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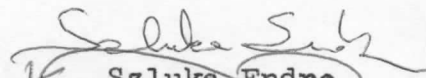
June 30, 1964

Mr. László Domokos  
Mediaeval Institute of the  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana.

Tisztelt Domokos honfitárs!

A Magyar Országos Levéltár felkérésére csatoltan megküldöm  
a levéltár osztályvezetőjének levelét, valamint az ön által  
kért dokumentum mikrofilmjét.

Teljes tisztelettel,

  
Sziluka Endre  
kulturális titkár.

University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana

The Mediaeval Institute  
The Office of the Director

October 8, 1964

Mr. L. S. Domonkos, Jr.  
Youngstown University  
Department of History  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Laci,

Charles Samaran is coming to the United States and will deliver a lecture for us on October 22, Thursday, at 8 p.m., in the Memorial Library Auditorium, on L'"Histoire Littéraire" de la France autrefois et aujourd'hui (in French). I want to extend a cordial invitation to you and Eva to attend this lecture and the reception that will follow at the Morris Inn in honor of Monsieur Samaran.

Cordially,

*A. L. Gabriel*

Dr. A. L. Gabriel  
Director

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WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

Washington, 1964 november 17.

Mr. Laszlo Domonkos  
The Younstown University  
Dept. of History  
410 Wick Avenue  
Younstown 3, Ohio

Tisztelt Domonkos ur!

Jóleső érzés volt olvasni kedves levelét és megelégedése kifejezését tavaszi magyarországi utjával kapcsolatban. Reméljük, hogy a jövőbeni további szakmai és általános kapcsolatuk mindenben alátámasztják gondolatait.

Konkrét kérésében, "A Századok" megrendelésével kapcsolatban, sajnos mi nem tudunk közvetlenül segíteni. Az említett folyóirat rendszeres terjesztése a magyar könyvterjesztő szervek feladatkörébe tartozik.

A megrendelésre tehát kétféle lehetősége is van. Javasoljuk, hogy írjon megrendelő levelet akár Mr. Joseph Bromfield, N.Y. (címe bármelyik itteni magyarnyelvű lap hirdetési rovatában megtalálható) magyar könyv és lapterjesztő bizományosnak, - vagy közvetlenül a Kulturá-hoz. Utobbi címe:

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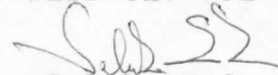
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Fő- utca 32. Hungary.

Mindkét lehetőség rendelkezésére áll, s a folyóirat kézhezvétele csupán idő kérdése.

Hivatalunk egyéb alkalmi anyagokkal (pl. Magyar Hírek, stb) bármikor rendelkezésére áll, épügy mint egyéb kérései tekintetében.

Tisztelettel



Sziluka Endre  
kulturális titkár

Asztalik

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana

3 August 1964

The Mediaeval Institute  
The Office of the Director

Mr. L. S. Domonkos, Jr.  
500 S. Oakland Avenue  
Sharon, Pa.

Dear Laci,

I had intended to write you earlier concerning this, but I have been bogged down in work with the Ambrosiana. I trust you had another good summer at Youngstown U. and now have a bit more time.

I wrote Gendreau and Storey over four months ago concerning their articles which they promised to submit to Dr. Gabriel's Melanges, but to date I have not heard a thing from them. Could you write them each a letter asking them what they plan to do in the way of an article and when they think they could have it done. I hope at the same time you can give them a tactfully gentle push. Their addresses are as follows:

Dr. Bernard A. Gendreau  
RR. 1, Box 37  
Milford, Ohio

Dr. William G. Storey  
Head, Department of History  
Duquesne University  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

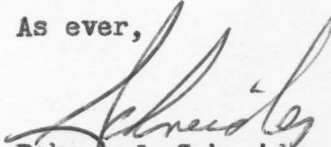
The situation on the Melanges at the moment still leaves something to be desired. Murphy, John, and Ford have theirs in. I hope you are now well into yours and will have it in the mail soon. I have been able to get to my florilegium during the summer, so I ought to have mine finished by Sept. 1.

The Gabe bluntly brought the subject up early this June and I explained to him how it stood in general terms. He told me that these projects always take what seems to be an unreasonable amount of time and not to worry about how slow things are going. Nevertheless I think the sooner we get this thing together, the better.

Well, please pardon the business tone of this letter, but I want to file the carbon away as official business. I've had quite a hectic summer, but I will find time this week to write a newsworthy epistle. I have much to tell you.

Write as soon as you can.

As ever,

  
Robert J. Schneider

December 17, 1964

Cher et très Illustre Magister!

Please let me first of all extend you a very Merry Christmas and good wishes for a Happy New Year.

Because we expect our little twins to come home from the hospital between Christmas and New Years, I will not be able this year to attend the A.H.A. meeting in Washington, D.C. and meet you as I had hoped.

Since our last conversation over the telephone the head of the history department here has asked me to stay on for the coming academic year and even promised a new contract with an increase in salary.

Eva and I have decided that we do not want to move, which would be a great financial burden right now until I have my doctorate in hand. Therefore we feel that the best solution is to work hard in order to get my dissertation completed and then when I have my doctorate and am in a better bargaining position to find a good position at a much better university than Youngstown.

I hope that we will be able to discuss all of this in early spring when I intend to make my long delayed trip to Notre Dame.

December 17, 1964

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your lang letter in which you expressed interest in me at the recommendation of Dr. Gabriel. I would have responded in one way or another sooner had I been certain of my plans for the future.

For the academic year 1965-66, I intend to remain at Youngstown University for I would like to complete my dissertation and receive my doctorate before giving up my position here. I am also very sorry that I will not be able to meet you in Washington, D.C. during the A.H.A. meeting in December.

Please do not interpret this letter as a lack of interest on my part in ever joining your faculty but after long deliberation I came to the conclusion that I could do a much better job and be more of a credit to the institution after receiving my doctorate.

I close in the hope that maybe next year we will be able to meet, probably again at the A.H.A. meeting and that maybe then there will be still a prospect of an opening in the mediaeval field at your university.

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos  
Dept. of History

December 8, 1964

J.N.Hodgson, Registrar  
Bedford College  
Regent's Park  
London, N.W.1, England

Dear Sir,

At your request I am very happy to write a letter of recommendation for my former student, Miss Helen Sue Freedman.

Miss Freedman attended a class in ancient and medieval history last summer and completed all her work to my greatest satisfaction. Her grade in the course was an "A" which according to our grading scale shows the highest excellence and accomplishment. I find that Miss Freedman is an intelligent and alert person and above all I think that she will be able to do independent work and will be at home in any situation. Besides her academic work I can recommend her as a cultured young lady for I have seen her several times at serious plays and symphonic concerts.

So I recommend Miss Freedman as a very worthy candidate and know that her year abroad will be successful.

Sincerely,

L.S.Domonkos, M.A.:M.S.M.

December 8, 1964

Rev. Joseph N. Garvin  
P.O. Box 429, University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Father Garvin,

It has been a long time since we exchanged letters and much has happened since. Let me start off with the most important, the day before yesterday, Sunday, December 6, my wife gave birth to twins, a little boy and a little girl. We are immensely happy that everything went smoothly and both Eva and the babies are fine.

I had intended to come to Notre Dame during November, but I didn't want to leave my wife for any length of time when the doctor warned us that she might deliver sooner than we expected. So my trip will have to wait until at least semester change or even March.

I am very anxious to see all of my old acquaintances at N.D.

Next semester I will be teaching a course in Mediaeval Civilization and I am looking forward to it. This will be my only preparation since the other course I am teaching i.e. Western Civilization (ancient and mediaeval) is already well worked up since I have taught it several times. So it looks like it will be an easier semester than this one was.

I will write before Christmas. If you have time I would love to hear from you. I hope your back isn't troubling you this year and that your health is good.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,



December 1, 1964

Mr. Endre Szluka, Secy for Cultural Affairs  
Legation of the Hungarian People's Republic  
2437 Fifteenth Street, Northwest  
Washington 9, D.C.

Dear Mr. Szluka,

Thank you very much for your quick reply to my inquiry about the Journal of the Hungarian Historical Association, "A Szazadok."

As you suggested I will get in contact with Kultura in Budapest and will try to order the journal directly from them.

If your office has any illustrated magazine I would be delighted to avail myself of your offer to send such information to me and would appreciate if you would put me on your mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

Laszlo Domonkos  
Dept. of History

December 1, 1964

Kultura  
Könyv és Hírlapterjesztő Vállalat  
Budapest. I.  
Fő-utca 32. Hungary

Dear Sir:

The cultural attache of the Hungarian People's Republic in Washington, Mr. Endre Szluka, referred me to your department.

I am interested in ordering the Journal of the Hungarian Historical Association, "A Századok", and would like to know how I can subscribe to this journal and what the yearly rate would be.

While a student at the Mediaeval Institute at the University of Notre Dame under Professor Asztosik Gabriel, I became acquainted with the circular which you periodically send out showing the second hand books available through Kultura. I would very much appreciate if you would put me on your mailing list and send such circulars in the field of history and literature c/o Department of History  
Youngstown University,  
Youngstown, Ohio

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

László Homonkos

November 25, 1964

Prof. Vern Bullough  
San Fernando ~~State~~ College  
Northridge, California

Dear Vern,

Thank you for your short note. I have decided to stay another year at Youngstown University and Dr. Behen has informed me that my position here is as permanent as I would like it to be. In other words they realize that I do not want to grow old here but are glad to have me in the department as long as I am willing to stay.

Since my dissertation is far from finished it will take at least a year until I have my doctorate. It is only then that I will seriously begin to look around for more lucrative job.

Thank you for keeping my in mind. This year I will not be able to go to the AHA meeting because our first child is due around that time we think. I am very sorry that I will not see you again probably until next year. Looking forward to the promised letter, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

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November 3, 1964

Mr. Endre Szluka, Sec'y for Cultural Affairs  
Legation of the Hungarian People's Republic  
2437 Fifteenth Street, Northwest  
Washington 9, D.C.

Dear Mr. Szluka,

Please forgive the long delay in my answer to the microfilm which you have sent me from the National Archives of Budapest. I want to thank you for the promptness with which you handled my request and I also want to express my thanks to the courteous staff of the National Archives in Budapest.

During my short stay in Hungary last spring, I received so much cooperation and help from all of the Hungarian scholars with whom I came in contact that it would be hard to express my appreciation to all of them separately.

Since your last note, which was addressed to the Mediaeval Institute of the University of Notre Dame, I have accepted a position at Youngstown University, so please direct all other correspondence to this address.

In closing, I would like to ask you a favor. Although I have been educated at American universities. I have a deep interest in Hungarian history and am presently writing a dissertation in late mediaeval Hungarian cultural history. Naturally I am interested in all the recent developments in Hungarian historiography and therefore I would be most grateful to you personally if you could or you would be able to get me a subscription to the Journal of the Hungarian Historical Association, The Századok. This would help me a great deal in my work.

In all future correspondence please be free to use Hungarian or English.

Since my secretary does not speak Hungarian and I do not type, our correspondence will have to be in English.

Sincerely yours,

László Domonkos  
Dept. of History

October 21, 1964

Dr. Peter Ford  
Dept. of History  
Texas A and M  
College Station, Texas

Dear Pete,

It was with great joy that I received the news from Dr. Gabriel that you had passed your examinations for the Doctorate in April.

I would have written you much sooner but I was busy first in Europe and then trying to get settled here.

My wife and I traveled quite a bit in Europe and after a most pleasant stay returned to the good old U.S.A. in the middle of July.

While still in Europe I signed a contract with Youngstown University and am presently teaching here. As you so well know being low man on the totem pole I have to teach survey courses but next semester I will have a section in Medieval History.

Since I will have to go through the same ordeal as you did in April, I would very much appreciate if you would furnish me with as much information as you can about the questions and the Inquisitors.

I will probably submit my dissertation late this spring or next fall and hope that I will not have to wait as long as you had to to face the Board.

Please let me hear from you soon, greetings to Jane and the "baby".

Sincerely yours,

October 21, 1964

Prof. John P. Dolan  
Dept. of History  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Dr. Dolan,

It was with great pleasure that I took your newly published Essential Erasmus in hand and would like to congratulate you on your extremely interesting introductions.

It is wonderful that one can purchase such a well written book in paperback ~~edition~~ and I wish that your work on Nicolaus of Cusa would also be available in this ~~form~~.

If I ever teach a course in Renaissance and Reformation you can be sure that I will assign it as supplementary reading.

Presently I'm teaching at Youngstown University and I hope to come up to Notre Dame sometime during November on the weekend when there is no football hysteria.

My stay in Europe was most enjoyable and I was able to do quite a lot of traveling in Germany and Italy and even managed to go behind the Iron Curtain on two occasions.

More about everything when I see you in November.

Sincerely yours,

L.S.Domonkos

October 15, 1964

Dr. Franz Gall, Archivist

Universite of Wien

Dear Franz,

Please excuse the long delay in writing to you but since my departure from Wien, I have been extremely busy settling down and with my teaching career.

Our trip back to America was very pleasant, the boat was very comfortable and we enjoyed our short stops at Cannes, Barcelons, Gibraltar, and the island of Madiera.

We arrived in New York on the afternoon of July 13th. My brother transported us home to my mother's residence in Pennsylvania and the next morning I had to deliver my first lecture in the five week summer course.

In August we found a very pleasant apartment in Youngstown, Ohio and on the feast of St. Stephen of Hungary, August 20th, we moved into our new residence. The location is very favorable for in eight minutes I can reach the University and we are very close to shopping facilities. The apartment itself is compact, consisting of a living room-dining room combination, three bedrooms, kitchen and storage space. One of the bedrooms serves as my office and library and the other bedroom is reserved for the baby.

On September 18th the University opened its doors for the fall semester and now I am teaching fifteen hours a week. Three of my courses deal with the ancient and medieval world and I teach two sections of modern history (Reformation to Eisenhower). Since I have already taught the ancient and medieval sections most of my preparations are for the modern. Next semester I will conduct a seminar in medieval history and will no longer teach the modern sections.

It is still uncertain what I will do next year but in all probability I will stay at least one more year at Youngstown University.

This University is growing rapidly and this fall has an enrollment of 9,200 students. Unfortunately the caliber of some students who come fresh out from the secondary schools is rather poor.

I have received several letters from our dear mutual friend Dr. Gabriel. He is back at Notre Dame after his one year as guest professor at Harvard University. I have just received an invitation from him to a lecture to be given by Professor Charles Samaran at Notre Dame. As you can see he is active again and is able to have his way in everything. I have the impression that he misses Harvard very much and will try to return there somehow.

It is with a fond heart that I think back to the very pleasant days spent at the Archiv and I will be forever thankful for all your assistance. You are a worthy successor of the great Karl Schauf.

Please give my regards to Frau Furnsin und die kleine Frau Greiner, also convey my greetings to Professors Jedliska and Swesill.

If you have time please send off a note and let us know how you are. If you write in German it will be fine.

Together with Eva, we send you our heartiest greetings and hope that not too many years will pass before we meet again.



October 15, 1964

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel  
Director  
Mediaeval Institute of  
Notre Dame

Cher à très élustre Maître,

Thank you very much for the note of October 8th, in which you invited Eva and I to come to the lecture given by Professor Samaran. It is so good to know that you still think of us and we are very much honored by your invitation.

Unfortunately it is impossible for us to come to South Bend on Thursday, October 22, because I have a late afternoon class on Thursdays and a class on Friday. Since I am the new man on the faculty it would not be too wise to dismiss too many classes.

As I have already indicated in my last letter I will come to visit the Institute before winter sets in but will probably call you long distance to find out when it is most convenient for you.

I will probably arrive on a Friday and stay until Sunday afternoon so that we will have time to discuss the Mélanges Gabriel both with you and with Bob.

I am very sorry that I will not be able to hear Professor Samaran and congratulate you for being able to bring such a distinguished scholar to Notre Dame. (I hope that they appreciate you better now at Notre Dame)

Eva sends you her greetings and is sorry but will not be able to come with me on my trip because of her advanced condition.

October 8, 1964

Dr. Vern L. Bullough  
Dept. of History  
San Fernando State College  
Northridge, California

Dear Vern,

Thank you very much for your last letter and for the interest that you have shown in my future.

By the time your letter arrived I had already received an offer from Dr. Behen to come and teach at Youngstown University for the 1964-65 academic year.

After returning from Vienna I had to begin teaching immediately in the second semester of the summer school. This is the main reason why I didn't contact you sooner.

We have settled in Youngstown, rented an apartment not far from the University, and are expecting an addition to the family in early January.

Although my hours are not ideal, and I'm only teaching survey courses, I'm rather happy at Youngstown. The new schedule for the spring semester has already been drawn up and I will be teaching a course in Medieval History besides four sections of Western Civilization 105.

If everything works out as I plan we will stay in Youngstown for at least one more year. During this time I would like to get my dissertation written so that when I go job hunting I will have my degree in hand and thus be in a better bargaining position.

I hope you are well and maybe we will meet at the A.H.A. convention at Christmas. Please give my regards to your wife.

Sincerely yours,

October 8, 1964

Miss Vera C. Chadwick, Secretary  
American Historical Association  
400 A Street, Southeast  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Miss Chadwick,

Thank you for your help which you extended to me while  
I was stranded in Vienna without a job.

Since the exchange of our correspondence I have accepted  
a teaching position at Youngstown University as an instructor.

Would you be so kind and enter this information on my  
record and change my address from:

500 S. Oakland  
Sharon, Penna.

to:

Dept. of History  
Youngstown University  
410 Wick Ave.  
Youngstown, Ohio

Your kindness and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Demonkos  
Dept. Of History  
Younstown Univesity

LSD/cmk

29 June 1964

Professor Edward J. Pfeifer, Chmn.  
Department of History  
Saint Michael's College  
Winooski, Vermont

Dear Professor Pfeifer:

Mr. Laszlo Domonkos is one of our own graduates, having taken his degree with major in History at Youngstown a few years back. He is well known to me as a friend, a student, and a colleague--he taught in our summer school in 1963. He is a most estimable young man, possessed of the finest character; his graduate school career has been notably successful, and he would be, in my opinion, well qualified to teach the courses you mention.

We have retained Mr. Domonkos's services for the coming year. Let me make clear that Mr. Domonkos certainly did not anticipate the opportunity of teaching at Youngstown at the time he made application to Saint Michael's. We suddenly and unexpectedly received a letter of resignation from one of our staff, and I immediately cabled Mr. Domonkos in Vienna asking him to join us, and he accepted our offer. Undoubtedly our offer reached him after he had written you.

I do not know what Mr. Domonkos's long-range plans are, and I do not know just what our permanent arrangement will be for filling the vacancy created by the resignation I mentioned. If it fits in with your plans to do so, I would encourage you to keep in touch with Mr. Domonkos; I truly believe he will be a strong asset to any faculty of history he joins.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Behen, Chmn.  
The Department of History

cop.: L. Domonkos

*Saint Michael's College*

Winooski, Vermont, 05404

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

June 20, 1964

Dr. David Behen, Chairman  
Department of History  
Youngstown University  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Dr. Behen:

Mr. Laszlo S. Domonkos, who has applied for a position on our history staff, has listed you as a reference.

The position for which he is being considered would require him to give a two year sequence in the Medieval, Renaissance and Reformation periods and also to teach in our Western Civilization program. In the last capacity he would be concerned with the history and thought of Europe during the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries and would have to treat such figures as Machiavelli, Montaigne, Shakespeare, Milton, Locke, Pope, Adam Smith, and the English Romantic poets.

Would you at your convenience please advise me of Mr. Domonkos's qualifications for the position that I have described. I shall be particularly interested in your opinion of his ability and promise as a teacher.

Sincerely,

*Edward J. Pfeifer*  
Edward J. Pfeifer  
Chairman