



# YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

*The College of Arts and Sciences*

The Department of History

April 28, 1978

Dr. György Ranki, Assoc. Director  
MTA Történettudományi Intézet  
Uri utca 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest I  
HUNGARY

Kedves Gyuri,

It was delightful to meet you at Indiana University in Bloomington last month. I am very sorry that your trip to Youngstown State University never materialized because of the energy crisis in Ohio at the time of your stay in the United States.

I hope that your stay in the United States was a pleasant one and that you were able to meet with colleagues and relatives as you had planned.

Our plans for an IREX supported trip to Budapest are still in the planning stage and I have not yet received formal word that my nomination by IREX has been accepted by the Hungarian side. In the next few weeks this formal acceptance should be forthcoming and I expect notification to this effect from IREX shortly.

It is with great eagerness that I am looking forward to our stay in Budapest and to the work that I plan to undertake covering the period from the death of Matthias Corvinus to the Battle of Mohács. The assistance and the help of my dear friend Gábor Barta will be needed now more than ever.

In the coming months I will naturally keep in touch with you and hope to see you in person in Budapest around March 15, 1979.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Barta's üdvözlése!*  
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The Department of History

January 25, 1978

Mr. Mack Thompson, Exec. Director  
American Historical Association  
400 A Street S. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On Wednesday afternoon, December 28, 1977 I registered at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas for the AHA meeting. At the registration desk I received a slip (enclosed) stating that the fee I have paid was \$15.00.

Unfortunately the auditor of our not too illustrious institution does not accept the above mentioned slip of paper as "proper" evidence that I have indeed paid. Would you, therefore, be so kind and have your office issue an official looking receipt for \$15.00 and mail it to me at your earliest convenience so that I can be reimbursed by Youngstown State University.

I sincerely regret that I have to bother you with such a petty request, but the Neanderthal mentality of the local auditor's office leaves me no alternative.

Your kind and speedy cooperation will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf



The Department of History

February 3, 1978

Rev. Robert Trisco, Executive Secretary  
The Catholic Historical Association  
Catholic University of America  
Washington, D. C. 20064

Dear Father Trisco:

This is just a brief note to let you know that soon after returning from Dallas I wrote to all candidates for office to let them know about the outcome of the elections. I notified not only the winners but the losers as well.

The response to my letters has been most gratifying. It seems that the list of candidates we submitted to the members of the Association was composed not only of solid scholars but of extremely fine human beings. Both losers and winners were most gracious in their letters of response. Especially interesting was the view expressed by several of the losers that they were thankful for the letter they received because so often only winners are notified of the results of such elections.

In the letter to my successor as chairman of the Nominating Committee in which I explain the tasks of the chairman, I will emphasize the need to write a brief note to all candidates, winners and losers, thanking them for having allowed their names to be placed on the ballot. It seems to be the ~~mesent~~ most important thing to do and it does generate good will toward the Association

Just read the good news about Dr. Kennan in the Youngstown paper. I have sent her a note of congratulations. You are obviously losing a fine colleague who will be hard to replace.

Please convey my warmest greetings to Miss Wolf. In the brief conversations I had with her in Dallas I was immensely impressed by this very fine lady. She is remarkable in every way!

With sincere best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

The Department of History

February 3, 1978

Dr. Elizabeth T. Kennan  
Department of History  
Catholic University of America  
Washington, D. C. 20064

Dear Dr. Kennan,

It was with great pleasure that I read in our local paper last evening of your nomination to become the next president of Mount Holyoke College. Please accept my most sincere congratulations.

Several years ago, when I met you at a symposium at Notre Dame organized by Prof. Gabriel, I was very much impressed with the depth of your scholarship and your personal charm. Mount Holyoke has made a superb choice and I wish you the very best in your new position. It is refreshing to see that there are still a few institutions of higher education which recognize the value of scholars in administrative positions, instead of reliance on managers and cost accountants.

May your presidency be challenging and your tenure of office peaceful and rewarding.

With sincere best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

February 3, 1978

Prof. Aleksander Gieysztor  
Visiting Professor of History  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Professor Gieysztor:

Thank you for your most gracious note from Kansas which arrived just as we were beginning to recuperate from the worst blizzard to hit Ohio in the last hundred years. The University was again closed for two days and everything came to an even more complete stop than you were here. Having been snowed in Eva and I came to the conclusion that the whole ordeal would have been so much more pleasant if you would be here among us. We enjoyed your visit with us immensely, and hope that someday, in the not too distant future, you will be in the Midwest again, and come to see us.

Enclosed are two copies of the article about your lecture from the newspaper. Many colleagues and students expressed regrets that you were unable to deliver your lecture. If at all possible please send me a Xerox copy of the talk for my own enjoyment. The situation with the honorarium is still in limbo. The wheels of bureaucracy grind slowly.

Subsequent to your departure from Notre Dame I talked with "Mr. le President"; and he was full of excellent stories about your visit with him. We enjoyed your visit immensely and I heard in detail where and when you ate and drank together. It seems that Gabriel was in rare good form.

In the course of our discussions I mentioned to you that I had applied for an IREX grant to Hungary for the spring and summer of 1979. Two days ago I received the good news that I have been nominated for the award and so unless unforeseen events prevent us from going, we will be in Europe from March 15 to September 1 of next year. The children immediately announced that they want to visit you. We assured them that it may be possible, God willing.

We hope that your stay in Kansas is pleasant and that you find colleagues to be friendly and students receptive. Since I do want to wish you "bon voyage" before you depart for Europe please let us know when you will be back in Cambridge so that we can call you.

Prof. Aleksander Gieysztor

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Eva and the children join me in wishing you the very best of everything. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially,



The Department of History

February 1, 1978

Prof. Denis Sinor, Chairman  
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Nedves Denes,

Yesterday I received the excellent news that IREX will nominate me for a 5½ month stay in Budapest during the spring and summer of 1979. Your letter of recommendation was in all probability one of the factors which brought about this good fortune. Thank you again for your enthusiastic support. I am deeply grateful to you.

Enclosed you will find the reply to your kind invitation to attend the Institute for Hungarian Studies at Bloomington in March. I am eagerly looking forward to this event, and to the opportunity to see you again.

Unfortunately the finances might pose some problems. The round trip fare from Cleveland to Indianapolis is about \$88.00 I can not get anymore funds from the university this academic year since they gave me monies for my trip to Europe in September and Dallas at Christmas to attend the AHA and give a report. My wife would drive me to Cleveland and back (about 160 miles) but I would need assistance to cover the Cleveland-Indianapolis portion of the trip. I would, therefore, very much appreciate if the funds at your disposal could help me in this problem.

Thank you again for your letter to IREX as well as your invitation to Bloomington. With warmest regards, to you and the lovely Jean, I remain



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February 1, 1978

Dr. David Bertelsen  
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs  
Youngstown State University

Dear Dr. Bertelsen:

Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi has asked me to write a letter of recommendation to support his application for the position of International Student Advisor. It is with greatest pleasure that I respond to this request.

I have known Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi for 25 years. We both came to the United States as Displaced Persons while still children and started a new life in this country, with all of the difficulties and problems associated with such a momentous move. I have followed the educational progress and career of Mr. Clementis with interest and feel that he has a number of excellent qualifications for the position he is seeking.

Mr. Clementis is a serious student of International Affairs. Both his undergraduate as well as graduate degrees are in this field. He is very well informed on all phases of international relations and modern history. This academic preparation would be most helpful in dealing with students from all parts of the globe. In the position of International Student Advisor it is imperative that the students are exposed to an individual who has a good acquaintance with the current developments in their homeland, is familiar with socio-economic, religious and political conditions. This type of knowledge on the part of the adviser will immediately create an atmosphere of trust which is so important to foreign students placed in a strange new environment.

Dealing with foreigners is not new to Mr. Clementis. He was director of educational services for the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and had ample opportunities to meet individuals from all parts of the world. This is the type of experience which cannot be learned in the classroom.

There are a number of other factors which make him a remarkably well suited candidate for the position.

1. For a number of years he worked at the J.F.K. International Airport in New York as a member of the staff of Pan Am Airways. He is acquainted with regulations regarding passports, visas, immigration laws, etc.
2. He has traveled widely in Europe and in the Far East, and speaks several foreign languages.
3. He came to the United States as a foreigner himself, had to adjust to a new life and knows the feelings that a student faced with such a situation must experience. This type of background should make him more understanding and sympathetic to the needs of foreign students than somebody who is native born and never had to get accustomed to a new surrounding.
4. Mr. Clementis has taught in the Social Science Department at Youngstown State University for over a year. He is well acquainted with the administrative and academic structure of this institution. The period of adjustment to this new position would therefore be minimal and he would soon be able to function to full capacity.

There are few individuals who by education, experience and temperament would be better suited for this position than Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi I, therefore, recommend him enthusiastically.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

February 6, 1978

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, Assoc. Director  
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet  
Menesi ut 11-13  
H-1118, Budapest XI, Hungary

Kedves Tibor,

This letter will again be sent to both Budapest and to Rome, not knowing for certain where you can be found. Not having heard from you for such a long time, I was very much concerned about you but was somewhat relieved when I read the lines you included in the annual Institute report. When we last saw you in Budapest you seemed so terribly overworked and burdened by so many problems that we were fearful that your health had suffered from the excessive strain. Both Eva and I hope that your wife is back on her feet again and all your other problems with, home, car, etc. have resolved themselves.

My silence has been caused mainly by the desire to include good news in my letter, which I am very happy to say, is now possible. The word has just come indicating that my request for a grant from IREX has been approved. If all goes according to plans, we should be in Budapest from March 15 to September 1, 1979. This is contingent upon two factors: 1. the funding of the exchange program by the American Council of Learned Societies (which has informally indicated that the money would be available) and 2. my acceptance by Hungary. Hopefully this will not be a problem. In my application I indicated that I would like to be associated with both your Institute and with the historians during my stay next year. I am looking forward to seeing my many friends and acquaintances on Menesi ut!

As I indicated to you, I will have the typescript of Matthias volume ready by December 31 and will send it to you. Your valuable comments, suggestions can then be incorporated and the preparation of the manuscript for publication would be greatly accelerated if I would be there to make all corrections and would avoid the delays of long distance correspondence.

What is the status of the book by Dan Robert you wanted me to read for the Akadémiai kiado? Please let me know if that project is still being considered.

You probably heard that the Eastern U.S. and particularly Ohio has been hit by some of the worst winter storms in recorded history. For-



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tunately we have survived everything ~~w~~without any damage or major inconvenience. We are, however, apprehensive about the future of electrical power. A long coal strike has crippled the supply of power for electrical generators and if something is not done soon we will be sitting here in cold and dark houses! Hopefully something will be done before that happens.

A few days ago we had a very pleasant visit from Prof. A. Gieysztor, who is a guest professor at Harvard and was on a lecture tour of the Midwest states. On the day he was scheduled to speak here at the university we had a major snowstorm. Everything was paralyzed and the university closed. We did have a very pleasant time together, cut off from the outside world talking at length and periodically fortifying ourselves with Benedictine liqueur. Ranki G. might visit us in March.

Will keep you informed on everything and especially the IREX matter.

Please convey our warmest greetings to your wife. In the hope of hearing from you in the near future, I remain

The Department of History

February 6, 1978

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

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Your letter informing us about the IREX grant to Hungary brought loud cheers from all aides. The news is most welcome and although 14 months separate us from departure there is no shortage of excitement and planning.

Enclosed you will find the six data sheets. I hope they are satisfactory.

We naturally hope that the promised funding of all the IREX programs will materialize and that there will be no problems of acceptance with the host country. I am looking forward to final notification by your office sometime this late spring.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for all your help and good will now as in the past.

With sincere best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

February 6, 1978

Dr. Gyorgy Ranki, Assoc. Director  
MTA Törtenettudományi Intézet  
Uri u. 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Dear Colleague:

It was with great delight that I read the news that you will be in the U.S. during the spring and that we will be able to meet. Your letter was delayed by the very inclement weather which has plagued Ohio in the last few weeks. This is why I am so slow in responding to your kind letter.

Prof. Sinor has invited me to attend the Bloomington conference and we will meet there. Furthermore, I will immediately set in motion a request for funds in order to have you come to Youngstown and deliver a lecture at the University. I have received a note from Deak Pista about your trip to the Midwest. He asked that I notify him how and when you could be here and promised to coordinate your travel plans. As soon as I have a commitment from the university for your honorarium, I will contact Deak so that he can make the necessary arrangements and we can settle on the exact dates. We would be very pleased if during your stay in Youngstown you would be a guest at our home.

A few days ago I received the excellent news that IREX plans to nominate me for a 5½ months stay in Budapest beginning on March 15, 1979. I plan to have my book completed on the Age of Matthias Corvinus and would like to continue with a second volume on the period from 1490 to 1526, with concentration on cultural history. Two matters will have to be resolved before the whole trip becomes a reality: a, IREX has to have its funding approved for the programs next year and b. my nomination will have to be accepted by the Hungarian side by April 15. Hopefully there will be no problems in either case. I am looking forward to seeing all my friends at the Institute next spring and summer.

As soon as matters become certain concerning your trip to Youngstown, I will get in touch with Pista and, if time permits, will also notify you directly in Budapest. I am anxiously looking forward to seeing you again. Until then, I remain

Sincerely yours,



The Department of History

February 6, 1978

Dr. Boldizsar Ivan, Editor-in-Chief  
THE NEW HUNGARIAN QUARTERLY  
Rakoczi u 17  
H-1088, Budapest , Hungary

Dear Dr. Boldizsar,

It is with some reluctance that I am writing to you but have finally come to the conclusion that you, as Editor of the NHQ, are the only person who can help me.

The problem concerns a manuscript of an article which the NHQ has in its possession for over 8 years with the promise of publication. The article is entitled "Janos Vitez, the Father of Hungarian Humanism" and is based upon a lecture I delivered during a conference in 1968 at the University of Michigan.

The summary of events since then is as follows:

- 1970--Winter. Your Assoc. Editor, Dr. Zoltan Halasz, who was at Kent State University at that time visited our university and I was introduced to him. He was very much surprised that I was working on the topic of Hungarian Humanism and read some of the articles I had published in that area. He must have been quite impressed, for he asked me if I had any manuscripts which might be suitable for the NHQ for publication. I showed him the unfinished text of my Vitez article and he asked me to send the completed work to him when I was finished with the research. I promised that I would.
- 1970--Spring. The text of the Vitez article was sent to Budapest and was acknowledged.
- 1970--September: I had received a ten month grant to do research in Budapest as guest of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and arrived in Budapest. Shortly thereafter I visited the office of the NHQ and was told that in the meanwhile my article had been read by the late Tibor Kardos and his "lektori jelentés" was excellent. I read his comments which praised my scholarship and urged the publication of the article as a fine contribution to a much neglected topic of Hungarian history.



- 1970--Winter. The few corrections suggested by Dr. Kardos were incorporated into the article and the bibliography was expanded to include some new materials.
- 1971--Spring, Summer. Before my return to the United States, I was assured that the article was to be in a "forthcoming issue".
- 1971-1973--NOTHING HAPPENED! Several promises in letter that the article would appear soon.
- 1973--Summer, I was again in Budapest as visiting scholar, visited the editorial offices and was told that the publication of the article was "imminent". It would be in the next issue to go to print.
- 1973-1975--NOTHING HAPPENED!
- 1975--Fall. While attending the International Congress of Historical Sciences in San Francisco I had dinner with Dr. Tibor Klaniczay and complained about the most regrettable events concerning my article. Upon returning to Hungary he telephone your office and was assured that indeed the Vitez article would be published soon
- 1975-1977--NOTHING HAPPENED!
- 1977--Fall. While at a conference at the University of Warsaw this fall, I visited Budapest for a few days. I went to the editorial offices of the NHQ to find out the status of my article but was shown that although the article was already in print once, it was now again in the file of future projects, having been displaced by other more "urgent" material. I talked to Dr. Halasz who assured me once more that it will go to press "soon".
- 1978--Winter. NOTHING HAPPENED!

As you can see Dr. Boldizsar, eight years have passed since I have sent you the manuscript of the article, at your request. I find the delay in publication to be outrageous. If the NHQ had no intention to publish the article then your editorial staff should not have asked me to send it to your office. If you have expressed serious interest in the article you certainly should not delay publication for eight years. This is grossly unfair to an author. You, who have yourself written extensively will, I hope, agree with me.

It would make me very happy if you would personally take matters into your own hands and guide this much delayed article through the publication process. I am appealing to your sense of fair play in this matter and hope that you will understand my anger and annoyance at this unwarranted delay.

Dr. Boldizsar Ivan

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February 6, 1978

In the hope of hearing from you concerning this matter at your earliest convenience, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

February 13, 1978

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

Kedves Pistam,

For weeks I have been planning to write to you concerning the trip of Gy. Ranki to the Midwest and his visit to Youngstown State University to deliver a lecture. First we were digging out from the worst snow storm of the century and now we are faced with the possible closing of the university due to the lack of electricity. Because of the complete uncertainty of everything it is impossible for me to indicate when Ranki would be able to deliver his lecture here. All plans hinge upon the action, if any, the government will take to prevent the closing of factories and schools in Ohio. The university is already taking steps to shut down a number of buildings and there is the distinct possibility that everything will grind to a halt within ten days. The administration is reluctant to make any commitments under these circumstances.

If we remain open and Ranki can fit in a lecture, it would be delightful to welcome him here. Because of all the unforeseen expenses, the institution is tight with its funds but I think that I can get him an honorarium of \$100.00 for his presentation. Eva and I could also get him at either Cleveland or Pittsburgh airport and naturally he would be our guest while he is here.

When I saw Ranki in Budapest this past September and mentioned the possibility of inviting him to our campus, I never dreamt that the wrath of God would be upon us and all plans would be crossed up because of unforeseen problems.

Pistam, as you can see I am in a bind and as much as I would have liked to give you a firm date for his lecture, I can not be certain if Ranki will be able to come to Youngstown.

At this point all I can tell you is that we would be delighted to have him and as soon as the uncertainty lifts, I will immediately notify you in the hope that you can include his lecture here in the itinerary. No matter what happens, I hope to see Ranki in Bloomington on March 2-4.

Now some good news. Received word from IREX that I have been nominated for a 5½ month stay in Budapest beginning March 15 of next year. It is almost certain that I will also receive a sabbatical for the whole of next year from Youngstown State University. This would enable me to complete my Matthias book by Dec. 31 and work on a sequel covering the period 1490-1526. Good fortune has been smiling on us and furthermore both Eva and I are enjoying excellent health.

When your account of the return of the Crown of St. Stephen is completed, I would be delighted to read it. Although I have been anathema to many of my acquaintances, I also strongly supported its return.

As soon as I know anything concerning the Ranki invitation, I will write.

Please give our warmest regards to Gloria and your lovely Eva. In the hope of hearing from soon, I remain



The Department of History

March 10, 1978

Prof. Denis Sinor, Chairman  
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Kedves Denes,

First of all, allow me to thank you for including me in the superb weekend workshop which you organized for the second time with such care and so much hard work. I came away with renewed optimism concerning the work we do and hope that next time we meet I will be able to dedicate a copy of my Matthias book to you as a gesture of thanks for all you have done to promote a scholarly interest in Hungarian studies.

The two statements you made during the conference were of special interest. You are correct in your evaluation of a "bullish" situation in the field of Hungarian studies for the general feeling toward Hungary is, at this point, probably more favorable than at any other time in this century. I also share your very negative view of the attitude and accomplishment of the unbounding uncompromising "professional emigre" groups of the United States and Canada. Their irrational behavior has not, and will not, do anything to help the condition of the Hungarian people. They are completely incapable of thinking of anything in the abstract and can not differentiate between the people and the government. A new generation will, hopefully, rise who does not view the world in the narrow fashion of their elders. There is hope.

Enclosed you will find the airline ticket for my visit to Bloomington. The Cleveland-Indianapolis-Cleveland airfare was \$88.00.

Would you please ask the very charming Mrs. Ford to please send me two items which I misplaced and would like to have:

1. The application form for the Magyar Philologiai Tarsasag.
2. The list of participant to the the conference--I would need addresses since I do want to keep in touch with several people who were at the conference.

Thank you again for everything. With the energy crisis the illness of poor Jean, There was ample opportunity for things to go wrong, yet they did not and I am sure all my colleagues share my sentiment when I express sincere appreciation for making the conference a success.

I will keep in touch. With warm regards, I remain

The Department of History

February 24, 1978

Dr. Earl E. Edgar  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Youngstown State University

Dear Dr. Edgar:

It was with great pleasure that I received the memorandum from the Chairman of the Faculty Improvement Committee stating that my application for sabbatical has been approved.

I was especially gratified that the Committee unanimously agreed that my proposal warranted three quarters of sabbatical leave. This kind of peer recognition is most appreciated.

The three quarters of leave will enable me to complete the manuscript of my book by December 31, 1978 and I can then start to prepare myself for the research work which I will undertake next spring quarter and during the summer with assistance from a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies and the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).

The assistance of Youngstown State University in the continued support of my research is, and will always be greatly appreciated. Although the reduction of my salary during the next academic year will cause some financial problems, this will hopefully also be worked out with assistance from the department (summer teaching) and possible funds from IREX.

Many sincere thanks for your assistance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

To: Ms. Lucia Capodilupo, Program Officer  
American Programs in Eastern Europe  
International Research and Exchanges Board

From: Taylor Alderman, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Personnel.

Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos, Professor of History, requested me to provide you with the following financial information in order that IREX can prepare the financial arrangements for him in anticipation ~~during his preparation of~~ his grant to Hungary in the Spring quarter of 1979.

The ~~academic~~ salary of Prof. Domonkos for the present <sup>academic</sup> year (~~1977-1978~~) is \$23,822.

According to the contract for 1978-1979, all members of the faculty will receive a 5% salary increase, which will bring his salary to \$25,013.

Dr. Domonkos would therefore receive a monthly gross salary of \$2,779 for the 9 months ~~academic~~ year beginning Sept 15, 1978 and ending ~~Sept~~ July 15, 1979.

Prof. Domonkos has been granted a sabbatical leave from the university which means that he will receive 80% of his 9 months ~~academic~~ salary. His total salary for the 1978-1979 academic year will be \$20,010, <sup>(which constitutes a)</sup> as a ~~retention~~ reduction of \$5,003 for ~~during~~ the period of his sabbatical leave.

## Financial Provisions for L.S. Demoukes (cont.)

According to the payroll office the following financial arrangements will be made for the academic year 1978-1979

Regular Salary:	1. Sept 15 - Oct. 15	-	\$ 2,779.23
	2. Oct. 15 - Nov. 15	-	\$ 2,779.23
	3. Nov. 15 - Dec. 15	-	\$ 2,779.23
	4. Dec. 15 - Jan. 15	-	\$ 2,779.23
	5. Jan 15 - Febr. 15	-	\$ 2,779.23
	6. Febr. 15 - March 15	-	\$ 2,779.23
	Total		<u>16,675.38</u>

Sabbatical Salary:	1. March 15 - Apr. 15	\$ 1,111.71
	2. April 15 - May 15	1,111.71
	3. May 15 - June 15	1,111.71
	Total	<u>\$ 3,335.13</u>

Totals	16,675.38	6 months Sept. - March
	3,335.13	3 months March - June
	<u>20,010.51</u>	



Totals

Principal	outbound	\$ 486	\$1045
	return	\$ 559	

Spouse	outbound	\$ 486	_____
	return	\$ 559	

Child	outbound	486	_____
	return	559	

Child	outbound	486
	return	559

Child	outbound	<del>486</del> 243	_____
		<del>559</del> 280	

Child	outbound	243	_____
	return	280	

Dr. Robert Smith,  
Associate Dean

The College of Arts and Sciences.  
Youngstown State University

Dear Dean Smith:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Miss Maria Mele of the Vindicator Social Sciences Award.

Miss Mele has been in several of my classes in the past few years. I have observed her intellectual growth and development since she was a first year student at YSU. She is a very capable young woman and has a keen mind. Her performance in my classes has always been excellent, both in her written work as well as in class participation.

Based upon her work in the courses in history which she has had with me, I am very happy to recommend Miss Mele for the Social Sciences Award.

She is a very deserving candidate.

Sincerely yours

L. S. [Signature]  
Professor of History

The Department of History

March 29, 1978

Miss Lucia Capodilupo, Program Officer  
International Research and Exchanges Board  
110 East Fifty-ninth Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Miss Capodilupo:

Enclosed the various forms which you requested, with the exception of the Travel Information Form and the Medical Statement. In view of the fact that we will be leaving in March of 1979, the Travel Form would be very premature. I will see my physician in the near future and will have him fill out the Medical Statement, and return it to you.

Attached to the Certification of Outside Support you will find a statement from Dr. Taylor Alderman, Vice President for Personnel, explaining the financial provisions made by Youngstown State University during my sabbatical leave in the Spring Quarter of 1979.

I would like to ask you for a personal favor, dear Miss Capodilupo. Upon receipt of the enclosed information would you be so kind and have the financial officer at IREX make a rough calculation of the amount of money I would receive from you for the 5½ months of my grant in Hungary and send the information to me as soon as possible. Since we have a large family, it is imperative that we begin serious financial planning as soon as possible and we would like to know what monies we can count on during the time of our stay abroad. Since we will have to maintain our home in Youngstown, pay property taxes, etc. . . it is going to be a rather difficult year financially even with the assistance of IREX. Your kind and prompt assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

On the Request for Travel Rate form the information is provided based on departure from Cleveland. Although Youngstown, Ohio does have an airport, there are no flights to Kennedy Airport. Ground transportation would have to be utilized either between LaGuardia and Kennedy or Newark and Kennedy which would probably be greater than the difference in the charge between Cleveland and Youngstown.

Please give my regards to Mr. Matthews. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

To: Ms. Lucia Capodilupo, Program Officer, IREX

RE: Financial Provisions for L. S. Domonkos (cont.)

According to the ~~payroll office~~ the following financial arrangements will be made for <sup>Dr. Domonkos during</sup> the academic year 1978-1979.

Regular Salary:

1. September 15-October 15	\$2,779.23
2. October 15-November 15	2,779.23
3. November 15-December 15	2,779.23
4. December 15-January 15	2,779.23
5. January 15-February 15	2,779.23
6. February 15-March 15	2,779.23
Total	<u>\$16,675.38</u>

Sabbatical Salary:

1. March 15-April 15	\$1,111.71
2. April 15-May 15	1,111.71
3. May 15-June 15	1,111.71
Total	<u>\$3,335.13</u>

Totals:

\$16,675.38	6 months September-March
<u>3,335.13</u>	3 months March-June
<u>\$20,010.51</u>	



The Department of History

March 30, 1978

Dr. Bela Kiraly  
Professor of History  
Brooklyn College, CUNY  
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Kedves Bela,

It was with great joy that I read your name in the program of the Western Michigan Mediaeval Studies Conference. Unfortunately I will not be able to hear your paper on Thursday, May 4 but would be delighted to have dinner with you on Friday evening.

Originally I had not planned to be at Kalamazoo this year but a few days ago I received a letter from Otto Grundler asking me to preside over the Session on University Studies on Saturday, May 6. Asztrik, who was to preside, will be in Paris in early May, and so they are "sending in the second string."

In all probability I will arrive by car on Friday afternoon to Kalamazoo. If it would be convenient for you, and if you are still at the conference on Friday evening, we could drive to some better restaurant, have dinner, and pass a pleasant evening over a few (or many) glasses of wine.

Please let me know if your plans could be adjusted to the above described scenario. In the hope of hearing from you in the near future, I remain

The Department of History

March 30, 1978

Jossey-Bass, Inc., Publishers  
The International Encyclopedia  
of Higher Education  
433 California Street  
San Francisco, California 94104

Gentlemen:

As a contributor to the International Encyclopedia of Higher Education I am addressing myself to you with a request, which I hope you will be able to grant promptly.

I am the author of the article on the "History of Higher Education" which appears in Volume V of the IEHE, pp. 2017-2040.

Would you please give me written permission to have photostatic reprints made of my article. These reprints would be used non commercially, and would be distributed to colleagues who are scholars in the field of history or education.

I would like to make about 50-100 copies with full identification of the fact that the information is from volume V of the IEHE. I am convinced that in granting me permission to do this, you would not suffer any financial loss, in fact, the distribution of such a reprint would be an excellent means to further advertise the publication of this superb encyclopedia.

In order to have the Dean of Research at Youngstown State University authorize the funding of the reprints, I need a brief note from you indicating that you have granted your consent to the production of the reprints.

Your kind cooperation will be greatly appreciated. In the hope of receiving your prompt reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

March 31, 1978

Dr. Otto Grundler, Director  
The Medieval Institute  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

Dear Professor Grundler:

Thank you for your kind invitation to preside over Session 142, University Studies, at the Conference on Medieval Studies on Saturday, May 6. I will be delighted to fill in for Professor Gabriel.

Naturally nobody can replace the irrepressable Dr. Gabriel and I do not possess his charm, wit and erudition, but I will try to do my best to take over the chairmanship of the session.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Kalamazoo on Friday, May 5.

With warm regards, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:ck



The Department of History

April 7, 1978

Auditor, Personal Income Taxes  
Internal Revenue Service Center  
Central Region  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45999

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a detailed explanation for deductions claimed this year for travel related to my professional work.

On April 21, 1977 I received an invitation to deliver a lecture at the meeting of the International Commission for the History of Universities in Warsaw, Poland, to be held between September 1-6, 1977.

Although I have done considerable work in the history of universities before, none of my research was in the American area. It became necessary, therefore, to do considerable research for the scholarly paper which I had to deliver in Poland. This necessitated work in Cleveland, Kent State and a longer research trip to the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. as well as a day at William and Mary College in Virginia.

I have combined the lecture in Warsaw with a short research trip to the Universities of Copenhagen and of Lund (Sweden) as well as research in Budapest.

In all cases I have been most moderate in my expenditures. During the twelve day stay in Washington I lodged in the home of relatives who were away on vacation and thus cut costs. All my expenses, (except for miscellaneous expenses), were covered by the Polish universities while at the conference. Youngstown State University provided me with a \$20.00 per diem grant to cover most of my expenses while working in Budapest. The only expenses I incurred while abroad were in Copenhagen, which unfortunately is a terribly expensive town and where it was impossible to cut cost.

You will find a detailed itemization of the expenses on the enclosed sheets as well as the letter of invitation from the President and the Program of the meetings.



April 7, 1978

I sincerely hope that the enclosed information is sufficient and will indicate that these expenses were incurred in the pursuit of my profession.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

To Richard J. Owen, University Librarian

From L. S. Demoukos, Professor of History

Thank you for sending me a copy of the acquisitions policy of the May Library. As I had suspected, there is nothing in that policy which touches on the problem that I raised. Item #13, which you indicated as pertinent does not address ~~itself~~ the issue at all. So let us stop playing games.

As I indicated to you in my previous note, I was away from campus last week and attended meetings at Notre Dame and Western Michigan University. I had the opportunity to ask a number of colleagues from all types of institutions if their University library had any policy ~~prohibiting~~ <sup>prohibiting</sup> the sale of books by faculty members to the library. The answer in all cases was an emphatic NO. In fact, two colleagues mentioned that they had sold their whole library to the university, others indicated that they regularly sell <sup>surplus</sup> copies or books which they no longer need, to the library. Since purchases such as these result in savings to the university and in many cases means the acquisition of needed materials, they are considered perfectly legitimate.

I would like to meet with you in the near future, for I still believe that we can find a mutually agreeable solution to the problem. Please indicate when we could get together.

To Mr. Richard J. Owen, University Librarian  
FROM L.S. Demoukos, History Department.

Dear colleague:

It was with great disappointment that I received your note concerning the policy of the library on book purchases from private individuals.

I was not aware that the library had such a written policy and would be interested in receiving a copy of it. I fail to understand the rationale of such a policy, especially if the university would be saving some money through such a direct purchase.

You are a reasonable man and I am certain that we could discuss this matter and possibly find an acceptable solution to it.

I would very much like to meet with you personally sometime during the coming week (May 8-13), at a time mutually agreeable to both of us. Would you be so kind and have your secretary call me (Ex. 3459) in order to set ~~the time~~ the time. We know when you are free. I will be away from the university for the rest of the week at a Medieval Conference in Michigan but all of next week is relatively free.

The Department of History

May 12, 1978

Dr. Vern Bullough  
Department of History  
California State University  
Northridge, California 91330

Dear Vern,

Our colleague and former chairman at Youngstown State University, Dr. David M. Behen is going to retire at the end of this academic year. He has devoted many years to the profession and has earned the respect and affection of his students and peers.

We are planning a surprise dinner for Dave on Saturday, June 3, 1978. I have been asked to contact his former colleagues, not in order to solicit gift or donations, but rather to ask you if you would care to write a few lines, congratulating Dave on this momentous occasion.

If you decide to respond, we ask you please not to write to Dave directly since the whole affair is planned as a surprise. Would you, therefore, direct all correspondence to me and we will present Dave with the greetings from his former colleagues during the course of the brief ceremonies which will accompany the dinner.

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

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domanos

LSD:sf



Dr. György Ranki, Deputy Director  
Tortenev

Kedves Gyuri,

Prof. E. B. Smith of the University of Maryland, and formerly from our university, will be in Budapest later this month as representative of the Fulbright Exchange Program. Dr. Smith is one of the most respected members of the American academic community and I am delighted that he was chosen to undertake this trip to Eastern Europe in behalf of the Fulbright Commission.

I would be greatly indebted to you if you would meet with Prof. Smith when he contacts you in Budapest and would extend to him the same warm hospitality that you have always given to us, who have visited the Institute.

Professor Smith does not speak Hungarian and, as far as I know, has not been to Hungary before. He has been actively involved in the promotion of academic exchange and I sincerely hope that his visit to Budapest will be pleasant and fruitful. Any assistance that you can give him will be greatly appreciated by <sup>personally</sup> me and by all of us interested in the furthering of intellectual and scholarly contacts between nations.

In the hope of seeing you in mid March, I remain,

Cordially yours,

L-S. Dornelas  
Professor of History

Prof. E. B. Smith  
5904 Chestnut Hill Road  
College Park, Maryland 70742

Dear Professor Smith:

A few days ago our very dear mutual friend, Pauline Botty called me concerning your forthcoming trip to Budapest. She asked me to get in touch with you, and if possible, be of some assistance to insure that your stay in Hungary will be pleasant. I am delighted to be of help in whatever way possible.

As a former Research Scholar who spent considerable time in Budapest under the auspices of the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), I feel that I have fairly good connections with the Hungarian academic community, especially with scholars in my own field of Medieval and Renaissance history.

In order to get the maximum advantage out of your meetings with Hungarian colleagues, I ~~will~~ suggest that you get in touch with the ~~Associate~~ <sup>Deputy</sup> Director of the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Hungarian ~~the~~ Academy. This man is very influential and his support would be of great value in any cultural exchange program. His name and address is as follows:

Dr. Gyorgy Ranki, Deputy Director  
Institute for Historical Sciences  
Tortenelemtudományi Intézet  
Uri ~~Utca~~ 51-53  
Budapest I, Hungary.

Prof. Ranki speaks excellent English, has been

guest professor at Oxford, Columbia, Indiana U.  
His academic reputation is great and he has  
published an immense quantity of material in 19-20  
century economic history.

Rauki has always been very kind to me  
during my frequent trips to Budapest and so I  
will write to him requesting that he extend a  
helping hand to you. My letter to him is being  
sent out simultaneously with this note ~~to you~~. The  
mails, however, move so slowly that it is possible  
that you will be in Budapest before my letter  
is received by Dr. Rauki. In order to insure that  
my communication reaches him, I am enclosing a xerox  
copy of the letter with my note to you. In case my  
letter to him has not reached Budapest before you  
arrive, please call on Dr. Rauki and give him my letter,  
and hopefully it will be of some help in opening  
doors. In Eastern Europe personal connections play  
an even greater role than anywhere else, as you  
probably know from experience. Rauki will probably  
put you in touch with others and your stay will  
be productive and pleasant.

Pauline indicated that you are headed for Moscow  
during the remainder of the trip. Please extend my warmest  
greetings to Prof. Nicolai Sivachov who is in charge  
of Fulbright and IREX programs at Moscow University.  
I met him at a conference in Poland last September  
and was very much impressed by his perceptiveness and  
personal warmth.

If before your departure there is anything ~~that~~ <sup>with which</sup>  
I could be of assistance, ~~to you~~, please call me  
any evening. ~~At my home~~. Since I am on a sabbatical  
this year, I seldom spend much time at the office  
and it is much more certain that you can reach  
me at home. We see "night people" and never

go to bed before 1<sup>00</sup> AM. Please be free to call  
and I would be delighted to talk to you concerning  
any questions that might arise.

I have always regretted that our paths have  
never ~~crossed~~ <sup>passed</sup> but I feel that I know you quite well  
from the stories of <sup>(Pauline)</sup> Dave Behen, Steve Fulkerson,  
Vern Ballough and Liz Sternberg. Someday, somewhere,  
we will hopefully meet in person.

With best wishes for your trip, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Downekey



The Department of History

May 3, 1978

Dr. R. Varkonyi Agnes  
MTA Történettudományi Intézet  
Uri utca 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

My very dear Colleague,

It is with great joy that I received the news from IREX that my application for a grant to Hungary had been approved and that IREX is recommending me for a 5½ month research trip. If I am accepted by the Hungarian side, which I hope will be the case, we would arrive in Budapest around March 15 of next year and would stay until September 1.

This arrangement would be most beneficial both from professional, as well as personal reasons. Youngstown State University has given me a sabbatical leave from my teaching duties for all of next year. This will enable me to devote my time, uninterrupted, to the writing of my Matyas book, which I hope to complete before late winter. During our stay in Hungary I would like to devote myself to the period 1490-1526 and prepare a major study on the political, but more important, cultural and intellectual history of that age. Hopefully it could be published as a sequel or volume two of my Matthias book. The kind assistance of Barta Gabi will be needed more than ever before, for he is the expert in this period of Hungarian history. Since my interest is primarily cultural and intellectual we should be able to complement each others work.

Next spring and summer would be ideal for other reasons as well. The two older children (twins) will be in the 8th grade next year and will enter a High School (Gymnasium) in the fall of 1979. Even if they miss the last two months of their school to go to Hungary, they will come back in time to begin their high school studies and hopefully will be able to pursue them uninterrupted. Five months in Hungary will benefit them immensely in their knowledge of Hungarian. We would like to send them to a regular Hungarian school in Budapest even if they do nothing more than sit in the classes and listen to the instruction. I have spoken to Lorincze Lajos about this at our meeting in Bloomington where I also saw Ranki Gyuri. Our third child, Piroska, will be in the fifth grade next year. She also should go to a Hungarian school.

Sincere our last meeting we have added a fourth child to the family and adopted a beautiful 2½ year old boy, Andriska. Naturally we would like him to be bilingual, like the other three, and a stay in Budapest

May 3, 1978

will hopefully make this possible. Why somebody with three children of their own would want to adopt a fourth might be difficult to understand but when we see each other, I will try to explain.

Even who has heard so much about you from me, is really looking forward to finally meeting you.

We sincerely hope that you and the family are in good health and that the marriage of your daughter has brought joy to all of you.

Naturally I will write again before we see each other. Until then please convey my warm greetings to your husband.

In the hope of hearing from, I remain, with warmest regards

The Department of History

November 1, 1978

DIVision of Study Abroad Programs  
Institute of International Education  
809 United Nations Plaza  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the application form for study abroad for Miss Glorianne Pionati. This is the only applicant from Youngstown State University this year. If there are any problems or questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos  
Fulbright Advisor

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 24, 1978

Dr. Joseph Held, Chairman  
Department of History  
Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Professor Held:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 4, 1978 in which you invite me to deliver a lecture on "Transylvanian Culture in the Age of the Hunyadis" next October. I will be delighted to participate and thank you as well as Deak Pista for thinking of me.

The symposium sounds excellent and I hope that you will be able to mobilize the financial resources to carry out the project. I will be especially happy to meet you, Pista and Makkai. Hope all goes well.

I don't know if I ever thanked you for your fine article from the Slavic Review which you sent me. It is very well done and I have already incorporated it into one of my footnotes of Chapter I of the Matthias book on which I am working.

This year, I am on sabbatical and have an IREX to Budapest from March 15 to September 1, 1979. Since I will be finishing my Corvinus book in the next few months, the paper you are asking me to do should not be difficult. I will be immersed in "Corviniana."

Enclosed a non Hungarian reprint. Please convey my greetings to your dear wife, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

Professor of History

LSD:sf



The Department of History

November 16, 1976

Prof. Janos M. Bak  
Department of History  
The University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, B. C. Canada V6T 1W5

Janoskam,

Thank you for your quick reply to my letter. I am very sorry that you did not find me in St. Louis, I would have been delighted to sign a card to Gabi and also to Erik.

Your letter aroused great enthusiasm in me and I am delighted to hear that the "Mohacs Project" will indeed become a reality with your able guidance. As for my part in the project, I am willing to do the following things.

1. Prepare for your review an expanded and reworked copy of my paper by February 1. This would involve the following items.
  - a. ✓ The inclusion and elaboration of the cultural "flowering" in the Age of Matthias, a revision which, based on my research and publications would not be difficult to do,
  - b. ✓ The clarification of the problem of "parity" and subsequent decline.
  - c. ✓ Emphasis on the rise of vernacular culture, based on pre-Mohacs antecedents, but with new impetus due to the Reformation.
  - d. ✓ An elaboration on the new directions of Hungarian culture in the period from 1526 to 1541. Here the work of Horvath Janos and Klaniczay will give the major direction. The details will be filled in with the most recent studies.

The reworked study would present a view of the cultural history of Hungary for our period which is not available anywhere else in English.

2. It would be possible for me to translate either Gabi's article, and/or a similar one for inclusion in the volume. I would prefer this over the translation of some of the original documents. The demands on my own time by teaching, research and family would not allow me to under-

to this session to be held under the sponsorship of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Asztrik said that the meeting would be in October and I was already scheming to see if I do get an invitation how I could get a grant to travel to Poland and also make a side trip to Bp. Then came the news that the whole meeting is to be in the spring of 1977. When I talked to Gabriel on Christmas day, he still did not know anything definite. He now divides his time between Notre Dame and Toronto. As I told you some years ago, dear Tibor, I will believe that Asztrik is in Hungary if I see it with my own eyes or you write to me telling that he was indeed there. Naturally I would also like to know if the Warsaw invitation will be extended or not. Tentatively I was to present a paper on the impact of the Enlightenment on American universities, since the theme of the Warsaw meeting is: "The Universities and the Enlightenment". I have assembled some material on this already and could develop a good lecture on the subject either in English or even Hungarian. I will let you know of any developments as they happen.

Since both Eva and I are now restored to good health, the past year has been far more productive than the last few. Last summer we visited New York for a week and also Chicago, via Notre Dame. There were family vacations and we all enjoyed them very much. I have regained my former strength and vitality and was able to accomplish a fair amount of work. Last spring and early summer I finished a long encyclophedia article on the "History of Higher Education" which will appear in May. In October I delivered a paper at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies at St. Louis. A special session was devoted to the Battle of Mohacs and my topic was the cultural impact of this national tragedy. There is a good chance the material presented by the members of the panel will be published in a separate volume, thus making the information available to scholars, Libraries and students in the English speaking world. You will also be interested to know that the University of Toronto Press has contacted me concerning a two volume Biographical Register they are planning for the Collected Works of RRasmus. They want me to write ten biographical articles of individuals from Hungary who are either mentioned in the letters of Erasmus or corresponded with him. One of the articles on Olah Miklos is to be longer, the other nine not longer than 400 words. I would be most thankful to you if I could send the finished articles to you for review before submitting them for publication. This way I can be certain that the articles would be accurate and would reflect the most recent scholarship. Enclosed you will find a book review which appeared in the Jahrbucher fur Geschichte Osteuropas. The Renaissance Quarterly has also sent me the Janus Pannonius volume and the book of Sandor Balint on Szeged for review, which is due in February. I also reviewed Karl Nehring's book on Matthias Corvinus and Frederick III for the American Historical Review. It should appear soon.

Please extend our warm greetings to your dear wife. I do promise to keep in closer touch this year and will write more frequently. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain



# YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

*The College of Arts and Sciences*

The Department of History

April 28, 1978

Dr. Janos Bak  
Department of History  
University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, B. C. Canada

Kedves Janos,

Please excuse me for not having written you sooner. The materials for the Mohacs commemorative volume are in the final stages of preparation and the article should reach you by May 15. The translation still needs considerable amount of work but that too should follow within a two week period and thus you will have both my article and Barta's article by July 1.

I sincerely hope that the delay that we have caused will not mean that the commemorative volume will not appear. It would be unfortunate if we would have to give up this project.

All is well with us, in fact a number of very pleasant developments have made this year, at least up to now, a very pleasant one. After the horrendous winter which we had lived through it was indeed delightful to get some good news. The first of these favorable events was a note from IREX in New York indicating that my application for a research grant to Budapest for the Spring and Summer of 1979 has been approved. As things stand we will leave here next March 15 and will be in Europe until September 1st. The second bit of good news was the adoption of a fourth child into our family who joined us on March 2 of this year. He is a 2½ year old little boy whose name is Andrew and who has made a marvelous adjustment into our family. Now we finally have the four children which we always wanted to have and the whole family is naturally delighted.

I was very sorry that you were not at the AHA meeting in Texas this year. I was anxiously looking forward to seeing you there and was disappointed when you did not show up. How is the condition of your mother? Hopefully she is not suffering too much from her incurable illness. I presume that you will be going to Europe again this summer and will meet some of our mutual friends. Please extend to them my heartiest greetings and I hope to see them in person next spring and summer. With very best wishes, I remain

*Burkó szavakkal üdvözöl!*  
*Rosa*



Dr. Erik R. Birdsall

Coordinator of Resident Education  
Pennsylvania State University  
Shenango Valley Campus  
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146

Dear Dr. Birdsall:

A very dear colleague and friend, Mr. Louis Cassimatis, has asked me to write a letter of commendation in his behalf. It is with greatest pleasure that I write this note because I have the highest esteem for Mr. Cassimatis, both as a fine scholar and a sensitive human being.

Mr. Cassimatis has been a trusted and valued friend for twenty years. We were both undergraduates at Youngstown University when I first met him. Even then he was bright and articulate, admired by his peers and his instructors. For a few years our paths separated when we both attended graduate school but we met again, here at our alma mater when Mr. Cassimatis was appointed to the Limited Service Faculty.

We have often discussed problems of scholarship and of teaching and I have found Louis to be aware of all the major trends in higher education, both positive and negative. As a teacher he has been very successful in the classroom. I have had many students who have reported with enthusiasm about his excellence. At a time when many of our former Limited Service Faculty were phased out, we have kept Mr. Cassimatis on our staff as long and as often as it was possible. His reputation has always been very high in our department.



Cassimatis is a dedicated scholar with a wide range of interest. His comprehension of Ancient, Medieval and Byzantine history is remarkable. He is well versed in the primary and secondary materials in these fields and has supplemented his book knowledge with extensive travel and research abroad.

If you are looking for a teacher-scholar who embodies the finest characteristics of what a well rounded ~~academic~~ instructor in higher education should be, you will find them in Louis Cassimatis.

There are few people I would recommend ~~as~~ warmly and without reservations, as I recommend Louis. Any institution would only profit from his presence on the instructional staff.

If you would desire any further information about Mr. Cassimatis, I will be delighted to talk to you via telephone. My home phone number is: (216-783-0501). Since I am on a sabbatical and working at home you would have no difficulty in reaching me almost at any time of the day or night.

I sincerely hope that Penn State will be able to use the services of Mr. Cassimatis. If you do hire him, you will never regret it.

With best wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours

L. S. P. Lewis, Ph.D.  
Professor of History

The Department of History

January 4, 1977

Dr. Peter G. Bietenholz  
Editor, Biographical Register  
Department of History  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W0

Dear Professor Bietenholz:

Just a brief note to let you know that your proposal for the biographies of Dlahus and the nine other Hungarians is acceptable and I will try to do them justice.

There should be no problem with Petryllus and I have some material on him already.

I am looking forward to the Xerox copies of the references in the Erasmus texts to the above mentioned individuals.

Wishing you continued success on this most worthwhile project, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

October 6, 1978

Professor E. B. Smith  
5904 Chestnut Hill Road  
College Park, Maryland 70742

Dear Professor Smith:

A few days ago our very dear mutual friend, Pauline Botty called me concerning your forthcoming trip to Budapest. She asked me to get in touch with you, and if possible, be of some assistance to insure that your stay in Hungary will be pleasant. I am delighted to be of help in whatever way possible.

As a former Research Scholar who spent considerable time in Budapest under the auspices of the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX), I feel that I have fairly good connections with the Hungarian academic community, especially with scholars in my own field of Mediaeval and Renaissance history.

In order to get the maximum advantage out of your meetings with Hungarian colleagues, I suggest that you get in touch with the Deputy Director of the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Hungarian Academy. This man is very influential and his support would be of great value in any cultural exchange program. His name and address is as follows:

Dr. Gyorgy Ranki, Deputy Director  
Institute for Historical Sciences  
MTA Történettudományi Intézet  
Uri utca 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Professor Ranki speaks excellent English, has been guest professor at Oxford, Columbia, Indiana University. His academic reputation is great and he has published an immense quantity of material in 19-20 century economic history.

Ranki has always been very kind to me during my frequent trips to Budapest and so I will write to him requesting that he extend a helping hand to you. My letter to him is being sent out simultaneously with this note. The mails, however, move so slowly that it is possible that you will be in Budapest before my letter is received by Dr. Ranki. In order to insure that my communication reaches him,

I am enclosing a zerox copy of the letter with my note to you. In case my letter to him has not reached Budapest before you arrive, please call on Dr. Ranki and give him my letter, and hopefully it will be of some help in opening doors. In Eastern Europe personal connections play an even greater role than anywhere else, as you probably know from experience. Ranki will probably put you in touch with others and your stay will be productive and pleasant.

Pauline indicated that you are headed for Moskow during the remainder of the trip. Please extend my warmest greetings to Professor Nicalai Sivachev who is in charge of Fulbright and IREX programs at Moskow University. I met him at a conference in Poland last September and was very much impressed by his perceptiveness and personal warmth.

If before your departure there is anything with which I could be of assistance, please call me any evening. Since I am on a sabbatical this year, I seldom spend much time at the office and it is much more certain that you can reach me at home. We are "night people" and never go to bed before 1:00 am. Please feel free to call and I would be delighted to talk to you concerning any questions that might arise.

I have always regretted that our paths have never crossed, but I feel that I know you quite well ~~ffom~~ from the stories of Pauline, Dave Behen, Steve Fulkerson, Vern Bullough and Liz Sternberg. Someday, somewhere, we will hopefully meet in person

With best wishes for your trip, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:ck



The Department of History

November 21, 1978

Prof. James McConica, Editor  
History of the University of Oxford  
Clarendon Building-Broad Street  
Oxford, England OX1 3BD

Dear Jim,

As you probably heard from the venerable Canon, your communication for the Bucharest meeting is on the program. Gabriel responded most enthusiastically when I suggested your name and you will add extra class to the meeting!

Under Gabriel's presidency we have formed a U. S. Subcommittee for the History of Universities and among its members are a number of our friends such as Gray C. Boyce, Pearl Kibre, Vern Bullough, Lowrie Daly, etc. . . I am acting as secretary and in that capacity I am asking you to please consider becoming a member of the Subcommittee. We would be honored if you would consent to be a member and hope that the fact that it is a U.S." Subcommittee will not prevent a distinguished Canadian from joining. Had we shown greater foresight we should have called it "North American" or something like that but it is a little late to think of a change. Please indicate in a brief note if you can accept our invitation.

We have asked all participants in the Bucharest program to send in a sum of \$3.00 to defray the fee the Subcommittee has to pay to the International Congress. I realize that is rather difficult for you to send me this sum from Oxford. If it is agreeable to you, I can deposit \$3.00 into the Subcommittee account from my own funds and you can return this amount when you are back in Toronto.

Enclosed you will find an article I did for the International Encyclopedia of Higher Education published last winter. Hope you enjoy it.

I am enjoying my sabbatical very much and am making progress on my book about the Age of the Hunyadi in Hungary. We will be leaving for Budapest in mid March and will stay until the first week of September.

Hope you are well Jim and your work is progressing well. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially,

October 6, 1978

Dr. György Ranki, Deputy Director  
MTA Történettudományi Intézet  
Uri utca 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Kedves Gyuri:

Professor E. B. Smith of the University of Maryland, and formerly from our university, will be in Budapest later this month as representative of the Fulbright Exchange Program. Dr. Smith is one of the most respected members of the American academic community and I am delighted that he was chosen to undertake this trip to Eastern Europe in behalf of the Fulbright Commission.

I would be greatly indebted to you if you would meet with Professor Smith when he contacts you in Budapest and would extend to him the same warm hospitality that you have always given to us, who have visited the Institute.

Professor Smith does not speak Hungarian and, as far as I know, has not been to Hungary before. He has been actively involved in the promotion of academic exchange and I sincerely hope that his visit to Budapest will be pleasant and fruitful. Any assistance that you can give him will be greatly appreciated by me personally and by all of us interested in the furthering of intellectual and scholarly contacts between nations.

In the hope of seeing you in mid March, I remain,

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

November 9<sup>th</sup> 1978

Mr. John N. Cackley, Executive Director  
The Alumni Association  
University of Notre Dame  
Noter Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Mr. Cackley:

Thank you for sending me the publication containing the list of N.D. graduates working in higher education. The project is most commendable and I hope that you will update it periodically.

You asked to be advised of omissions or inaccuracies so I take this opportunity to bring to your attention the following items.

1. There are at least two other faculty members at YSU who have degrees from Notre Dame.

Dr. William C. Binning, Chairman  
Department of Political Science (Ph.D., 1970)

Charles M. Lovas, Assoc. Prof.  
Department of Mechanical Engineering (MSME, 1963; Ph.D., 1968)

2. In my case you have me only for MA from N.D. Please note that I also have a Master and Doctorate in Mediaeval Studies from N.D. (MSM, 1963; DSM, 1966)
3. Other N.D. graduates teaching in Ohio ~~wave~~ are not listed:

David Fahey, M.A., Ph.D.  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

Bernard A. Gendreau, M.S.M.  
Xavier University  
Cincinnati, Ohio

4. As far as I can see, none of the graduates of the Mediaeval Institute are included in your list.

Just from my random observation it is evident that these are far larger number of N.D. graduates working in higher education than your first publication indicates.

Cordially,

The Department of History

February 7, 1979

Dr. Ranki Gyorgy, Assoc. Director  
MTA Tortenettudomanyi Intezet  
Uri utca 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Kedves Gyuri,

Thank you for your kind good wishes for the New Year. I return them belatedly to you. At Christmas-New Years time I was up to my neck in a variety of projects and the cards I intended to write were all delayed.

We are in the final stages of getting ready for the trip to Hungary. If all our plans work out, we should arrive in Budapest on March 14. Hopefully KKI will have some decent housing for us and our accomodations will be as good as they were last time.

Shortly after our arrival, in accordance with the plans made for me by KKI I will present myself at the Institute. As Always, I am looking forward to seeing you and all my delightful colleagues and friends. There are many things which I have to check on the completed portion of my manuscript and I also plan to do a lot of writing while in Budapest. If at all possible, I would very much appreciate if I could again have a desk in a quiet, pleasant room at the Institute.

I hope all is well, including the progress on the great ten volume history. In the hope of seeing you in person soon, I remain

Cordially yours,



The Department of History

November 8, 1978

Mr. Peter T. Becskehazy  
Country Desk Officer  
United States Information Agency  
822-1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20547

Kedves Peter!

It was with great sorrow that I received the news concerning the death of your dear grandfather. I was very fond of him and he represented a bond to the memory of my own father. It seems only so recently that I first met him, your dear mother and you at the emigration center of Rastadt, Germany. I can imagine how proud he has been of you and you are most fortunate to have had the opportunity to have him around for such a long time. He was a magnificent gentleman!

On the weekend following the funeral we were in Cleveland and I talked to your mother on the telephone. I had hoped that maybe you were still in town but understand that your schedule is very tight.

This year I am not teaching and am enjoying a sabbatical. From March to September of next year we will be in Budapest on an IREX grant. We are all looking forward to it. Since we last exchanged letters we adopted a delightful little boy, 3 years old, and now our family is complete with four children: Istvan and Kati age 14 (twins), Piroska, 10 and Andras, 3.

Someday when you have time do write or call. Our warmest greetings to your wife, I remain

The Department of History

November 9, 1978

Prof. John Jay Hughes  
6825 Natural Bridge  
St. Louis, Missouri 63121

Dear Professor Hughes:

Almost a year has passed since you wrote to me concerning the presidency of the American Catholic Historical Association. I had intended to write to you sooner but somehow I always seem to be behind in my correspondence. Please excuse the delay.

At the time your excellent letter reached me the ballots for the ACHA were already being counted and my membership on the Nominating Committee was about to come to an end. I am delighted, however, that you did send a copy to Prof. Cline and Dr. Varga. As present members of the committee, they will be able to give your suggestions due consideration.

As a Notre Dame graduate (Mediaeval Institute, MSM, Ph.D.) I am well aware of the scholarship of Marvin R. O'Connell and hold him in high regard. In the selection of candidates for the presidency of the ACHA there are a number of considerations which had to be observed which made it impossible for me to nominate him at this time. Very important among these considerations is the fact that two of the recent presidents were from Notre Dame, namely Prof. A. L. Gabriel and Dr. Philip Gleason. Fr. Trisco always encourages the Nominating Committee to recognize outstanding individuals in the association, but at the same time keep a balance which consists of geographic areas, disciplines, clerical or lay status, etc. . . . I am convinced that Prof. O'Connell shall be elected to the presidency in the next few years.

As a former European Catholic I am fully aware of the long tradition there of appointing bishops from the scholarly community. You are so correct when you state that the lack of this in the U. S. is an "indication of immaturity." The anti-intellectualism of the American Catholic hierarchy, and also of many among the clergy, is most disturbing. I know that the Marvin O'Connells are unfortunately absent from the ranks of those who carry weight in the American Church. How we are perceived by the world is clearly shown by the fact that none of the American cardinals were considered papabile during the recent conclaves. They were considered to be intellectual light weights (possible exception: Wright). This trend does not seem to be changing. I do wonder if the election of Father O'Connell to the presidency of the ACHA might not

hurt his chances to rise in the hierarchy instead of helping it.

It would be delightful to meet you personally and discuss this whole issue at length. I think we would find much in common. Hopefully, we will meet somewhere at a convention in the future. Until then let me close with your optimistic statement: "apud Deum nihil impossibile."

With most cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

November 9, 1978

Mr. Paul Pulitzer  
P. O. Box 2203  
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Paul,

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Just a brief note to let you know how much I appreciated the return of the materials I sent you. Thank you so much. Under separate cover I am returning to you several Xerox pages which I have either in the original or another copy. If and when you resume the Hunyadi project, you might need them.

We are all well and looking forward to a research trip to Hungary next spring and summer. This whole year I am on sabbatical and enjoying it immensely.

Hope all is well with you and your lovely wife. With best wishes, I remain

Cordially,



The Department of History

November 9, 1978

Mr. Alfred F. Zambelli  
Scholarly and Rare Books  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Zambelli:

Thank you for sending me your recent catalogues, especially No. 87 which contains much material on the history of education.

In the next few weeks you will receive an order for about twenty items from the Youngstown State University Library.

Please continue to send your excellent catalogues in the future. Your selection is always superb.

With very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 9, 1978

Ms. Mari Herman  
NEH Project Director  
The State Library of Ohio  
65 South Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Ms. Herman:

Thank you for your kind letter inviting me to participate in humanities programs in Ohio. In the past I have participated in two NEH sponsored programs locally and am enthusiastic about the work done by NEH.

This year I am on sabbatical from Youngstown State University and involved in time consuming research. Next spring and summer my family and I will be abroad on a research grant and will not return to the United States until next fall. This would obviously limit greatly my participation in any NEH project until at least September 15, 1979.

I am enclosing the white questionnaire as well as a Vita form which should be useful in assembling the Resource Guide.

Although I will not be able to be of assistance to you this year, I hope to participate in NEH projects after next September.

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 25, 1978

Prof. Ralph M. McInerny, Director  
The Mediaeval Institute  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Professor McInerny:

It was with great joy that I received the short notice concerning your appointment as the new Director of the Mediaeval Institute.

As a former alumnus (MSM, 1963; DSM, 1966) I was delighted to hear that the Institute has a new and eminent director who will be able to give much needed stability to this excellent teaching and research facility. I wish you a long and successful career at the Institute and God's blessing on your work.

My interest in the welfare of the Mediaeval Institute is sincere but at the same time selfish. In the last fifteen years, since I left Notre Dame as a graduate student, I have returned to the Institute on numerous occasions to do research in the superb library. My field of specialization is Hungarian intellectual history in the 15th century and the Mediaeval Institute collection in this field is hard to duplicate anywhere in the world, even Hungary. The richness of material in the Hungarian Renaissance is what has attracted me to the Institute in 1960 when I began working under the expert guidance of Prof. A. L. Gabriel.

If it is possible I would like to continue my periodic research trips to the Institute and borrow books from the library through Inter Library Loan. I would be very grateful to you if you would extend these privileges to me as a former student of the Mediaeval Institute. At the present time I am on a sabbatical working on a monograph on the Hungarian Renaissance to 1490. From March 15 to September 1, 1979 we will be in Budapest on a grant from the ACLS and SSRC. I will in all probability need several books and hope to make at least one short trip to South Bend before departure to Europe. At that time I would be delighted to meet you personally.

With sincere best wishes on your appointment and in the hope of hearing from you, I remain

Cordially,

The Department of History

November 9, 1978

Mlle. Maria Koczerska, Ph.D.  
Institut d'Histoire  
Universite de Varsovie  
Krakowskie Prz. 26-28  
Warszawa 65, Poland

Dear. Dr. Koczerska:

I hope that the two copies of my article on "The Enlightenment and Higher Education in Early America" has reached you and that the editing of the book is progressing well.

At the time I sent you the typescript there was still one footnote which caused me a problem, i.e., note no. 7 on page 2. I had looked in vain for the quotation in the letters and works of Franklin, but with no success. Finally I wrote to Prof. Lawrence Cremin at Columbia University, in whose book I had found the Franklin quotation, to ask him the exact bibliographical information. He replied most graciously and I would like to change note no. 7 to reflect this information. Enclosed you will find two copies of page 2 with the desired changes for the note. Would you please substitute these pages for page 2 of the typescript I had originally sent you.

I would also very much appreciate if in a brief note you would let me know the complete bibliographical data on the volume in which the articles will appear: title, editors, publishers, place of publication, year. . . .

With many thanks for your help, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf



The Department of History

November 6, 1978

Janoskam!

Enclosed you will find the revised version of my Mohacs paper.

Thank you for your call the other evening. It was delightful to at least hear your voice. See you in Bddapest next spring or summer.

I sincerely hope that the publication will proceed smoothly. Please keep me posted on progress.

After reading the article I would very much appreciate your comments on it.

With best wishes and in the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

October 24, 1978

Prof. Janos M. Bak  
Department of History  
The University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, B. C. Canada V6T 1W5

Kedves Janoskam,

My Mohacs paper is finally complete and I made all the changes and amplifications you suggested.

A long time has passed since the whole idea of a Mohacs volume was first conceived, I wonder if the project is still alive.

If yes, I will send a xerox copy to you immediately, if not, I will seek a publisher for the article. I do have a great amount of time and energy invested in the study and do not want it wasted.

A friend is helping me with the Barta article and if the Mohacs volume is still planned, I can have it in your hands by November 15.

This year I am on a sabbatical and will be going to Budapest on an IREX from March 15 to September 15. Hope to see you there.

Otherwise all is well? How are you? Expecting your quick reply, I remain

The Department of History

October 12, 1978

Prof. Peter G. Bietenholz  
Department of History  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Canada S7N 0W0

Dear Prof. Bietenholz:

Thank you for your recent note in which you remind me of the contribution that I promised to you on the Hungarians mentioned in the correspondence of Erasmus. Within a week I will be finishing up an article for another publication and will then be able to devote my full attention to this project. I have almost all of the material assembled and the writing of the biographies will hopefully will not be a difficult task.

I will also gladly undertake a short biography of Alexius, Jan and Stanislaus Tarzo. Would you be so kind and send me your references so that I can incorporate them into the articles.

Would you also be so kind and clarify one small problem. In our correspondence you had indicated that you wanted a more detailed article on Nicholas Olah. How long do you want the Olah article to be? How many words am I allowed on that biography. Looking forward to your answer, I remain with best wishes and many thanks

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 20, 1978

Prof. Aleksander Gieysztor  
Institut d'Histoire  
Universite de Varsovie  
Krakowskie Prz. 26-28  
Warszawa 64, Poland

Tres cher Aleksander,

"Habemus papam!" We were delighted and overjoyed to hear the news of the election of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla as the new Pope. It is an excellent choice and hopefully he will have a long and successful pontificate. Since our visit to Poland and our association with you, both Eva and I have become sincerely "Polonophile." We share in your pride and rejoice with you.

Hopefully my article has reached you and all is in order. There is one small emendation in one of the footnotes. I will write Mlle. Koczerska and supply her with the additional information. When do you expect publication?

All is well with us, and we remember you most fondly. Our preparations for the European trip are progressing and I will let you know our Budapest address as soon as possible.

Before Christmas I will write again, in more detail, but wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you in these joy filled days.

With warmest regards to you and to your dear wife, I remain



The Department of History

October 4, 1978

Prof. Lawrence A. Cremin  
Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Professor Cremin:

Having exhausted all other possibilities, I am turning to you for help, since you must have the answer to my query.

Last fall I delivered a lecture on the subject of the "Enlightenment and Higher Education in Early America" at the University of Warsaw, Poland. In the preparation of the paper I naturally used your invaluable study on American Education: The American Experience. On page 444 you have a quotation from Franklin: "We are more thoroughly an Enlightened people. . . ." The statement: "Every man among us reads. . . ." is important to my thesis and although I have checked all possible editions of Franklin's writings, I have been unable to find the source of the quotation. It is possible that you know the above quotation and its source by heart. If not, you might have the notes of the Colonial Experience and could find the bibliograph-~~phic~~ citation for me. The paper is being published and naturally the source of this citation is of major importance. I sincerely hope that this will not be a major inconvenience to you.

Your kind assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 2, 1978

Mlle. Maria Koczerska, Ph.D.  
Institut d'Histoire  
Universite de Varsovie  
Krakowskie Prz. 26-28  
Warszawa 64 Poland

Dear Mlle. Koczerska:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the article on "The Enlightenment and Higher Education in Early America" based upon the paper I read at Warszawa last September. I sincerely hope that you will not find many editorial changes and that my lateness did not inconvenience you.

Both my wife and I think very fondly of you and enjoyed your pleasant company during the meeting in Poland last year. I am particularly indebted to you for sending me the postcards, especially the view of the Library in the Royal Castle. Your thoughtfulness is, and always will be, much appreciated. Please convey our warmest greetings to Professor Gieysztor. I will write to him in the next few days.

Wishing you a productive academic year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

PS. Enclosed you will find two reprints dedicated to Prof. Gieysztor. Please convey them with my compliments.

The Department of History

October 2, 1978

Professor R. John Rath  
Department of History  
Rice University  
Houston, Texas 77001

Dear John;

Thank you for your note of September 14, 1978. In all probability I will drive down to Columbus on Thursday, October 12 and will be at Neil House at 8:30 P.M.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

PS. If for any reason the meeting is cancelled or changed, please let me know. (Telephone: 216-783-0501)

The Department of History

June 26, 1978

Mr. Paul Pulitzer  
P.O. Box 2203  
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Paul,

Twice I have written to you asking that you return the volumes you borrowed from my library three years ago. I am in the process of writing my own book and do have great need of the material. Please be so kind and send the volumes back immediately. When you borrowed them you had indicated that you will return them in a reasonable time or when I needed them. I had acted in good faith toward you and I ask you to do the same toward me.

I hope that all is well with you and Angela. How is the Hunyadi project going? Will a TV script come out of it or have you given up on it?

We are all well, enjoying the summer sun after the horrendous winter we lived through. If all goes according to plans, we will be in Hungary next spring and summer on a research grant.

Please convey our greetings to your lovely wife. In the hope of receiving the borrowed books in the very near future, I remain

Cordially,



The Department of History

June 26, 1978

Fr. Joseph Witmer  
Newman Center Community  
26 W. Rayen Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear Friend,

Your very kind note and the check are greatly appreciated.

I enjoyed giving the lectures last spring at the Newman Center and was gratified by the response of the participants. Thank you for having invited me to do the series. In the process of preparing for the lectures I also learned many interesting things which I plan to incorporate into my lectures in Medieval Civilization.

The check was God sent. I was about to borrow money from my mother to buy a set of stereo speakers on sale when your letter arrived. This way I am only a little in debt instead of a lot.

May God continue to bless your work,

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

June 28, 1978

Dr. Ivan Boldizsar, Editor  
The New Hungarian Quarterly  
Rakoczi ut 17  
H-1088 Budapest, Hungary

Dear Dr. Boldizsar:

It was with great delight that I received your letter with the promise that my article on Vitez Janos will be published this year. Your kind words or reassurance have done wonders in restoring my confidence in the NHQ.

Next spring I will be in Budapest for almost six months as an exchange professor, doing research. I hope I will have the opportunity to meet you personally. Please convey my warmest greetings to my friend Zoltan Halasz.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

June 26, 1978

Dr. Zoltan Kosztolnyik  
Department of History  
Texas A & M University  
College Station, Texas 77843

Dear Zolikam,

Thank you for your kind note. I was delighted to hear that all of you are well and healthy. The article on the harpsichord is most impressive. Please convey our warmest congratulations to Penelope on her superb work. You have quite a wife!

All is well with us, in fact we have two developments of importance: 1) on March 2 we adopted a little boy (he was 3 yrs. old in early June) whose name is Andras. He is an absolute delight and fits into the family with great ease. All of us are very happy and with two boys, two girls we have reached the perfect family balance, as we always wanted. 2) we received notification that next spring and summer we will be on a research grant in Budapest for almost 6 months (IREX). Furthermore, starting September 1, 1978 to September 1, 1979 I will be on sabbatical from Youngstown State University. Until our departure for Europe I will be home writing my book on the Hungarian Renaissance. Hopefully I can have the manuscript ready before departure and will be able to start research on a sequel, covering the period 1490-1526.

Concerning the set of Arpadkeri uj okmanytar the situation is as follows: I have the following volumes and would be willing to part with them either through sale or trade:

Arpadkori uj okmanytar (Codex Diplom. Arpadianus Continuatus)  
Wenzel Gustav ed.,

1. Vol. III (1261-1272), Pest, 1862 (Mon. Hung. Historica, vol. VIII)
2. Vol. IV (1272-1290), Pest, 1862 (Mon. Hung. Historica, vol. IX)
3. Vol. V (1290-1301), Pest, 1864 (Mon. Hung. Historica, Vol. X)
4. Vol. VI (890-1235), Pest, 1867 (Series 2, Vol. I) (MHH, Vol. XI)
5. Vol. VII (1235-1260), Pest, 1869 (Series 2, Vol. II) (MHH, Vol. XII)
6. Vol. VIII (1261-1272), Pest, 1870 (Series 2, Vol. III) (MHH, Vol. XIII)
7. Vol. IX (1272-1290), Pest, 1870 (Series 2, Vol. IV) (MHH, vol. XVII)
8. Vol. X (1290-1301), Bp. 1873 (Series 2, Vol. V) (MHH, vol. XVIII)  
(vol. X is the last volume in the series)

June 26, 1978

The fact that volumes I and II are missing obviously detract from the total worth of the set. Yet the age and rarity of the volumes makes them very valuable under all circumstances.

If your university library would buy the set, I would want \$10.00 per volume, which is very reasonable considering present prices for antique books.

If you personally would like to purchase them I would be willing to part with the set at \$5.00 per volume or possibly the exchange of some 15-16th century materials you have in your own collection which I might not have.

Please think it over and let me know. If you decide to get the volumes, I will send them to you immediately.

Best of luck in painting, fixing, etc. this summer, we are doing the same. With best wishes to you all, I remain





# YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

The Department of History

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President

June 30, 1978

US Subcommittee for History of  
Universities.

P. O. Box 578

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia

It appears that you must have left Toronto for Europe sooner than you had anticipated. On Thursday, June 16 I was calling you until almost 2:00 a.m. hoping to reach you and wish you bon voyage. The following day, Friday, I tried twice during the day in the hope that you have not left yet. In both cases I was unsuccessful.

It is a most unfortunate situation that Notre Dame has treated <sup>you in</sup> the way they have. After all the years of devoted service to the institution, and all of the research money which you have gathered, they certainly could have worked out something to continue your position as director of the Ambrosiana ~~project~~ and the Kress Foundation projects. All of the talk of being a great Catholic institution is worthless if they cannot practice elementary Christian behavior.

I have written to Paul Knoll and sent the letter both to his Los Angeles as well as his Polish address since he might still be in Europe on a research grant. I explained ~~the~~ the situation we discussed over the telephone with <sup>you</sup> and asked him to please write to Toronto. Your idea concerning the Hungarian Studies Chair seems excellent. They do need a man of your abilities and international reputation to give the position lustre and eclat. Hopefully you will have some influence in the naming of your successor.

All is well with us here in Youngstown and in all probability we will not go anywhere during the summer. For five weeks in late July and August I will be teaching in the summer school to make a little extra money. Since I will be on sabbatical, at 80% of my salary, this ~~extracurricular~~ <sup>extracurricular</sup> remuneration is greatly needed. I am in the process of finishing up a number of important projects and plan to start on the second chapter of my Hungarian Renaissance book within a few weeks. I am putting myself on a rigorous schedule and hope to have roughly six to seven hundred page manuscript in hand when we leave for Hungary in early March. I am following your suggestion of writing the number of pages each day and this seemed to have worked out well last summer when I began my work on the manuscript.

June 30, 1978

During the last week I applied for and Internal Revenue Service Certification for the bank account in the name of the U. S. Subcommittee. This is necessary according to the banking laws of the United States. Within two or three weeks we will get an identification number with which we will identify the account. Recently I have not received any new contributions to our fund. After your return from Europe, we will begin to send out letters to those you think should be members asking them to make a contribution in order to bring up the required sum designated by the International Congress of Historical Sciences. As I was dictating the last paragraph, the mailman arrived with a lovely card addressed to Eva from the Vatican. We were delighted to hear from you and hope that your stay in Europe will be pleasant as well as rewarding. It is certainly time that Pope Paul, who knows you personally, would do something to reward you for all of ~~your~~ services that you have rendered in the past half century. It would be very nice if you would receive a beneficium which would enable you to continue your work ~~and~~ with financial independence.

On the feast of St. Laszlo we will think of you in our prayers and hope that you will enjoy many more years in good health and success. On your next postcard please indicate when you will be returning to the United States or Canada so that we may be able to call you and talk with you after your arrival.

Wishing you the very best on your trip, I remain

Sincerely,

The Department of History

July 19, 1978

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President  
U.S. Subcommittee for History of  
Universities  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia,

It appears that you must have left Toronto for Europe sooner than you had anticipated. On Thursday, June 16 I was calling you until almost 2:00 a.m. hoping to reach you and wish you bon voyage. The following day, Friday, I tried twice during the day in the hope that you have not left yet. In both cases I was unsuccessful.

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I have written to Paul Knoll and sent the letter both to his Los Angeles as well as his Polish address since he might still be in Europe on a research grant. I explained the situation we discussed over the telephone with you and asked him to please write to Toronto. Your idea concerning the Hungarian Studies Chair seems excellent. They do need a man of your abilities and international reputation to give the position lustre and eclat. Hopefully you will have some influence in the naming of your successor.

All is well with us here in Youngstown and in all probability we will not go anywhere during the summer. For five weeks in late July and August I will be teaching in the summer school to make a little extra money. Since I will be on sabbatical, at 80% of my salary, this extra remuneration is greatly needed. I am in the process of finishing up a number of important projects and plan to start on the second chapter of my Hungarian Renaissance book within a few weeks. I am putting myself on a rigorous schedule and hope to have roughly six to seven hundred page manuscript in hand when we leave for Hungary in early March. I am following your suggestion of writing the number of pages each day and this seemed to have worked out well last summer

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when I began my work on the manuscript.

During the last week I applied for an Internal Revenue Service Certification for the bank account in the name of the U. S. Subcommittee. This is necessary according to the banking laws of the United States. Within two or three weeks we will get an identification number with which we will identify the account. Recently I have not received any new contributions to our fund. After your return from Europe, we will begin to send out letters to those you think should be members asking them to make a contribution in order to bring up the required sum designated by the International Congress of Historical Sciences.

As I was dictating the last paragraph, the mailman arrived with a lovely card addressed to Eva from the Vatican. We were delighted to hear from you and hope that your stay in Europe will be pleasant as well as rewarding. It is certainly time that Pope Paul, who knows you personally, would do something to reward you for all the services that you have rendered in the past half century. It would be very nice if you would receive a beneficium which would enable you to continue your work with financial independence.

On the feast of St. LLaszlo we will think of you in our prayers and hope that you will enjoy many more years in good health and success. On your next postcard please indicate when you will be returning to the United States or Canada so that we may be able to call you and talk with you after your arrival.

Wishing you the very best on your trip, I remain

Sincerely,



The Department of History

July 13, 1978

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, i.h.  
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet  
Menesi ut 11-13  
H-1118 Budapest, HUNGARY

Kedves Tibor,

Please excuse the long delay in answering your letter of early spring written from Rome. My long delay has been caused by two factors: 1). Lack of adequate time due to university duties and 2). some degree of uncertainty concerning our planned trip to Budapest next spring.

Spring and early summer just passed so very quickly and I was up to my neck in work that I did not have time to devote to matters outside of the ordinary requirements of teaching, reading and various meetings of committees. I did manage to get away to visit our mutual friend Sinor Denes at Bloomington, Indiana. He had called a meeting of American-Hungarian professors and educators at which three colleagues from Hungary were also present namely Ranki Gyuri, Lorincze Lajos and Maroti Bela. Next I had to preside over a meeting in Michigan when Gabriel was unable to attend. Now I am in the process of finishing up a number of long delayed articles for publication, writing book reviews and the Hungarian biographies for the Register of the Collected Works of Erasmus. In ten days I begin teaching a five week summer course but will be entirely free to devote myself to writing from September 1. This means that my Matthias Corvinus book will be finally the only project with which I have to struggle.

A few days ago I received word from New York that the final approval of my grant to Hungary has been given. In my last letter to you I had indicated that our coming was predicated upon two factors: 1. Funding of the whole project by the American Council of Learned Societies and 2. Acceptance by the Hungarian side. The money was apparently provided by various foundations and after some delay the Hungarians (KKI & Akademia) accepted all candidates (except possibly one). There has been, however, much delay in placing all of the candidates with a proper Hungarian Institute or University. This has caused the long delay and naturally left us uncertain until now concerning our status. It is now definite that we will be in Hungary from about March 15 to September 1, 1979.

I will be able to provide you with the following information by October 1 concerning the Matyas book: 1. Title with a number of

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possible alternates in order to facilitate acceptance. 2. A very detailed outline of the whole book with complete breakdown of chapters, subchapters, topics. 3. A very close approximation of the length of the typescript. 4. A copy of the introductory chapter, if you need it. I will also be in touch with possible American or English academic publishers and hope to have at least a tentative written commitment for a collaborative effort with the Akademiai Kiado in hand when we arrive in Hungary next spring.

On the family front all is well. There is one major item of news which might surprise you. On March 2 of this past spring we adopted a little boy who is now 3 years old. His name is Andras and both in physical appearance as well as temperament he is perfectly matched to our other three children. Eva and I always wanted four children but unfortunately lost two babies at birth and cannot have any other children of our own. Now our family is complete with two boys (13 and 3) and two girls (13 and 10). Andriska is surrounded with much love and, we hope, will grow into a decent human being. He is beginning to say a few words in Hungarian and our planned trip to Budapest will be a superb opportunity for him to become completely bilingual.

Dear Tibor, I hope that all is well with you, your wife and your family. Please write and let me know when and where you can be reached the next few months.

With warm regards to your wife from both Eva and me, I remain

The Department of History

July 13, 1978

Dr. Eugene Csocsan de Varallja  
Institute of Agricultural Economics  
Oxford University--Dartington House  
Oxford, OX1 2HP ENGLAND

Kedves Jenó,

It was with great delight that I received the copy of your excellent study on the problems of population in Hungary. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me. I have read it with great interest and find it to be an excellent piece of scholarship.

Your grasp of sources is most impressive and you have made good use of both recently published as well as older materials. Actually I find that the title of your work is a little misleading for you have considerable material which treats the historic antecedents of twentieth century population. This is not a weakness but an added strength of your study.

Please accept my most sincere congratulations on this excellent work. I have found it most informative and intend to cite it in my future studies when and where appropriate.

By a strange coincidence I have become more acquainted with the history of Hungarian population movements and statistics through the relatives of my wife. She is related somehow, I do not know exactly in what fashion, to the family of Gustav Thirring. Dr. Lajos Thirring, who along with Gustav is mentioned in several places in your footnotes, is a very dear friend and both my wife and I are extremely fond of him.

How are your plans developing? Have you given up on the idea of coming back to the U.S.? In all probability you have far greater freedom at Oxford to devote to scholarship and research than you would have here.

Since our last meeting we have been rather busy. I have been promoted from Associate to Full Professor and was in Budapest for two months in the summer of 1973 to do research. Last fall I gave a paper at the University of Warsaw and had the good fortune of being able to take my wife along. We spent some time in Copenhagen, Warsaw and Cracow and finished our tour with a 10 day visit to Budapest. Our original plan was to fly to London for a few days but there was a strike at Heathrow Airport and we had to make alternate arrangements. Recently, I received word from the American Council of Learned Societies informing



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me that my request for a research grant to Budapest for next spring and summer has been approved. I will be on sabbatical from the university from September 1 of this year to September 1, 1979 and hope to finish my book on the Hungarian Renaissance.

If you have time please write and let us know how you are and what your plans are. Once more thank you for your kindness in sending me your book. I hope to be able to reciprocate soon.

With best wishes and warm regards, I remain

Cordially yours,



The Department of History

July 13, 1978

Professor James McConica, Editor  
History of the University of Oxford  
Clarendon Building-Broad Street  
Oxford, OX1 3BD, ENGLAND

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your brief note. I was delighted to hear that you are well but sorry that it will be 2 or 3 years before you will permanently return to North America.

I did send a copy of your letter to Mr. le President Gabriel the day it arrived. The whole Bucharest program is, at this point, still very fluid. We have had a large number of inquiries concerning papers both from established scholars as well as novices. Please be assured that your topic will be given every consideration and I promise to do all I can to be of help.

In early May I was at Notre Dame for two days and saw the Canon. He subsequently returned to Toronto and I talked to him over the telephone a few times. He left for Europe in mid June and did send us a post card from Rome. I am very much concerned about his future. Things apparently did not work out for him at Notre Dame and he seems to be in a state of limbo. I hope that something will develop for him which would enable him to work with some degree of financial independence.

We are well. I will be on a sabbatical for a whole year starting September 1 and received a research grant from ACLS for a 5½ month stay in Budapest. The sabbatical will enable me to complete the manuscript of my book on Hungary in the Age of Matthias Corvinus (1450-1490) and during the spring and summer of next year I hope to do research in Budapest on a sequel covering the period to the battle of Mohacs (1526). The generosity of the ACLS will enable my wife and four children to accompany me and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences has the responsibility to provide us with housing and other benefits. We are looking forward to the trip and hope that the dollar will stabilize and regain some of its buying power before we land in Europe.

Otherwise all is well with us and we are enjoying a pleasant summer. Please keep in touch. With warm personal regards and sincere friendship, I remain

Yours as ever,

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him which was mailed in Rome. You might see him sooner than I. His plans are, as always, cloaked in mystery.

Eva and the children join me in sending you our warmest greetings. Please convey our best wishes to your dear wife as well. We hope to meet her someday when you visit us again.

With warm regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

come by the Hungarians, and in fact, I have a commitment from then in this direction. The other bit of good news came on the second of March when we received into our home a little boy 2½ years old called Andrew whom we will adopt this fall. Andrew is an absolute delight and is the answer to many prayers. He fits in with the other three children marvelously, both in temperament and external appearance. Now our family is complete with two boys and two girls.

Dear Paul, I must ask for your apology for having done something without prior consultation, but the slowness of the mail to Poland prevented me from asking you prior to the event. Last fall I was the chairman of the Nomination Committee for the Catholic Historical Association. In that capacity I decided that it would be a good idea if you would succeed me on the committee. I placed your name on the ballot as the candidate and the ballot was distributed to the membership. I am sorry to say, that in a close election you did not win election to the nominating committee. The preparation of the ballot did not leave enough time for me to write to you in Poland to ask whether you would agree to having your name placed in nomination. Please do not be offended that I took this liberty, but my intentions were, as you probably know, strictly honorable and my desire was to see you as one of the members of the nominating committee.

It is unlikely that I will be going to any meetings this coming year where we would be able to get together. Since I will be on a sabbatical and writing at home. I do not want to interrupt my work by preparing papers or commentaries of papers. It would be wonderful, however, if as in the past, you would be making a swing through the mid-west in October or November and would be able to stop at Youngstown for a day or so. If this would materialize please let me know for I would like you to give a paper at the University if this would be agreeable to you as well. In that way you would be able to stay here for a longer period with a perfectly legal excuse.

Please let me know if you are home so that I can write to you about another problem in greater detail. Please give my warmest regards to Sue and the children. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely



The Department of History

July 10, 1978

Prof. Paul Knoll  
Department of History  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Paul,

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The past year has been a most pleasant one in many respects. The horrendously bad winter we had in Ohio was counter balanced by the news that we will go on an IREX grant to Hungary in the spring of 1979 and stay until September. I had applied for the grant in October after Eva and I came to the conclusion that this would be the ideal time to go. The children will be missing some school but at a time when it would not affect them academically as much. The twins will be eight graders and if we leave in mid-March they would only miss the last two and a half months of school, which in many cases is not critical anyway since most of the time in the last weeks of the eighth grade is spent in celebrating the fact that school is almost over. Priscilla will be a fifth grader next year and since she is always very bright we see no reason to worry about academic problems resulting from her absence from regular instruction.

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The Department of History

July 10, 1978

Prof. Pach Zsigmond Pal, Director  
MTA Tortenettudományi Intézet  
Uri utca 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest I, HUNGARY

Dear Professor Pach:

Recently a copy of the April 23 issue of the Magyar Hírek came into my possession by accident and while paging through it I was delighted to see your name and picture. Please accept my warmest congratulations on receipt of the very prestigious "Allami Díj" in special ceremonies at the Parliament. The honor bestowed upon you is much deserved. Your excellent work, especially in the area of agrarian history, is valued by all of us who have an interest in the late medieval and early modern history of Hungary. I wish you continued success in your work.

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In September I was in Budapest for a few days following a conference in Poland where I delivered a paper on the history of early universities. I made a brief visit to your Institute and tried to see you personally. Unfortunately you had several important meetings that morning and I was already getting ready to leave the following day so it was impossible for me to pay a brief visit to you.

This past fall I applied for a grant from IREX and fortunately I received the 5½ months I requested. If all goes well, we will be in Budapest from March 15 to September 1, 1979. I am looking forward to seeing you then.

Once more may I congratulate you on receiving the "Allami Díj" and wish you continued success in all your research as well as your work at the Academy.

With warm regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

July 6, 1978

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

Dear Friend:

The July issue of the Notre Dame Magazine arrived today. It was with great delight that I read the news that you received the Faculty Award for 1978. Please accept my most sincere congratulations for this well deserved honor. May you continue to excel in all your work and be blessed with happiness and good health!

All is well with us and we are looking forward to an exciting academic year. Starting September I will be on sabbatical until the fall of 1979. This will enable me to complete my manuscript on the Hungarian Renaissance by March. From March 15 to September 1 of next year we will be in Budapest on a grant from the International Research and Exchanges Board, sponsored by the ACLS. I hope to do research on the period 1490-1526, with emphasis on cultural history. Fortunately, the grant is so generous that it will enable the whole family to accompany me and we are looking forward to some travel in Western and Eastern Europe. The outrageous prices and the declining value of the dollar will probably limit our excursions but we will manage somehow.

My wife and I were in Denmark, Poland and Hungary last fall and I delivered a paper in Warsaw in September. It was a very successful and pleasant trip. On occasion it is good to get away from the children. You as a parent will probably agree.

**Blas**

Please convey my greetings to Prof. O'Connell and to Dr. Norling.

With congratulations once more, I remain

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L. S. Domonkos

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*The College of Arts and Sciences*

The Department of History

June 30, 1978

Prof. Paul Knoll

*Dept. of History  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California.*

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The Department of History

November 9, 1976

Dr. Lee Congdon  
Department of History  
Madison College  
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

Dear Lee,

Although I have a mountain of correspondence to get to, I will answer your letter immediately instead of putting it at the bottom of the pile.

I sincerely hope that your application for study abroad will bring success and if now, or ever in the future, I can be of any help, be free to call on me.

On the question of the Bonfini Rerum Ungaricarum Decades, Tomus IV, Pars II, edited by the Kulcsars, the situation is as follows. What Peter Kulcsar and his wife have done is to complete a long delayed project. The first four volumes of this critical edition of Bonfini was completed and printed in Leipzig and Budapest between 1936-1941. The superb work done by J. Fogel, B. Ivanyi and L. Juhasz was interrupted by the war and the much needed index and cross references were never completed, thus the first four volumes were most difficult to use by scholars. Kulcsar, who had done some excellent work on Bonfini, and his wife have taken the Fogel, Ivanyi and Juhasz edition, and made the much needed concordance and detailed index. To this they added a number of appendices on the prefaces of various editions, the sources of Bonfini, etc. As you can see, the work is of major importance and does deserve not only a review, but it would be wise to throw light on the whole problem of the previous editions as well as this new volume by the Kulczars. If you think this is of interest, and feel that I am the person to do something with it, I would be glad to elucidate this murky matter for the ELE. Many individuals, if they see this book advertised, will feel that it is a portion of something but will probably not know of what and why it would be an invaluable tool for a researcher in 15th century Hungarian studies.

The book review on nationalism will be done in a few days. As soon as it is typed, I will send it to you. The article revision will occur during the Christmas break.

Eva joins me in sending our warmest regards to Carol. Hope you are all well and find much joy and happiness in your two children. Ours are

Dr. Lee Congdon

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growing up so very fast. The twins will be twelve in December and Priscilla will be nine in the spring. In Budapest they were still in the "ovoda", soon we will send them to high school. Tempus fugit, but we do not feel older. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

September 22, 1978

Mme. Roth Edity, Literary Editor  
Akademiai Kiado  
Alkotmany utca 21  
H-1054 Budapest, Hungary

Dear Madame Roth:

Thank you for your letter concerning the critical reading of Dan Robert's book on Matthias Vehe-Glirius and the Radical Reformation. I will be delighted to do it, as I had promised to Dr. Klaniczay.

If you can send me the manuscript, I will begin the work immediately and hope to finish it before my departure for Budapest in early March 1979. You should receive the last portion of the corrected manuscript by the end of February. I hope that this is suitable for you.

The honorarium of about 14, 400 ft. will be most welcome during my stay in Budapest.. I am looking forward to receiving the manuscript and the text of the contract.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Professor of History

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Ms. Jill Graham  
Administrative Assistant  
Jossey-Bass, Inc., Publishers  
433 California Street  
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Ms. Graham,

A few weeks ago I wrote to you asking permission to reproduce the article I authored for the IEHE. You were very gracious in your reply which now encourages me to write to you again ~~is~~ concerning another matter.

I am trying to persuade the local public library to purchase a set of the IEHE. They are, however, reluctant to proceed saying that it has not been reviewed anywhere, as far as they know.

Would you please send me, if it is suitable, either copies of reviews, or bibliographical information where reviews of the IEHE can be found.

Thank you for all your effort.

Cordially,  

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L.S. Donovos  
Professor of History.



The Department of History

May 17, 1978

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Ambrosiana Microfilm Collection  
P. O. Box 578  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus,

It was delightful to spend a few brief hours with you at Notre Dame before going to Kalamazoo. Thank you for the excellent reprints and the beautiful book edited by the illustrious Charles Samaran. Enclosed you will find the check I promised.

At Kalamazoo I spoke with Otto Grundler and conveyed your greetings and regrets to him. He was most gracious and was outraged at the treatment which N.D. has shown toward you. He indicated that "there must be something seriously wrong at Notre Dame" since he has heard distressing reports from several people concerning the administration there.

The session on "University Studies" went smoothly. Dr. Matsen, who was a student of Paul Oskar Kristeller, did a good job. Overfield's paper was also good although it left many questions unanswered. Bentley from Hawaii is a very personable young man, but his field of interest is not really universities but Biblical scholarship in the 16th century.

Dr. Siriasi has sent her \$3.00 to the subcommission. I have thanked all contributors.

I have also written to Peter Ford, but have not yet received an answer. Enclosed you will find a Xerox copy of a letter which arrived this morning from Jim McConica.

Thank you for sending me the stationary which I had forgotten at N.D. Unfortunately I also forgot the notes on which I had jotted down the dates for submission of paper topics, when the subcommittee would act on them and when we would notify individuals whether their topic is accepted or not. Please be so kind and have your secretary give me this information.

I will be in touch with you in the near future by phone.

To Dr. Earl E. Edgar, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
From L.S. Domanicos, Dept of History

Dear Dr. Edgar:

Enclosed you will find the prospectus for the International Encyclopedia of Higher Education which we discussed. The Ordering Information is on the back pages and indicates that Institutional Orders are \$400.00, plus handling and insurance charges of \$13.00.

When you have the opportunity, please talk to the Auditor ~~on this matter~~ concerning this matter.

The University Library would order this reference work for use by both faculty and students. In essence, there would be a savings of \$13.00 <sup>to PSU</sup> ~~to the library~~ if the encyclopedia would be purchased from me.

As I indicated to you, I received this 10 volume set as an honorarium for my contribution to the project. Because I will be on a sabbatical next year with a reduction of 20% <sup>in</sup> ~~off~~ my salary, the sale of the encyclopedia to the University Library would be financially advantageous to me but at the same time equally beneficial to the university.

I am convinced that the Auditor does not have to worry about establishing a "bad precedent" by ~~purchase~~ <sup>allowing</sup> the purchase of this set of encyclopedia directly from me instead of buying it from the publisher. There

should be no fear on the part of the Auditor that all of a sudden there will be 300 faculty members besieging the University, selling books to the Library. This just will not happen. Furthermore this whole matter has been kept in strict confidence. Only Mrs. Schnittgen, Reference Librarian, knows about the matter. She has indicated her willingness to purchase the encyclopedias for the Reference Room, when funds are available. Naturally she does not want to violate any university rules and would like to have the consent of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and of the Auditor before processing an order for the International Encyclopedia of Higher Education.

Your kind assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. I hope that this can be resolved quickly and simply without causing you extra work especially now that you are involved in the interminable budget hearings.

The Department of History

January 13, 1978

Rev. Msgr. Joseph N. Moody  
Professor of History  
St. John's Seminary  
127 Lake Street  
Brighton, Mass.

Dear Monsignor Moody:

As chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Catholic Historical Association it is my pleasant duty to inform you that you were elected to the office of First Vice President during the recent balloting for officers of our organization.

Although you might have heard of the outcome of the election from Father Trisco, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to place your name in nomination, and to wish you the very best for the coming year.

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Chairman  
Committee on Nominations

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