Remembrance, 1972 (paper), p. 144.

J. Blum, R. Cameron, T. Barnes, The Emergence of the European World to 1815, 1966, (hardback), pp. 539.

The books will be mailed at the end of this week. It seems, however, that I will probably arrive in Budapest before the packages. IREX has informed me that I have received a two month research grant for this summer. You will probably see me at the TTI in the last week of July (23-28) and I will stay in Budapest until September 19.

It will be delightful to see all of my friends and acquaintances again. Hope you are well and I am looking forward to seeing you. With best wishes, I remain,

June 27, 1973

Mrs. Helen Logue  
Executive Secretary  
The Mediaeval Institute  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Mrs. Logue:

Now that Professor Gabriel has left for Europe your days are probably more calm and less eventful. I talked with him before his departure and he indicated that you would be faithfully working all summer long.

As you probably know, I am going to Europe in late July and won't be back until September. Before leaving, however, I must make a brief visit to N.D. and arrange some Xeroxing as well as check a number of sources. I plan to visit the Institute on Thursday, Friday, Saturday July 5,6,7. I would arrive in the afternoon on Thursday and leave early evening on Saturday. If possible I would also like to meet young Gabriel at this time since I have heard many stories about him.

Would you be so kind, dear Mrs. Logue, and ask the charming Librarian of the Institute to please have the Xerox people make copies of the articles on the enclosed cards. She was kind enough to help me out last time and I hope that I am not unduly inconveniencing her. Enclosed is also money to cover the expenses. I hope that there is some student helper she can dispatch downstairs to make the Xerox copies and that she herself does not have to do the leg work. All of the material is at the Institute. Both sets (Szazadok and Katholikus Szemle) are in the stacks outside the door (K. Sz. is bound in orange - Szazadok has over 100 volumes.)

Since I will need many more Xerox pages of various shorter articles, I would very much appreciate if these longer articles could be done before I arrive on Thursday. Many thanks for all your help.

All is well with us and I am looking forward to talking with you next week. With best wishes to all, I remain

June 20, 1973

Dr. R. Varkonyi Agnes  
MTA Tortenettudomanyi Intezete  
Uri utca 51-53  
Budapest I, Hungary

Dear Colleague:

Several months ago I wrote to you concerning the possibility that I might be able to come to Budapest again to do research on my book on the Age of Matthias Corvinus in Hungary.

A few days ago I received the joyful news that I have been granted an IREX scholarship for a two month period for the late summer.

If all my plans go according to schedule, I will arrive in Budapest on Friday afternoon, July 20 and will stay in Hungary until September 20, 1973.

It will be delightful to see all my dear acquaintances and friends again. I hope that KKI will put me in touch with the Historical Institute without any delay and that I will be able to begin working in your excellent library as soon after my arrival as possible.

Please convey my greetings to Professor Ranki, if he has returned from England, and to all my friends at the Institute.

In the hope of seeing you in the near future, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

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June 4, 1973

Dr. Halasz Zoltan, Assoc. Editor  
The New Hungarian Quarterly  
Rakoczi ut 17  
Budapest VIII, Hungary

Dear Zoltan!

In the Spring issue of the NHQ I read the fine study of Professor Kardos on the life of Janus Pannonius. I hope that your promise that you will publish my Vitez article this year still holds and that it will appear in one of the issues in the near future. It is with great anticipation that I am looking forward to its publication.'

In all probability I will be in Budapest in the late summer to finish my research for the book on Matthias Corvinus on which I have been working. Hope to see you.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

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May 11, 1973

Dr. David E. Kyvig, Director  
American History Research Center  
University of Akron  
Akron, Ohio 44325

Dear Dr. Kyvig:

Miss Frances Gazdik is an applicant for the Ohio Historical Society Archives-Library Institute Scholarship and has asked me to write a letter of support in her behalf.

Miss Gazdik has been my student since her freshman year and I have been able to follow her intellectual development for the last five years, as she matured into a fine graduate student. The applicant has demonstrated her abilities in undergraduate classes as well as graduate seminars. Miss Gazdik is a serious young woman who has a good understanding of historical materials and the ability to interpret them.

There are few students in whom I would place as much trust as in the abilities of this candidate. Over the years she has demonstrated to me that she is seriously interested in scholarship and has a sincere love for the discipline of history. She is not a stranger to libraries and has worked at the Youngstown State University Library for quite some time.

Miss Gazdik has been supporting herself for the last few years and is financially not in the best circumstances. In order to attend the institute she would need financial assistance. I strongly recommend her for the scholarship and feel certain that she will be an excellent student.

Any and all help you are able to give her will be greatly appreciated. We at Youngstown State University feel that she will be an excellent candidate.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD:sf

May 2, 1973

Dr. August Molnar, Exec. Dir.  
American Hungarian Studies Foundation  
177 Sommerset Street, Box 1084  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Professor Molnar:

It is with greatest pleasure that I am writing this letter in behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Szabo in support of her efforts to get financial assistance from the Hungarian Studies Foundation.

I have known Mrs. Szabo and her late husband, Elmer, for twenty years and always admired their talents and dedication. Since Mrs. Szabo has become a widow she has made a valiant effort to live self sufficiently and is pursuing her studies at Youngstown State University to get a teaching position.

If there was ever a person who deserves assistance from a Hungarian group, it is Mrs. Szabo. Not only has she supported every Hungarian cause for years, but is now trying to introduce the kodaly vocal methods to our schools. She is a dedicated and intelligent woman, with great determination and should be encouraged in every possible way. She has already achieved some success where she tried to teach the kodaly method and she should be given the opportunity to devote herself to more intensive study in this field.

Since she is the mother of four children she needs financial assistance to carry on her proposed study. The Hungarian Studies Foundation could not find a more deserving and needy person to support.

Wishing you continued success in your excellent work, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Assoc. Prof. History  
Youngstown State Univ.

LSD:sf



May 2, 1973

Dr. Istvan Deak  
Institute on East Central Europe  
Columbia University  
New York, N. Y. 10027

Kedves Pistam!

It was with great delight that I saw your name on the IREX list as a participant in the exchange program for next fall. I will be in Budapest from July 20 to September 20 and hope to finish my research on Corvinus. Two months of intensive work will probably suffice to allow me to finish the first draft of the book.

This past year has been rather good from a scholarly point of view. I read a paper at Duquesne, and the University of British Columbia as well as at my Alma mater Notre Dame. The British Columbia and Notre Dame affairs were particularly good and I received many favorable responses to my papers. Getting ready for these sessions and preparing two articles for publication has kept me pretty busy.

It is with great anticipation that I am looking forward to the trip to Budapest. If all my plans work out as expected, Eva will join me around September 2 and we will fly home via Cracow and Prague. The children will be in school and their grandmother will take care of them for the three week period while Eva is with me. It would be nice if you arrived before we left Budapest so that we could lift a few glasses together.

Were you able to get Ranki to visit the United States. I would have been delighted to have him give a lecture here but our budget has been slashed to the point where it would have been impossible to give him a honorarium of any decent size.

I hope your family is well and we are looking forward to the possibility of seeing you in the early fall. Write if you have some time.

April 4, 1973

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Mediaeval Institute  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Magister Astricus!

We hope that your European trip was successful and that you are not too exhausted upon your return.

Eva and I tried to call you before your departure (Friday evening) but there was no answer. We wanted to wish you "Bon voyage" and reassure you that I will come up to the Institute to help set up the Exhibit.

If it is suitable for your schedule, I will come to Notre Dame on the evening of Wednesday, April 11, will be at your disposal all day on Thursday, and if necessary Friday. Since Katica and Bumi have their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 14, I will have to come home for this event but plan to return to South Bend on Sunday afternoon for the Symposium.

Would you please call me upon returning from Europe so that I can finalize my plans according to your own schedule.

Eva and the children send their love, I remain, your devoted student

April 4, 1973

Kultura, Antikvar Osztaly  
P. O. Box 149  
Budapest 62, Hungary

Gentlemen:

Included you will find the remittance for the order which I placed with Kultura last fall.

Unfortunately through an error on your part the Book (Fitz, Hess Andras) was not sent to me but was shipped to the University Library here at Youngstown State University.

After waiting patiently for months I was about to write to you inquiring why you had not sent the book. Fortunately, I checked the Acquisition Department of the Library before writing to you and discovered my book there.

In the future please pay particular care that the shipment of books ordered from you is not sent to the incorrect address.

In the hope of receiving your next catalogue, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos, PH.D.  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

LSD:sf

Mr. Mark S. Connelly has been in a number of history classes during the last three years here at YSU. I first met him in a survey class when he was a freshman and have followed his academic progress and maturation since.

The applicant is without doubt one of the best students our department has produced recently and we are very proud of him. It does not surprise me that Mr. Connelly wants to continue his studies and I am very happy that he is considering Law School.

As his advisor and through frequent conversations with the candidate I have been able to know him better than would normally be possible in a university with 14,000 students. I have found my Connelly to be a very studious but at the same time congenial young man. He seems to me to be a person of high moral principles and integrity and this impression is ~~strongly~~ supported by the opinion of several of his friends.

By strange coincidence I am also familiar with his family background and have met his mother. All this only reaffirms my conviction that Mr. Connelly is a well balanced, intelligent and industrious young man.

His academic records will be available to you but it is interesting to note that he achieved his excellent grade point average while working part time at a local department store. He has ambition, drive and persistence. Coupled with a winning personality and high ethical standards it would be difficult to find a more deserving Law School candidate.

I endorse him enthusiastically and without reservation.

Dr. David E. Kyvig, Director  
American History Research Center  
University of Akron  
Akron, Ohio 44325



Dear Dr. Kyvig:

Miss Frances Gazdik is an applicant for the Ohio Historical Society Archives-Library Institute scholarship and has asked me to write a letter of support in her behalf.

Miss Gazdik has been my student since her freshman year and I have been able to follow her intellectual development for the last five years, as she matured into a fine graduate student. The applicant has demonstrated her abilities in undergraduate classes as well as graduate seminars. Miss Gazdik is a serious young woman who has a good understanding of historical materials and the ability to interpret them.

There are few students in whom I would place as much trust as in the abilities of this candidate. Over the years she has demonstrated to me that she is seriously interested in scholarship and has a sincere love for the discipline of history. She is not a stranger to libraries and has worked at the YSU Library for quite some time.

Miss Gazdik has been supporting herself for the last few years and is financially not in the best circumstances. In order to attend the institute she would need financial assistance. I strongly recommend her for the scholarship and feel certain that she will be an excellent student.

Dr. David F. Kravitz, Director  
American History Research Center  
University of Akron  
Akron, Ohio 44325

Dear Dr. Kravitz:

Miss Frances Fogel is an applicant for the  
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strong love for the discipline of history. She  
is not a stranger to libraries and has worked at  
the YSU library for quite some time.

Any and all help you are able to give her will be  
greatly appreciated. We at YSU feel that she will be  
an excellent candidate.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,  
your

H.S. Donawick  
Assoc. Prof. of Hist.

March 16, 1973

Mr. William E. Henry  
Ohio Education Association  
225 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Henry:

Mr. Louis Cassimatis has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf for a Fellowship Grant offered by the OEA.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to support the request of Mr. Cassimatis. I have known him for over a decade and have the greatest regard for him. We have been fellow students, colleagues in the history department at Youngstown State University and for a year Mr. Cassimatis worked under me when I was acting chairman of the department. Just as Mr. Cassimatis was a very fine student, he turned out to be an excellent teacher. He has a great depth of knowledge and is well able to communicate it to his students. Though the years that I have known him, the candidate has always been a man of integrity and absolute correctness. He has demonstrated his excellence in the classroom and his reliability in all situations.

Mr. Cassimatis has been teaching in a nearby community while pursuing his graduate work as well as teaching survey classes at the university. To say that he is industrious and persistent would be an understatement. There are few individuals that I know who would be more deserving of assistance than Mr. Louis Cassimatis. It is, therefore, with greatest pleasure that I recommend him enthusiastically and without reservations. He deserves all aid and assistance that the OEA can give.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domanos, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

LSD:sf

February 7, 1973

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Mediaeval Institute  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Magister Astricus de Hungaria!

Thank you again for all your kindness and encouragement during my visit at the Institute yesterday.

On the way home as I was driving, I was still thinking about the program for April 16-17 and something occurred to me about which we had talked earlier, in the planning stage. If Prof. Vern Bullough can come to the meeting, could we not make him the Chairman of the afternoon meeting on April 16? He would be coming from quite far and, if possible, it would well if we could put his name on the program.

Eva just loved the beautiful black shoes and I am delighted with them as I never have been with a new pair of shoes since my childhood. They fit great and are so light that I feel like I am walking on a cloud. I hope that there is medieval symbolism involved here, and although I know that I will never be able to fill your shoes completely, I still hope to follow in your footsteps.

Will be in touch with you by telephone. Your grateful and devoted disciple,



March 12, 1973

Dr. Lewis Spitz  
Department of History  
Stanford University  
Palo Alto, California 94305

Dear Dr. Spitz:

Last Year I wrote to you concerning your excellent book published by Rand McNally. At that time I brought to your attention a minor error concerning the Hungarian Humanist Janus Pannonius and Archbishop Vitez.

You were very kind in your reply to me and that is the reason why I am sending you the text of a paper I read at the Duquesne University History Forum in November of last year. I hope that you will find some value in the paper. I hope to publish it somewhere and am at present looking for a suitable journal.

Also included are a few modest reprints which might be of interest to you.

With sincere best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos

Dr. Lynn White, Jr.  
Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, California 90024

Dear Professor White:

Last Year you wrote a brief note to me asking to send you the text of a paper I was to read at the Midwestern Renaissance Conference at Western Michigan University. The paper dealt with the diffusion of the Renaissance into Eastern Europe, particularly Hungary.

Unfortunately, the serious illness of my wife prevented me from ever finishing the paper.

Last November I presented a paper at the Duquesne History Forum in Pittsburgh on a subject which might be of interest to you.

Encouraged by your letter of last spring, I am sending you the text of the paper. If you have any suggestions for possible publication, I would be greatly indebted to you.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos  
Assoc. Professor

March 12, 1973

Dr. Philip Gleason, Chairman  
Department of History  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Dr. Gleason:

Thank you for your letter in which you indicated that your committee is continuing the search for the position of Director of the Mediaeval Institute. As I have stated in my letter to Father Burtchaeil, I am very much interested in the position and feel that I could make a meaningful contribution to the growth of the Institute at this point of its history.

There are a number of items which do not appear on the vita sheet which might be of interest to your committee. These items reflect events of the last few weeks and that is the reason why they were not included in the vita ~~which~~ you have in your possession.

1. On February 15, 1973 the International Research and Exchange Board notified me that I have received a two-month research grant through the American Council of Learned Societies to complete my research on my book concerning the Renaissance in Hungary. The Grant provides for round-trip transportation, living expenses and money for microfilming and Xerox reproduction of research material. During the two months I will be guest of the Historical Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
2. Recently, I have been named English language editorian consultant to the publishing house of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. I have been asked to act as a consultant for books published in English in the fields of Medieval and Renaissance Culture. Under this contract I have recently finished editorial work on a 650 page manuscript.
3. On March 16, 1973, I will submit an article entitled "The Hungarian Royal Chancery-Was it a Center of Humanism" to the new journal East Central Europe. I have considerable assurance from the editor that it will appear soon.

4. An article on Ecclesiastical Patronage, based on a paper read at the Duquesne University History Forum is being revised for publication.

Your letter brought an important omission on my part to light, which I am trying to immediately correct. I came to the realization that the Placement Office at Notre Dame does not have any reference letters for me. Therefore, I have asked three senior colleagues and my Department Chairman to write recommendations in my behalf to be placed permanently in my file at Notre Dame. These letters should reach the Placement Bureau in a few days.

The reason for not having an up-to-date file is quite simple. During my first two years at Youngstown University, I was still writing my dissertation and did not feel that a move would be advantageous. In 1967 this University became part of the Ohio State System of Higher Education. I knew that it was imperative for me to spend a year on sabbatical to gather material for my book and so I stayed. During the academic year 1970-71 I was on sabbatical and spent a year in Budapest. Upon returning, I was obligated to return here for two years. This two-year period will end this June and I will be free to move.

In the hope of hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos  
Associate Professor

March 15, 1973

Prof. Thomas L. Sakmyster  
Department of History  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

Dear Professor Sakmyster:

Enclosed you will find the article on the Hungarian Royal Chancery during the reign of Matthias Corvinus. Excuse the delay in sending it to you, but a number of foreseen factors have prevented me from completion of the project. As you probably know, the article is based upon a paper which I delivered at the University of British Columbia last November. Dr. Janos Bak made a few suggestions to improve the article, which I have incorporated into this copy.

Hopefully, you will be able to print this article in the near future. Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Medieval Institute  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana.

Doctissime Magister!

Thank you for your continued concern about my welfare and my career.

As I told you in our last conversation, my dream has always been to return to ND to teach someday. With all its faults, it is still a unique institution and in the Institute I would find material for a life time of productive scholarship. I feel confident that my book on the Hungarian Renaissance will be an important addition to historical knowledge and that I will be able to live up to the standards of the University of Notre Dame.

Enclosed you will find a few ~~or~~ items which might be of help ~~in my~~ in your meeting with Professor Gleason.

Thank God, Eva is much better, and is slowly regaining her strength. She and the children send their love,  
I, remain your devoted "discipulus";

February 23, 1973

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Mediaeval Institute  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister!

Tried to call you several times in the evenings to let you know the good news I received. Last Saturday I received word from New York that I was nominated for a 2 month research trip to Hungary under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies administered by IREX. The grant is for the period from July 20 to September 20 and could be changed if necessary.

MY sincere thanks for your letter of recommendation which, without a doubt, was instrumental in securing this grant.

I will keep in touch with you either by telephone or by letter.

Your devoted student,

February 22, 1973

A.J. Cernock  
Account Agent  
33 Fitch Blvd.  
Youngstown, Ohio 44515

Dear Mr. Cernock,

Enclosed you will find a number of items which will probably be necessary for you to have in order to insure my library and some of the more valuable art objects in our house.

The list of books contains only items from my library which have a value of at least \$10 per volume. The prices which are given are, in my estimate, determined very conservatively, and still the total value of these books exceeds \$3500. Besides the enumerated volumes, there is close to 700 volumes of books, all of a scholarly nature, which are not listed. These books have a worth of less than \$10 per volume and generally could be valued at roughly \$3 per book. Furthermore, these items are of such a nature that they could be replaced in most instances without too much difficulty. Yet, by sheer number, the replacement value of even these books would be close to \$2000.

Enclosed you will also find a zerox copy of a professional appraisal for an antique clock in our possession.

We also have a 19th century oil painting, artist unknown, the value of which, according to a number of people I consulted, is at least \$750 on the antique market today. The painting depicts a Madonna and Child and the frame is a richly-gilded gold frame with an oval insert.

Based upon the value of the library, the painting and the clock, would you please make the necessary insurance adjustments which we had discussed in our telephone conversation?

If there are any problems or questions, please call me so that this can be ironed out in the near future. Thank you for kind cooperation. I remain

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos



July 16, 1972

Dr. Zoltan Halasz  
Deputy Editor  
The New Hungarian Quarterly  
Rakoczi ut 17  
1088 Budapest, Hungary

Dear Zoltan:

Almost a year has passed since I had the opportunity to talk to you in Budapest last August. Hope you are well and that the past year has been successful for you.

In our last conversation you promised that you will definitely print my Vitez article in 1974. Please use all your influence to have the article appear in your next issue. Several of my American scholar friends are eagerly awaiting this article, which will fill a void in East-Central European Renaissance Studies. The NHQ would do a great service by printing the study soon.

I was greatly saddened by the death of Prof. Kardos. He has always been most kind to me and has encouraged the research I am doing. I would like to dedicate the Vitez article to his memory, after all he read it and considered it very well researched.

All is well with our family although the past year was not a happy one for us. Eva was seriously ill, but fortunately has recovered well.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

February 15, 1973

Dr. Paul Knoll, Chairman  
Department of History  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Paul,

By now you probably have received the volume on The Renaissance and Humanism in Slovakia which I sent to you about a week ago. I had promised the book to you back in November, and by now you probably think that I am as reliable as a drunken Polish nobleman at the meeting of the Estates during the 16th century. After you have xeroxed what you feel is important, please return the book, since there are a number of passages which I also need to consult.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you that I have received a two-month grant from IREX for study and research in Hungary this summer. If all goes according to plans, I will be leaving here around July 20th, and will not return until the opening of the Fall Quarter around September 22nd. My next project is trying to make arrangements to have my wife join me for the last three weeks of my stay in Budapest.

May I have your kind permission to cite your excellent paper on Humanism and the University of Krakow in an article which I am preparing for publication? The article is based upon the paper which I delivered at the University of British Columbia last November. Have you submitted your paper for publication? If yes, where, so that I could refer to it in the footnote.

Otherwise, there is not much to report, except that there will be a symposium at the University of Notre Dame this April at which I have been asked to give a paper. I will be in good company since the session will be chaired by Richard Sullivan of Michigan State, and the other two papers will be by Professor Bosl of Munich and by Pearl Kibre. I will keep you posted on this matter.

Hope all is well with you and your family, and that the trials and tribulations of chaffmanship have not gotten to you.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

February 5, 1973

Joseph Held  
Department  
University College  
Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Professor Held:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 10, 1972 and excuse the delay in answering but the Christmas and New Year holidays plus the beginning of a new quarter have kept me fairly busy.

I was most disturbed by the news from my friends at IREX that your permit to do research at the National Archives at Budapest was withdrawn and that you were unable to pursue the course of work that you had set out to accomplish. Mr. Matthews at IREX was most disappointed in the action of the National Institute for Cultural Relations and told me that it was probably due to pressure from Moscow or the hard-line faction within the Hungarian Party that this action was taken.

It was with pleasure that I read of your work on John Hunyadi and that you were at least able to work in the Archives in Vienna. Unfortunately I did not get a chance to work in the Vienna Archives this time and that is the reason why the Archivist did not know of my work. When I spent a year in Vienna on a Fulbright in 1963-64 I did most of my research at the University Archives and made the acquaintance of a very fine scholar whose name is Franz Gall. You might have come across his work. The young German scholar you mentioned in your letter is no doubt Karl Nehring from Munich. I know of his work and I am in the process of writing to him. As you know his research has been mainly in the field of diplomatic history while my primary interest is in cultural still I intend to pick up correspondence with him hopefully for mutual benefit.

I sincerely hope that we will be able to keep in touch and will meet at the AHA convention next year in San Francisco or somewhere sooner if possible. With best wishes I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Assoc. Prof. of History

February 9, 1973  
February 9, 1973

Dr. Thomas M. Coakley  
Chairman, Search Committee  
Department of History  
Miami University  
Oxford, Ohio 45056

Dear Dr. Coakley,

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 1973, in which you informed me about the vacancy at Miami University in the field of Early Modern European History. The description of the position does not really fit my academic preparation and my teaching experience.

My academic training has been primarily in Mediaeval and Renaissance, and although I have published in the East Central field, all of my work has been in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries.

Thank you for your consideration and if in the future Miami would be looking for a person in the Mediaeval Renaissance field, I would be delighted if you considered me as an applicant. Please give my warm personal regards to my former classmate Professor David Fahey.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos  
Department of History

February 8, 1973

The Dorsey Press  
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Gentlemen:

I was delighted to receive your advertisement on the new book of Prof. David Nicholas:

The Medieval West 400-1450. A  
Preindustrial Civilization

For years I have been searching for a good paperback book with emphasis on Social and Economic conditions to use in my Medieval History sections. I hope that this volume will fill this void. Since most textbooks are not well written, I have been using several paperbacks instead of a text.

Would you please send me an examination copy of this book at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD:sf

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Medical Institute, Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana, 46556

Dear Magister Astricus!

As I indicated to you last week in our phone conversation, I plan to visit you at the Institute before your departure on February 14.

There are two possibilities which, I hope will be agreeable to you as well:

or Monday and Tuesday Febr. 5 and 6  
Monday and Tuesday Febr. 12 and 13.

I would be able to reach S. Bend in the early evening on Monday and stay til late afternoon on Tuesday thus giving us ample time to work on the Symposium.

Because of the uncertainties of weather I am unable to predict exactly which of the two options I will be able to take. Since you are leaving on Febr. 14 for Toronto, I presume that it would be more convenient for you if I came on Febr. 5 and 6 and I would also prefer to come earlier. After checking the snow forecast on Sunday, Febr 4 I will call you to check if my coming is convenient for you.

In the hope of seeing you again, I remain  
your devoted student,

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1973. Februar 2.

Kedvös Aronkam!

Két leveled nagy örömet szerzett úgy nekem mint Evának, és végtelenül sajnáljuk hogy beteg voltál és hogy szegény Annad is kórházba került mandula kivétel miatt. Nagyon bele erzünk mert a mandula kivétel egy végtelenül kellemetlen dolog különösen felnőtt korban. Eva, aki manduláját 20 éves korába vesztette el, mai napig is állítja hogy inkább meg három iker párt szülné le mint egy mandula műtéten eszen át.

Remelem hogy a Lengyelországi tartozkodásod kellemes lesz, és hogy a határozatot miatt nem vagy megint egyedül. A cím amit adtal Anna szüleinek lakasa, vagy külön fogsz lakni Varso-ban?

A megpályázott ösztöndíjról meg semmit se tudok, és türelmetlenül várom, hogy vagy pozitív vagy negatív választ vegre magadják. Persze, ahogy pontosat tudok, megírom hogy terveinket sikeresen összeegyeztethessük. Sajnos, ha nem kapok pénzbeli segítséget és saját erőből kell fedeznem kiadásaimat, akkor valószínűleg csak 4-5 hetre jönnek és kirándulásokról teljesen le kell mondjak.

Kérlek ne haragudj hogy nem jeleztem leveleimbe hogy szlovák és lengyel könyveket megkaptam és szívből köszönöm Neked. Ugyanakkor kérlek hogy írd meg hogy tudok-e Neked valami kepen segíteni és valami szerénységgel Lengyelhoni tartozkodásodat szebbé tenni. Ha valamire szükséged volna, azt vagy Wiesbaden-en keresztül vagy, ha kell, direkt Varso-ba küldenem. Ne legy szerény.

A Chronika Hungarorum nagy örömet jelent és szívből köszönöm Neked. Gondolom hogy a Nyári-fele Diplomacia Emlékek nem lesz könnyű beszerezni, de nagyon kérlek, amennyibe tudod, folytassad kutatásod, és idővel csak eredményes lesz.

Nálunk az új szemeszter megkezdődött és, mint mindig, a tanítást elvezem, különösen egy társadalmi és gazdasági előadás sorozatot ~~amitad~~ előadok le. Külömben, készülő egy nagyon fontos előadásra amit a Notre Dame-i egyetemen fogok leadni. Április közepén egy középkori egyetemekről tartandó szimpoziumon. Az olasz egyetemek és a Magyar humanizmus kapcsolatairól fogok előadást tartani. Vancouver-i előadásomat most készítem nyomdára.

Eva és a gyerekek nagyon jól vannak és hála a jó Istennek, meg az előkelő Londoni influenza is sikerült minket. Talán tudja hogy én erösen anglophob vagyok.

Majd életed egy bizonyos rendszeres kerekvágásba kerül, kérlek írjal és adj egy részletes beszámolót. Leveleidet mindig végtelenül élvezzuk és várja várjuk. Teged, Annaddal együtt, baráti szeretettel udvozol

February 2, 1973

Dr. David Fahey  
Department of History  
Miami University  
Oxford, Ohio 45056

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your letter and the information about the situation at Miami.

My own personal plans are very indefinite at this time. I am being considered for an excellent position at the present, but feel that my age and lack of a published monograph are against me. God only knows what will happen.

At this time I also have an application in for a grant to return to Eastern Europe for two months this summer. That is also up in the air.

Enclosed you will find a brief Vita sheet. It might help your committee to decide if I have the credential for the position you are seeking to fill.

Let us keep in touch.

With warm regards, I remain,



February 1, 1973

Dr. Káaniczay Tibor, i.h.  
Magyar Tudományok Akadémia  
Irodalomtudományi Intézet  
Menesi ut 11-13  
Budapest XI, Hungary

Kedves Tibor!

This brief note is to thank you again for the very strong and flattering letter of recommendation which you wrote in my behalf last December. The awards for the coming academic year have not been made and therefore, I do not know whether I received the two month research grant I requested or not. Naturally, as soon as I have any pertinent information I will let you know. As you can imagine I am anxiously looking forward to the possibility of a two month stay in Hungary late this summer and hope that the request for a research grant will be acted upon in a positive manner.

At the present, I am busy with two projects, one immediate the other about six weeks away. The first concerns the preparation for publication of a article based upon a paper I read at a Symposium at the University of British Columbia last November. The main thrust of the paper, which concerns itself with the chancellory of Matthias Corvinus as a center of humanism, is that a number of chancellory officials were humanists or promoters of Hungarian humanism, but the chancellory itself was not a center of the new spirit, particularly after 1472. My second project involves the preparation of another paper to be read at an important meeting to be held at the University of Notre Dame in April. The topic I will try to develop is the influence of Italian humanists on Hungarian humanists. Although Veress and others have touched on this subject, most scholars in the English speaking world do not have the vaguest idea concerning the Renaissance in Hungary nor its origins. I hope that this study will be well received and that my former professor and our mutual friend A. L. Gabriel will be pleased with the presentation.

I will keep you informed of any new developments as they occur.

January 29, 1973

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Medieval Institute, Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Magister Astricus!

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In the hope of seeing you again, I remain your devoted student

Sincerely,

January 19, 1973

Dr. Thomas L. Sakmyster  
Department of History  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

Dear Professor Sakmyster:

Last fall we exchanged correspondence concerning the new journal East Central Europe and I promised to send you an article for consideration.

In my last letter I mentioned that I was in the process of preparing a paper for delivery at the Duquesne History Forum on the problem of Ecclesiastical Patronage during the Renaissance in Hungary. The paper was delivered and was very well received. In the meantime, however, I also wrote another article, entitled "Humanism and Politics in the Chancellery of Matthias Corvinus" which was delivered at the University of British Columbia. Our mutual friend, Dr. Janos Bak, who was also on the same panel, encouraged me to submit this second paper for publication in your journal.

I am at present in the process of revising the paper and am putting it into final form. Before I send it to you, however, I would like to ask you if there is any particular form which should be followed in the article. Would you, therefore, please send me instructions concerning the format you intend to use in the East Central Europe. Having done considerable amount of editorial work myself, I realize that the Editor's job can be greatly lightened if the format is followed carefully and "mechanical" errors do not need attention.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domanos  
Dept. of History

January 19, 1973

Janoskam!

Just a brief note. The letter I sent to Nehring came back before Christmas. Please let me know his latest address.

Thank you for sending his dissertation.

At present I am getting my Chancellery article ready for Sakmyster. Hope that they will publish it soon.

I will be in touch with you again at greater length in the near future.

Barati udvozlettel,

January 19, 1973

Barabas Jenone  
Magyar Tudományok Akadémia  
Történettudományi Intézet  
Uri utca 51-53  
1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Dear Mrs. Barabas,

Thank you for your kind note of January 3 and for the offer to send either the Századok or Irodalmi Történeti Közlemények in exchange for the volumes which I have sent to the Institute. Your gracious offer is greatly appreciated and I would be delighted if you could send me the Irodalmi Történeti Közlemények on a regular basis.

The number of books which I have for you at this point is very limited. In fact, all I can send is a new two volume edition of a book entitled The Renaissance and Reformation Movements by Lewis W. Spitz, who is a professor at Stanford University. The two volumes comprise 614 pages and, except for the portion on the Renaissance in Hungary, are very well written. I hope that you will find them useful. I am also enclosing another volume Europe in the 18th Century (1713-1783) by M.S. Anderson. This is a hardcover edition, 364 pages.

As new material comes in, you can be assured that I will send books to the Institute. If all my plans materialize, I will see you again briefly this summer. Please extend my best wishes to all my friends and acquaintances.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Kedves Aron,

Nagyon régen nem jött hír felőletek és mári kezdek aggodni h. nincs-e valami baj. Sokáig nagy tevékenység és zamatos leveleket nagyon hiányoljuk és nem tudjuk elképzelni h. miért nem adoz titek magadrol.

Lengyelországi utoddal mi a helyzet? Sikerült-e fog-e az évek az ösztöndíjat megszerezni? A nagy pech az lenne ha pont akkor vagy 2. osztagba mikor én Budapestre jönnék. Ahogy már többször jeleztem, meg pályáztam megint egy 2 hónapos ösztöndíjat és remélve várom hogy tényleg sikerül az utat nyíltsa utni. Persze, az hogy 2 éve 10 hónapig Magyarországon voltam, most inkább Kátrány ~~na~~ mivel az ösztöndíjakat inkább utókrak adják akik meg nem voltak Budapesten. De azért mégis reménykedem és tudom hogy "Gabriel" sztrik mint Kleinszay Tibor nagyon elismerő és melegehangú levelet írtak az ösztöndíj bírálat sagnak november. Hogy azta mi lesz? az csak az Ur tudja. Ha ösztöndíj nincs is, akkor is megpróbálom gyors valostánni rövidebb időre. Nyári egyetem láo réstén fogok tanítani és ha minden jól sikerül akkor július végétől szeptember közepéig lesznek újra kórtettek.

Várkonyi Ági-tal is fátkital már engedélyt kértem és kaptam az intézeti könyvtár használatára. Tehát most már csak pénz kell, egy széknyira, és minden rendben lesz.

A Karácsony ünnepek kellekenden és meghitt légkörbe follytak le, is, mint mindig, sok örömeink volt gyermekeink boldogságába. Ahogy már írtam Neked a múltkor, a szegény Zsolt december 1-én operáltak, tavasi problémákból kifolyólag, de hála Istennek, gyorsan össze-predte magát is már az ünnepekre és elég jó állapotba volt. Nagyon reméljük h. az új ösztöndíj kevesebb nehézséggel, megpróbáltatással és betegséggel hoz mint a múlt.

A viszont ~~is~~ életünk egészét nézem, meg kell elapítani h. a jó és pozitív, a szép és a kedves, még mindig több mint a negatív, a betegség és szomorúság. Sok mindeneink van amiret hála sok vagyunk az Istennek és mindenképp felett a jó kedvünket se vesztettük el. PROFOULXD

Nem rég fejeztem be Mexey Professor Diakcsay és Europa c. könyvünk angol fordításának lektorálását. Összintén megmondtam a könyv nincs jól megírva, Mexey az angol nyelv iródnak nem jól ismeri, és a fordítás förtelmes volt. Nagyon

kérlek hogy ezeket a megjegyzéseket neked kért tartasd, de  
ha kell vállanom k. sokkal többet vártam a könyvtől.  
Remélem hogy ha a Akademia kiadó újra felkér valamit  
lektorálni (amit ezek után nem nagyon hiszek) akkor egy  
élvezetesebb és tudományos szempontból jobb könyvet kapok  
át fűzésére.

Novemberbe nagyon érdekes utam volt Vancouver,  
British Columbia-ba ahol a Magyar Humanizmus és a  
Királyi Kancellária szervezésében adtam elő egy-egy  
szimpóziumon. Az előadás nagyon jól sikerült és a  
reputáció ut is esőálatatosan szép volt. Vancouver egy  
remek fekvésű Európai stílusú város és az egyetem  
is egy mesés hely. Nagyon lehangoló élmény volt  
vissza térkezni Honda Clevelandba és Youngsba.  
Az ut majdnem olyan hosszú mintha Európába  
jíttem volna és onyba is került de persze,  
itt sikerült az egyetemmel kifutni. Brit. C.  
egyetemen is van egy magyar származású medievalista  
kit Bak Jánosnak hívnak. Talán Te is találkoztál  
vele az intézetben. Barta Gábor ismeri őt. Áprilisban  
a Notre Dame-i egyetemen lesz egy előadás sorozat  
mely keretében is tartok egy kis délután az ólász  
egyetemek és a Magyar Humanisták kapcsolatáról.

January 2, 1973

Rev. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C.  
Provost  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Father Burtchaell:

Several years ago I met you at the dinner honoring Professor Gabriel on his elevation to the ranks of the Doctors of the Ambrosian Library in Milan. I have been following your career and advancement carefully and am very happy that Notre Dame found such an excellent man to fill the important position of Provost.

Much of your time is probably taken up with wrestling with the many problems facing the academic world today, and responding to attacks on the institution. This is why I decided to write this brief note to you. I make periodic trips to do research at the Mediaeval Institute and feel that Notre Dame has always been a true Alma Mater, or Sweet Mother to me. I was in Europe for ten months on a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies and did research in various libraries and archives, mainly in Hungary. This experience as well as a year spent in Vienna on a Fulbright Grant convinced me, more than ever, that the Mediaeval Institute has some of the best research facilities, particularly in intellectual history to be found anywhere. I have thanked Dr. Gabriel for allowing me to use the facilities of the Institute in my research on the Renaissance in Hungary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as well, since you are the representative of academic excellence at the University.

Enclosed are a few reprints from various journals. When my book on the Hungarian Renaissance appears in about two years, I will send you a copy.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD:sf



December 29, 1972

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Mediaeval Institute  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana

Doctissime Magister Astricus!

We hope that your trip to New Orleans was pleasant and I am very sorry that I could not be at the meeting you chaired. Hopefully I will be able to be present in San Francisco for your Presidential Address next year and maybe could bring Eva along as well.

- 1). You asked me to remind you to write a letter to Prof. Vern Bullough at San Fernando. The name of the institution has changed but you indicated that you have it since Sanderlin is teaching there.
- 2). I am sending the reprints of my articles to the Provost, following your advice.
- 3). Received a letter from Gleason informing me that the Medieval position will not be filled in 1973-74.

With sincere best wishes for the coming year, I remain

January 3, 1973

Gabor Erno, Foszerkeszto Urnak  
Akademiai Kiado  
Alkotmany utca 21  
Budapest V. Hungary

Kedves Foszerkeszto Ur!

By now you probably received all the sections of the Mezey manuscript which I sent back. The last package, containing the final chapter was mailed on December 30, as I had promised.

Two of the packages which were mailed early in December were returned from New York after twelve days for insufficient postage. It appears that they were caught in the Christmas flood of mail and left Youngstown without the required postage. They were mailed again on December 20.

As you will note from the chapters I have returned, I did go over the whole manuscript with care, made notes and recommendations or raised questions concerning the material. My comments are of unequal length; the variation is due to two factors. One is the thoroughness of the author, the other is dependent on my familiarity with the material. Obviously in sections where I felt more at home in the subject presented, the notes will reflect this.

It is with sincere regret that I am apologizing for having kept the manuscript so long. The year 1972 was not a good one for me from a standpoint of health and family welfare. As you know we lost a child in April and even as late as November 28 we were not out of difficulties. My wife had to be operated again but her condition is improving and I was able to utilize the Christmas vacations to complete the work on the Mezey manuscript.

During the summer I hope to visit Budapest to do research on the Renaissance in Hungary, and to meet with scholars in this field. If it would be possible and convenient I would be very happy if I could see you briefly and make your acquaintance personally.

Enclosed you will find some general and specific remarks on the Mezey book. I realize that Prof. Mezey is a very highly regarded scholar in Hungary and I hope that my remarks will not be taken personally. I do not want to offend him and if I have criticisms of his book, they are given in a scholarly and charitable spirit, and hopefully will be received in the same fashion.

Wishing you a most happy and prosperous New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dear Magister Astrinus de Pannonia!

Thank you for your kind call from the airport ~~in Cleveland~~ yesterday. It is unfortunate that you were not in Cleveland longer, for I could have driven to the airport to see you.

☞ Enclosed you will find a newspaper article which appeared in the local press about me. Unfortunately they did not write about the Institute or mention your name, although during the interview I had explained that I had studied under the internationally known scholar, A. C. Gabriel. I guess the reporter did not feel that it had "local relevance". Having been interviewed many times yourself, you know how reporters are.

☞ The letter Prof. Kleniczay wrote <sup>in my behalf for IREX</sup> is also enclosed for your file.

☞ Thank you again for all your efforts in my behalf with the Provost. Your continual support of my cause is greatly appreciated. May God grant you success.

I will call you Sunday or Monday night.  
With sincere devotion;

John D. Rockefeller

Prof. Peter Pastor Sec. AASHH.  
Department of History  
Montclair State College  
Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043

Dear Colleague:

In response to your Memorandum of December 10, 1972, I am sending you information concerning publications and papers during the period 1971-1972 in Thucydides history.

Publications:

Conferences and Papers:

Book Review:

Book in Progress:

Editor.

Other -

In the hope of getting to know you at the next meeting of the AASHH, I remain,

June 4, 1973

Mr. Erno Gabor, Editor-in-Chief  
Akademiai Kiado  
Alkotmany utca 21  
Budapest V, Hungary

Dear Mr. Gabor!

During the month of December of last year, I finished the correction of the typescript of Professor Mezey's book on European Literacy and Hungary.

According to our agreement the work was to be completed by December 31, which I have done. Furthermore I also sent to you a multi-page report on my evaluation of the manuscript.

To this date I have received no word from the Akademiai Kiado whether the chapters with the corrections and the report I sent to you have arrived in Budapest.

As you can imagine, I have put many hours ~~of~~work into the manuscript of the Mezey book because I felt that the prestige of your excellent press would suffer if it would be published in the form it was sent to me. I am genuinely interested in the fate of the book and would appreciate a brief note in which you would let me know what is happening to the manuscript. Were you able to get somebody to do the retranslation of the many unclear passages? When do you plan to have the book published?

In August and early September I plan to be in Budapest to do research on my book on Hungary in the age of Matthias Hunyadi. I also will take the opportunity to buy a number of books on the Renaissance in Hungary which have been published in Hungary since my last visit to Budapest in 1970-1971.

In the hope of hearing from you in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD:sf

June 20, 1973

Mr. John P. C. Matthews, Deputy Director  
International Research and Exchange Board  
110 East Fifty-ninth Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews:

To tell you that I was overjoyed to hear that you were successful in reversing my rejection, would be a gross understatement. Please accept my sincere thanks and convey my gratitude to Mr. Kassof as well.

Your wife did reach me by phone, and as I told her, I would not and did not try to contact anybody in Hungary without your concurrence. It is really great news that you were able to talk the Hungarians into changing their position. Hopefully this sort of thing will not be repeated by them in the future.

In my original application I had requested the grant for the period of July 15 to September 15, 1973. The list of grantees for Hungary for 1973-1974 has me listed for July 1 to September 1, 1973. I hope that this discrepancy does not create any problems. The situation is further complicated by the fact that I can not leave Youngstown until July 19 since the summer semester ends on that date, and I am teaching. In essence, therefore, I would be in Hungary during the period from July 20 to September 20. Hopefully there would be no objections to this slight change of five days.

Another question I have is to ask if you want to see me at IREX in New York before I leave for Hungary. Depending on your answer I will then be able to make final arrangements on my domestic flight. If we are going to meet, I will arrive in New York in the early afternoon on July 19 and visit you at the office. If such meeting is not planned, I will arrive later since my flight to London leaves at 10:00 P.M. from JFK.

I am anxiously awaiting the official letter from Kultint so that I can get my visa. Hopefully it will arrive soon and that all will go smoothly from here on.

Please convey my greetings to Dr. Kassof and to Mrs. Carmichael. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

I. S. Domonkos

May 25, 1973

Mr. John P. C. Matthews, Deputy Director  
International Research and Exchange Board  
110 East Fifty-ninth Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews:

The telephone call from Miss Carmichael distressed me greatly and I am unable to comprehend what the Hungarian government is trying to accomplish by this action. Just last Sunday the New York Times carried an article about the increasingly friendly relations between our country and the Hungarians and it is hard to understand why they at the same time would reject six out of ten candidates for the IREX grant.

I hope with all my heart that during your upcoming trip to Budapest you will be able to reverse this decision and that my plans for research later this summer will ~~not~~ have to be abandoned. As I have already stated in my application as well as in previous letters to you, it is imperative that I go to Hungary in order to complete the research for my book. This means that not only the gathering of material but also personal interviews with scholars in the field in order to clarify a number of problems and analyze certain interpretations.

If at all possible let me know either through mail or phone if you think it would be wise of me to contact several of my friends in Hungary who might be able to use their influence in my behalf. Among those scholars whose acquaintance I made during our stay in 1970-71 are a number of men who are very highly regarded scholarly circles and for members of the Party carry considerable weight. I do not want to involve these people without your concurrence and therefore, would very much appreciate if you would a me on any action I should or should not take.

Be assured that I am most grateful for any and all efforts that you will make in my behalf and sincerely hope that I will be able to make the trip to Budapest with the help of IREX. Awaiting your reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Associate Professor  
Department of History



June 20, 1973

Dr. Kardos Tibor  
Stollar B. u. 3/a  
Budapest V, Hungary

Kedves Kardos Professzor!

It was with great delight that I read your excellent article on Janus Pannonius in the Spring issue of the New Hungarian Quarterly. It is important that a wider audience in the English speaking world recognize the excellence of this great Humanist poet. Superb articles, such as yours, do a great deal to lift the veil of ignorance concerning Hungarian Renaissance.

Unfortunately, the article I wrote on Vitez, and which you were so kind to read, has not yet been published by the NHQ. I hope that they will print it soon.

A few days ago I received the good news ~~that~~ I was awarded a grant for two months research in Hungary. I will be in Budapest from July 20 to September 20 and would be very grateful to you if I had the opportunity to meet with you during my stay in Budapest. If I may, I will call your residence after my arrival and hopefully we can set up a mutually convenient time for a meeting.

In the hope of seeing you soon personally, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

LSD:cf

His <sup>last</sup> address is:

Dr. Paul Body

670 Sir John Macdonald St.

Kingston, Ontario - Canada.

If you are interested try to contact him. Even if he has moved, they would forward your correspondence to him.

Are you going to the Ohio Academy Meeting this spring? I have not made definite plans to attend but might go. It would be nice to see you after so many years.

I have been teaching here at USC since my return from a year in Vienna under a Fulbright Grant in 1964. Two years ago we spent 10 months in Budapest on an Exchange program and enjoyed it immensely. At the present I am working on a book on the Age of Matthias Corvinus in Hungary (1458-1490). If all goes well I will go to Europe this summer for a two month stay.

Let us keep in touch and thank you for contacting me. With best wishes, I remain

Cordially

Dear Dave

Thank you for your kind note. Introducing yourself was, however, quite unnecessary. I remember you very well and always considered you the brightest man in the history program at the time we were graduate students at good old N.D. I have also seen your name on a program recently, but can not remember where.

At the present I can only think of one person who might fit your needs and he to is an ND alumnus. You might have met him during your early years at South Bend.

His name is Paul Body and he wrote his MA thesis on an eighteenth century subject and has done further work on Central European history. His PhD was in 19th cent intellectual and he just published a short volume through the American Philosophical Society on Bozen Joseph Eotvos and his reforms. Paul is perfect in German (he studied a year at Tübingen and also a year at Vienna), Hungarian and to the best of my knowledge also reads a Slavic Foreign Language.

Two years ago when I was <sup>advising</sup> Department Chairman he wrote to me asking if we had an opening here at YSU. He was at that time between jobs, having lost his position at the University of Seattle, which had serious financial problems.

Dr. To

Dear Father Brewster:

Thank you for your kind <sup>letter</sup> note of January 25, 73 in which you informed me that I am being considered for the directorship of the Medieval Institute. I feel ~~honored~~ by <sup>the</sup> position, which will be left vacant by the departure of Dr. A. L. Gabriel, <sup>possessing a</sup> ~~with the~~ <sup>similar</sup> ~~same~~ scholarly reputation.

~~As a former student of the Institute and~~  
For the last ten years I have been in close touch with the Institute and have spent <sup>some</sup> time in using the facilities for research. I feel that I know the strengths and weaknesses of the program and have definite ideas <sup>of my own</sup> on what would and must be done. The directorship would be a challenge which I feel I could ~~take~~ <sup>meet</sup> and ~~would~~ be honored if I <sup>given</sup> ~~received~~ the opportunity.

There are probably <sup>several</sup> ~~many~~ other candidates for the position, some with far better scholarly credentials than mine, yet I hope that you will give me serious consideration. I ~~feel~~ <sup>feel</sup> ~~think~~ <sup>confidently</sup> that I would be an effective director <sup>for</sup> of the Institute at this point of its history.

~~You if possible, it is~~

~~In making your selection your search committee will want to~~

If possible, I would like to meet with you personally at your convenience and discuss these matters at length. My teaching this quarter would permit me to travel to Notre Dame on any Monday or Tuesday. I could leave here at noon <sup>Monday</sup>, arrive in S. Bend in the late afternoon and stay until late evening on Tuesday. If convenient I could also come any Friday afternoon and stay until Sunday. Please let me know when we could get together, ~~personally~~, and I will make plans accordingly.

Enclosed you will find a brief Vitz sheet for your consideration.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours.

Dear Professor Gleason:

Almost a month has passed since I had the chance to talk to you and your colleagues at Notre Dame. Upon returning home, I had every intention to write a brief note and thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Medieval Institute Directorship with your committee. Unfortunately midterms, MA exams and a virus infection have prevented me from writing sooner.

The Directorship is a very appealing position and as you indicated, your committee has several distinguished prospects. I was very happy to have had the opportunity to express my plans for the Institute's future and feel confident that I would be able to give the kind of leadership and direction which would be necessary in the "Post Gabriel Age". At the same time I have ~~not~~ illusions and realize that several of the other candidates probably have a far greater national reputation. In my case you would be hiring potential and promise. I can, however, assure you that you would not be disappointed. I have every intention of becoming a productive and recognized scholar and feel that the book I have in preparation will do much in this direction. The holdings of the Institute, both in the field of universities as well as Medieval and Renaissance Hungary, would provide ample material for a lifelong scholarly career.

Before you make your final selection, I ask you to please read the letters four of my colleagues at PSU have written in my behalf and have placed in my file at the Notre Dame Placement Bureau.

The letters were written recently and therefore would contain up to date information on such important matters as my relation to colleagues and students, as well as an evaluation of what type of human being fellow professionals judge me to be. The men who wrote the letters have been colleagues (and in ~~some~~ instances even former professors) for eight years. The letters on file at the Placement Bureau are of a general nature and do not specifically refer to the Institute position. The reason for this is simply that I plan to leave YSU in the near future and wanted these letters to be general enough to be applicable to any position I would seek.

I felt that I should call these letters to your attention, in case you have not <sup>yet</sup> seen them, for they might add an important dimension to your search. After all, I have been away from ND for a decade and what sort of impression I made in the department where I have been teaching, <sup>would</sup> obviously <sup>be</sup> of ~~some~~ interest. I feel confident that the letters reflect the type of person who would not bring shame upon Notre Dame, and who would be the type of colleague that you would prefer to have on your faculty.

Thank you again for your consideration and kindness. It was most pleasant to renew acquaintance with you and I enjoyed our conversation both at the dinner and during the interview.

With best wishes, I remain.