

December 18, 1974

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

Dear Colleague:

Time has passed so terribly fast, that it is difficult to believe that a year and a half has elapsed since I sat in your office in Budapest. After a very difficult three months last fall when it was believed that my wife had a fatal illness we were relieved to know that this was not the case and fortunately the rest of 1974 passed with no major problems.

My work at the University has kept me occupied and I find it difficult to devote enough time to writing my book on the Age of Matthias Corvinus. In October I did give a paper in St. Louis at a Reformation Conference entitled "The State of Education in Hungary on the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs." It was greeted with enthusiasm and interest since there is really no work on this field in English. I hope to have the article published.

How is the work on the 10 volume History of Hungary progressing? What deadlines do you have and when will the first volumes be published? I am, naturally, very much interested in the work of the Institute and wish all of you the very best in this immense undertaking.

Again let me express my most sincere thanks to you personally for your kindness and attentiveness during my stay in Budapest. The Institute has been a special home to me and the wonderful friendships I developed there will, I hope, continue for a lifetime.

With the approaching Holiday Season please accept our warmest best wishes for a Happy New Year. Please give my regard to your husband as well. I remain,

L. S. Domonkos

L. D. Domonkos
Assoc. Prof. of Hist.

December 18, 1974

Dr. Erik Fugedi
Corvin-ter 6
1011-Budapest, Hungary

Dear Erik:

Please forgive me for writing to you in English but as I told you before This does expedite matters while a letter in Hungarian takes me an eternity to write.

First of all I want to thank you most sincerely for sending your superb new book. You were very kind and thoughtful in thinking of me and I appreciate it very much. You have combined great scholarship with a pleasant style and produced a book which will delight both the general reader as well as the specialist. This is indeed a rare gift. Even your selection of illustrations is excellent and I see that our dear mutual friend, Aronk~~l~~ was instrumental in this phase of the work.

Almost a year has passed since we exchanged correspondence and I hope that your lovely wife and darling daughter are well. We do talk of you often and hope that someday we can meet again. I know that Edina and Eva would find immediate rapport and my children would adore your daughter. It seems, however, that your little one will be talking fluently, maybe even in English, before we will be able to visit Hungary again. The price of airfare as well as everything else has gone up so much that it is becoming increasingly more remote that we will be able to travel, unless we can again get some type of a grant. Chances ~~are~~ that are also remote.

The past year has flown by with great rapidity and it does not seem possible that 1975 is upon us. Our twins (Istvan es Kati) have just had their tenth birthday and our "baby" (Piroska) is six years old and a first grader. We have found great joy and satisfaction in our children and hope that you will find the same. Fortunately the past year has been rather

good as far as health is concerned, and we pray that this will be the situation next year as well.

After a year of lethargy I am back to work on my projects. In October I gave a paper at a Conference for Reformation History in St. Louis on the subject of: "The State of Education in Hungary on the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs." It was very well received and when I get it published I will send you a reprint.

As soon as the Christmas mail rush is over I will also mail a few books in Medieval History to you, which I hope will be useful in your work or will give you pleasure. I will address the books to the Statistikai Hivatal in your care. I hope they will arrive safely. It usually takes 6-8 weeks for a book package to make the Atlantic crossing, sometimes longer, so please be prepared to wait.

Dear Erik, I promise to write soon again and hope to include a picture of the children. Please accept our warmest best wishes for Christmas and convey them to dear Edina and Krisztina as well.

December 18, 1974

Wilhelm Smolders
P.O.B 29
1162-Wien, Austria

Gentlemen:

One of your brochures has just reached me and I am writing to seek information on two points:

1. Do you have item no. 32 in your "Hungary" catalogue still in stock? The book in question is Matricula et Acta Hungarorum by Veress. If it is not sold please reserve it for me. I will order it immediately for the Youngstown State University Library. It always takes longer for institutional orders to reach book dealers so please reserve the above volume until the order reaches you.
2. For my own personal research I am interested in acquiring 4 volumes from the Monumenta Hungariae+Historica. The books I am seeking are:

Nagy, Ivan, -Nyari, Albert-, Magyar Diplomaciai Emlekek Matya's kiraly korabol, Vol. I-IV, Bp. 1877.

Would you please inform me if you have these volumes for sale, if yes, what the cost would be.

I am awaiting your response in the near future. Please be free to write in German. I attended the University of Vienna for a year and read German well, have difficulties writing it, however.

With best wishes for the Christmas Season, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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

The Department of History

December 13, 1974

Mr. Paul Pulitzer, President
Pulitzer, Eckenrod and Assoc.
P. O. Box 2203
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Mr. Pulitzer:

This is just a brief not of inquiry concerning the progress of your Hunyadi project. I hope that all is going well and that you were able to gather enough material, both written and visual, to begin the development of your program.

Were you able to get a competent translator for the material? I am sorry that I cannot help you in this phase of the project but translation is a very time consuming project and my own time is rather limited. Not only do my duties at the university keep me busy but I am in the process of finishing three articles on 15th century Hungarian history to be submitted for publication. There are also a few book reviews which I have to write before January 2, 1975.

As I indicated to you previously I would be happy to serve in a consultant capacity on the project and to be of assistance in any way that you think would be useful.

I am looking forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please accept my very best wishes for the coming Holiday Season, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

December 11, 1974

Dr. Nandor Dreisziger, Editor
Canadian-American Review of Hung. Studies
c/o Department of History
Royal Military College of Canada
Kingston, Ontario Canada

Dear Colleague,

It was with great interest that I received your letter announcing the publication of a much needed journal in Hungarian Studies and am looking forward to receiving the first issue. I also plan to order the journal for our university library as soon as I have subscription information in hand.

It is most unfortunate that it has taken us this long to launch such a journal and I want to congratulate you for the hard work you have undertaken and have brought to a fruitful conclusion. Let us now hope that subsequent numbers of the Review will make the journal popular enough to be self supporting.

I had hoped to meet you at some convention or conference before but it has not worked out. Janos Bak spoke of you very highly and I also read that you were going to be in Cleveland for the meeting of the Hungarian Association. Unfortunately last minute commitments prevented me to attend the Cleveland meeting and so I missed my chance to see you, if in fact you were there.

Last October I read a paper at the Conference of Reformation Studies held in St. Louis and wonder if the article would be of interest to the Review. The title of my talk was: "The State of Education in Hungary at the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs (1526)." It was very well received by the scholars present and I was encouraged to send it to a journal for publication since there is nothing on this subject in English. There are a few small items in the footnotes which will be worked on over the Christmas vacations and the article will be ready for submission to a journal. If the Review would be interested and there is some assurance that it would be published without excessive delay, I would be most happy to send it to you for consideration. Unfortunately, I have become rather cynical with journal editors. The New Hungarian Quarterly is sitting on an article on Vitez Janos and Hungarian Humanism since the Fall of 1970. Although I

have received verbal assurances twice during recent IREX supported stays in Budapest, I still do not know when it will appear. I hope this will not happen if you would accept my article for publication.

At the present I am working on a book entitled Hungary in the Age of Matthias Corvinus, a project which has been in the works for some time. I hope to have a first draft by the end of summer.

Best wishes for the approaching Holidays, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

December 11, 1974

Dr. Karl Nehring
D-8 Munchen 40
Degenfeldstrasse 1

Lieber Karl,

Since our last exchange of correspondence my research on Matthias Corvinus has progressed but not at the rate I had hoped. My teaching assignment at the University does take up considerable time and I wish I could take a sabbatical to complete the work. It seems that your wish that I "bald in Europa auftauchen werden" is not feasible. With prices in Europe at the high level they are as well as the high inflation here, I do not know where this will lead us.

Dear Karl, I would be delighted to review your forthcoming book for Sudost f orschungen. So when the book appears send me the pertinent information and I promise to have it completed by the deadline. The three articles which you mention show your great productivity for which I congratulate you most sincerely. Please be so kind and send them along as well. I do not want to burden you with request for Xerox copies of the two studies which will appear in Leveltari Kozlemenyek but hope to receive a reprint when they appear.

I have ordered the two volumes in the Ortsnamenreihe for our University Library. Bureaucracy being universally inefficient I do not know if the books have arrived yet or not. I wish you continued success on the subsequent volumes.

How was your trip to Budapest this fall? I must confess that I envy you for being able to get on the Autobahn or an express train and be in Budapest in a few hours. Hope you found interesting material at the MOL and that you did not encounter the difficulties with books as you did when I last saw you.

This past October I gave an address at a conference for Reformation Research at St. Louis entitled "The State of Education in Hungary ~~on~~ the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs (1526)." It was very well received by the assembled scholars and I plan to get it published. Do you think that Sudostforschungen might be interested in it?

With the approaching Christmas festivities I wish you and your wife a Blessed Holiday and a very Happy New Year.

The Department of History

December 12, 1974

Dr. Bonis Gyorgy
Kende u. 12
H - 1111 Budapest
Hungary, Europe

Dear Professor Bonis:

Thank you for your very kind letter of August 10, 1974 and please forgive me for my slowness in answering it. My teaching assignment, research and family obligations (I have 3 children, Istvan, Kati es Piroska) do keep me very busy.

Your letter contained a number of points which are most interesting and which I share with you. Reading them made me even more unhappy that I did not have the opportunity to visit you personally and discuss these matters at length. I was particularly interested in your comment concerning the University of Pecs and its possible existence to the time of the Turks. This obviously is romantic fantasy. Furthermore if the University would have been in operation during the 15th century where are its graduates? We should have documents, legal, ecclesiastic, historical or literary which would indicate that the author or writer was a "bachalarius Univ. Quinqueeclisiae." In all your work you never came across anything like this during the 15th and 16th century! The lack of a viable university in Hungary is one of the many tragedies of our history. The intellectual stimulus, the administrative advantages, that the presence of a University has on a nation is hard to estimate, but are without doubt considerable. On this subject last October I read a paper at the Conference for Reformation Research held at St. Louis. The address was entitled "The State of Education in Hungary on the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs (1526" and was enthusiastically received by the scholars present. I hope to have it published and will certainly send you a reprint.

On the matter of centralization, I am much more cautious than Prof. Elekes. I have always felt that the documentation of his view is not very thorough. While I concede that Matthias had strong tendencies in this direction, it is impossible to create a "Renaissance State" in a few decades. If we compare Henry VII of England and Louis XI of France with Corvinus and examine the similar attempt at centralization we must recognize the great socio-economic differences between Hungary on one hand and England and France on the other. I am not at all certain that

a lasting centralized "Renaissance State" can exist with the relatively small middle class and underdeveloped urbanization, as in 15th century Hungary. The events after 1490 certainly prove that the centralization policy of Corvinus was not deeply enough engrained.

In the near future I will get in touch with Prof. Sweeney. I know of him but have never met him. Pennsylvania State University is not so very far from here so we might even get together this spring. Thank you for bringing his name to my attention.

I was delighted to hear that you are associated with the Institute for Literary History. During my stays in Budapest I was always happy to attend their conferences and meetings. I have the highest regard for Dr. Klaniczay and the excellent work the Institute has done. Please extend my greetings to Tibor and also to my dear friend V. Kovacs Sandor. Letters to them are also on the way.

With the approaching Holiday Season, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. In the hope of hearing from you, I remain

The Department of History

December 11, 1974

Dr. Thomas Szendrey
Department of History
Gannon College
Erie, Penna. 16501

Kedves Tamás!

The IREX recommendation is taken care of. Hope all will go well for you and that you will get the grant.

Expected to see you in Cleveland at the Hungarian Association meeting but had to cancel my plans in the last minute.

We would be delighted if you came and visited us some week end. Erie is less than 2 hrs. from Youngstown on either I-79 and I-80 or Ohio 11 which is four lanes from Ashtabula to Youngstown. Come and see us. We would like to get to know your lovely wife a little better and to see your child and/or children, depending when you come.

If you get the IREX grant I definitely want to talk to you before you leave for Hungary. There are a number of things you should know in order that your stay is more pleasant.

My poor students are taking an exam and I must start correcting them, so I will wish you our very best on your grant application. With sincere regards to your dear wife and warm wishes for the Christmas Season, I remain

P.S. Enclosed is an application which might interest you.

December 11, 1974
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Donald W. Treadgold, Chairman
Department of History
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Mr. Treadgold:

In the recent AHA Employment Information Bulletin, I read with great interest that the University of Washington is looking for a medievalist for the coming academic year.

Since the time that I received my training at the Mediaeval Institute at the University of Notre Dame, I have been teaching at Youngstown State University. I have ten years of teaching experience and have been responsible here for the courses in early and late medieval history, as well as the Renaissance. During the academic year 1970-1971, I was a research scholar at the Academy of Sciences in Budapest. At present, I am working on a book, entitled Hungary in the Age of Matthias Corvinus: 1450-1500, the first draft of which should be completed by late summer.

I would be very much interested in the opening in your department. Enclosed you will find a Vita sheet. Because of budgetary problems, I was not planning to attend the AHA Convention in Chicago, but in case you would want to meet me personally, I will make arrangements to be in Chicago during the Convention.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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How was your stay in Italy? I hope that it was both scholarly profitable and personally pleasant. You probably enjoyed being free from the administrative tasks which you have to handle at the Institute and could devote yourself to scholarship exclusively.

Our mutual friend Asztrik is in Europe again. When I questioned him if he will ever visit Budapest he gave a rather evasive answer. There are few people who can change their plans as often as he does. He will retire as Director of the Mediaeval Institute at the University of Notre Dame at the end of the academic year and is looking around for possible places to settle down. Since Europe is so very expensive and the United States generally unstable and unsafe he is contemplating the possibility of retiring to Canada. This is also uncertain. His efforts to get me appointed as his successor at Notre Dame has not worked out. The university hired an older, more experienced man from one of the California Universities. Although this was disappointing I am not unhappy here in Youngstown. The only problem is that this university is a teaching oriented institution and does not provide much opportunity for research and writing, nor does it have an international reputation.

Fortunately the past year has been a happy one for us. My wife has enjoyed good health and the children are developing well both physically and mentally. The twins (Istvan es Kati) are ten years old and in the fourth grade while our smallest (Piroska) is a first grader. It is sad that now when we could begin to enjoy a more settled, prosperous life, inflation is eroding the gains we have made in the eleven years of our marriage. The rise of prices is twice the increase in our salary and we are faced with a declining standard of living if this continues. Both you and I have lived through an age when astronomical sums of money bought a pound of onions and I just hope that this will not be repeated again in our lifetime.

Please extend my greetings to your dear wife, who, I hope, has completely recovered from the accident you had in the summer of 1973. My family joins me in wishing all of you a Blessed Christmas, and a very productive and happy New Year. With warm personal regards, I remain

The Department of History

November 26, 1974

Dr. Walther Kirchner
Jahnbuecher fuer Geschichte Osteuropas
P. O. Box 1120
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Professor Kirchner:

Enclosed is the ill fated review of Branca's Venezia e Ungheria which caused me more difficulties than I could ever imagine possible.

After our conversation by telephone I immediately searched my files for a copy of the review I sent to you last May. To my horror I discovered that I did not have a copy, only my extensive notes which I took at the time I read the book initially. Naturally with the lapse of almost six months the notes were not sufficient and I had to review the material again. Finally it is done and I only hope that you will not consider me to be the most scatter-brained individual who has ever reviewed a book for the Jahrbucher.

I have certainly learned two valuable lessons: (1) Never trust the U. S. Mail, (2) Xerox everything before sending it out.

The review, as you will immediately see, is longer than the 600 words you requested. It is, however, impossible to do justice to a volume with 29 articles in a short review and I sincerely hope that my lengthier and more detailed treatment will not cause difficulties.

The volume you sent for review shows no price, so I can not conform to your usual format in this respect.

Dear Professor Kirchner please excuse all aggravation I might have caused to you and accept my regret for the delay. I will be looking forward to receiving your post card with the information that you have received the review and have forwarded it to Munchen. With sincere best wishes for the coming Holiday Season, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Leslie S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

November 20, 1974

Division of Fellowships
National Endowment for the Humanities
806 Fifteenth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Gentlemen:

This note is to ask for your assistance in seeking financial aid through the National Endowment for the Humanities.

I fully realize that all applications for grants for the academic year 1975-76 have earlier deadlines, and therefore the information I seek is for the following year.

During the academic year 1970-1971 I spent ten months in Budapest, Hungary through a grant from the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) and during the summer of 1973 I had a two month grant for research through IREX and the ACLS.

The area of my research is the Renaissance in Hungary and I am in the process of writing a book entitled: The Age of Matthias Corvinus: Hungary in the Second Half of the 15th Century. I have written several articles and read papers in this field.

With all the research completed for the book, I am in the process of writing my monograph but have one major problem. With a twelve quarter hours teaching load in the History Department at Youngstown State University it is very difficult for me to devote enough time to writing. The state university system in Ohio has abolished sabbaticals and, therefore, I can not count on aid from the University. What I would need is support to be able to take one to two quarters of leave from my teaching assignment and finish writing the book.

Would you please be so kind and indicate if a grant of this

nature is possible through the National Endowment for the Humanities. If yes, please send all pertinent information, such as application deadlines, amount of grants available, supporting materials, etc...

Your kind cooperation and prompt answer will be greatly appreciated. I remain.

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD/ck

The Department of History

November 13, 1974

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

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your very kind note of last week. I will immediately write the strongest possible recommendation for your fellowship application and certainly hope that it will bring the desired results.

To say that it was delightful to see you in St. Louis is an obvious understatement. I only regret that we have so few opportunities to meet. Next year we should prepare some kind of panel at a meeting so that we can get together again.

You probably will receive, if it has not already arrived, the book of Dr. Csapody on the Library of Corvinus. Hope you will find it interesting and useful. The excerpt on the astronomical portion of the Szalkai Codex is not ready yet but I will send it to you as promised.

Thank you for the offer of sending me the book on the Collegium Maius as well as the duplicate copy on the students at Cracow. Both books, I think, will be of great use to me and I am grateful for your kindness.

I still have not made any decision on the publication of the paper I read at St. Louis. There are a few sections which need a little work and the footnotes also need attention. I do, however, thank you for your kind words of encouragement and will keep you posted on the fate of the article.

Please give my warmest greetings to your family and I hope that your son's team will become the champion soccer group in all of California.

With best regards,

The Department of History

November 13, 1974

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director
The Mediaeval Institute
University of Notre Dame
Notre, Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus!

We feel very bad that it was impossible for us to meet you at the Cleveland Airport last Sunday. When the children found out that "Asztrik Bacsí" was in Cleveland and they missed their chance to see you, a riot almost broke out.

As I indicated on the phone, there is no obstacle to our visit to Notre Dame, either this month (except Thanksgiving week) or early December. However, January might be much more peaceful for both you and us. As always, I leave the decision in your able hands. You always know how the wind is blowing and what timing is best for maximum effect.

The conference I attended at St. Louis was most successful. My paper was very well received, and Prof. Harold Grimm, one of the best known Reformation scholars in America, personally congratulated me on my work. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Program.

The story book you sent to Bumi has arrived. He is working on a drawing which we want to send to you as a token of appreciation.

We will probably call you again in the near future. Please give my regards to Mrs. Logue.

October 30, 1974

Zrinszky Laszlonge, Editor
Akademiai Kiado
Alkotmany u. 21
1363-Budapest V. Hungary

Dear Mme Zrinszky:

Your Air mail letter of Sept. 20 has just reached me. It appears that it did not come by plane but rather by ship, thus the delay in my answer.

As you requested in your letter, I immediately sent the Mezey manuscript to your address. It is being shipped in three separate packages and I hope that it will arrive safely in Budapest.

I am delighted to hear that Prof. Mezey's valuable book is being reworked and revised for publication and sincerely hope that it will be well received when it appears.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, PhD.
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD/ck

October 28, 1974

Dr. Steven B. Vardy
Department of History
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15219

Kedves Belam!

Thank you for sending me a copy of your excellent work on Hungarian historiography. It is well written and a credit to you.

I have ordered both your study and Agi's for the University library. The order was sent in several weeks ago.

On Thursday I will come to the Forum and listen to the papers on early 20th century Hungarian history. I have just gotten back today from St. Louis where I gave a paper and so I can not stay at Duquesne for longer than a day. Do hope to see you, however, and to possibly have lunch with you.

Greetings to Agi and love to the children.

Sincerely yours,

Mme. Barabás Jenőné, Librarian
MTA Történettudományi Intézet

Uri u. 51-53

Budapest V, Hungary.

Dear Mrs. Barabás:

A year has passed since we last saw each other in Budapest and I miss ^{you and} my dear friends at the Institute very much. As you have probably heard from Aron we had many problems during the past year which have prevented me from writing as much as I wanted to.

Enclosed you will find a list of books which I have mailed to your library a week ago. I hope that you will find the books, both new and old, useful. Unfortunately the generally depressed economic picture here has also affected my efforts to collect books to send to you. Not only have prices risen, but the number of new books ^{published} has also decreased. You can be ~~certain~~ certain, however, that I will continue to collect and mail to you books which might be of interest to your library.

As always, if there are duplicate copies and the library does not need a particular volume, please be so kind and give the book to one of my dear friends who might be interested in it.

Please do not think that I have forgotten the matter of the Horizon Magazine. Unfortunately I have not been able to get the desired volumes and hope that a major book sale this fall will enable me to buy the books you wanted. If this will not succeed, I will send you ~~some~~ my own Horizon copies and will try to replace them as copies become available.

Among the eleven (11) packages which I mailed, was one which contained a Medieval History book for the personal use of Mr. Potucki. Please give it to him ^{along} with my warmest greetings.

You will hear from ^{again} me in the near future and as soon as I have accumulated more books, they will be shipped to you.

Please convey my best wishes to ~~the~~ my many wonderful colleagues in the Institute. I hope you are well and that the new library facilities make your job easier. With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Please give the following volume to Mr. Petucki
for his personal use:

Strayer, J. The Middle Ages 300 - 1500.

September 25, 1974

Dr. J. Jay Oliva
Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning
New York University
70 Washington Square South
New York, New York 10012

Dear Dr. Oliva:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 6, 1974 in which you invite me to accept nomination for the Nominations Committee of the ACHA.

I feel deeply honored, and if elected, will try to serve the organization to the best of my ability.

Sorry for the delay in answering. Enclosed you will find a Vita form which has all the information you need. In order to expedite the matter I am enclosing it in toto instead of re-typing it. I hope that this method, which saves a day, will not inconvenience you or Fr. Trisco.

Thank you again for the confidence of the Committee, I remain

March 13, 1974

Dr. Karl Krill
Vice President
Administrative Affairs

Dear Dr. Krill:

In response to your letter of January 14 to the faculty in which you informed the academic community that you are searching for a new Dean of Student Affairs. I would like to recommend, most enthusiastically, Dr. George Beelen of the History Department.

I have known Dr. Beelen for ten years and consider him both an excellent colleague and superb human being. During these past ten years we have shared an office, have communicated daily both on campus and at home. I feel that I know him extremely well and, therefore, can pass judgment on his ability as well as his suitability for the position of Dean of Student Affairs.

Dr. Beelen is a progressive thinker, a man of empathy and understanding. He has a double commitment to the academic community and a sincere love for students. He has the rare ability of being able to meet students on their own level and at the same time maintain his undisputed position as a professor. He is basically a kind and thoughtful person and at the same time can be firm with those who do not perform on a high level.

Although a man of scholarly interests he is not and probably will not be a productive scholar. A position such as Dean of Student Affairs, would be most suitable for his aims and aspirations.

It is therefore, with complete confidence and without any reservations that I urge your committee to select Professor George Beelen as a most suitable candidate for the Office of Dean of Student Affairs.

Sincerely,

L. S. Damonkos
Associate Professor
Department of History

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO President Coffelt

DATE 5/28/74

FROM L. S. Domonkos

SUBJECT

Dear President Coffelt:

As I promised you, I am attempting to keep you informed of all developments concerning the reception for Cardinal Mindszenty.

Enclosed is a news release to the Vindicator about the reception.

May I bring to your attention that although the reception starts at 6:30 P.M., following the Mass at St. Columba, the Cardinal is not expected to arrive at Powers Auditorium until about 7:30. This delay is due to his age. After Mass he will have to take a short rest before his arrival at the reception.

On the other hand, you and the University delegation will be among the first to be introduced to the Cardinal, so that you can expect to leave the Auditorium around 8:00 P.M.

If anything new comes up, I will let you know.

September 5, 1974

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

Kedves Pistam,

Tried to call you twice, once in June when you were still in Hungary and the second time yesterday when I left greetings with your secretary since you were on your way to a conference. Your long and kind letter of last December concerning your tribulations in Hungary terribly saddened and frightened both Eva and myself. I was going to write immediately but then we hoped to see you personally at the AHA convention at San Francisco. Unfortunately you were not there, we missed you very much.

Since then I received the reprint you sent this Spring with a brief note that you were again headed for Hungary. I was really hoping that this trip would be successful for you and somehow the unpleasantness of the past would have smoothed over.

Last Sunday I was in Cleveland, visiting with my father-in-law who showed me a newspaper article written by a certain Gy. Stirling in the M.K.V. which referred to the "Deak Affair" in gloating terms. I have on occasion read the column of this fifth rate journalist and have always resented his mocking and right wing stands, but when I read his account of your most recent experience in Budapest my blood really boiled, first because of your most unfortunate experience and second because of the gloating of this character who apparently does not understand that it is absolutely necessary for some of us to maintain our scholarly contacts on the other side of the Atlantic.

If you have a report similar to the one you sent last December I would be very much interested in reading it, since obviously Mr. Stirling is not the most reliable source of information. I would also be very much interested to hear your evaluation why the Hungarians are doing this idiotic thing and why to you of all people. I must say it is beyond comprehension why they are trying to hurt those who have been most active in promoting scholarly exchange and free interaction.

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September 4, 1974

Dr. Paul Knoll
Associate Professor and
Chairman
Department of History
University of Southern California
University Park
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Paul,

This is just a very brief note to let you know that my paper should reach you by the latest September 15. Sorry for the delay but I have run into some snags.

Hope your plans for the trip to Europe have not changed and I am looking forward to meeting you ~~fig~~ dinner at St. Louis on October 25.

Not having seen you all this time and having had a brief opportunity to talk to you in San Francisco it will be good to sit down again and discuss problems of mutual interest. With best wishes

September 5, 1974

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

Kedves Pista,

Tried to call you twice, once in June when you were still in Hungary and the second time yesterday when I left greetings with your secretary since you were on your way to a conference. Your long and kind letter of last December concerning your tribulations in Hungary terribly saddened and frightened both Eva and myself. I was going to write immediately but then we hoped to see you personally at the AHA Convention at San Francisco.

Unfortunately you were not there, we missed you very much. Since then is the report you sent this Spring with a brief note that you were again headed for Hungary. I was really hoping that this trip would be pleasant for you and somehow the unpleasantness of the past would have smoothed over.

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December 18, 1974

Prof. Gyorgy Ranki, i.h.
MTA Tortenettudomanyi Intezete
Uri utca 51-53
H-1250 Budapest I. Hungary

Dear Professor Ranki:

Over a year and a half has passed since I last visited Budapest and worked at the Institute Library. It is always with a feeling of warmth that I remember my friends and colleagues in Budapest and the hospitality that you have always so kindly extended to me.

Although my work at the University has kept me very busy with teaching, I was able to deliver a paper last fall and am completing three articles for publication.

As in the past I am periodically sending books to the Institute on an exchange basis. Unfortunately the number of books by respectable publishers has decreased dramatically in the last year but I will continue to send whatever new books or old volumes in Medieval and Renaissance history that I can find. I want to thank you for sending my book purchases through the Institute and also for the volumes the Institute periodically sends in exchange.

Dear Professor Ranki, please accept my most sincere best wishes for the Holiday Season and I hope that 1975 will bring you continued academic success and personal satisfaction. With warm personal regards, I remain,

L. S. Domonkos
Assoc. Prof. of History

September 4, 1974

Paul Pulitzer, President
Pulitzer, Eckenrod & Associates, Inc.
P. O. Box 2203
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Mr. Pulitzer:

Thank you for your letter of August 29 in which you inquire concerning my interest in the project you have undertaken on the life and times of John Hunyadi.

I would be very much interested in helping you in whichever way it would be possible and I am looking forward eagerly to participating in this project. My own field of specialization is in the period following the death of Hunyadi, in fact I am in the process of preparing a manuscript of Hunyadi's son, Matthias Corvinus. Actually there would also be a superb opportunity to do a short film on the career of Matthias and there is considerable visual material that has survived from the period.

I am looking forward hearing from you in more detail of the function you envisioned me filling. I can be contacted both at my university address or at home where my telephone number is 216-783-0501. Looking forward to your reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Associate Professor
of History

LSD:sf

September 4, 1974

Dr. Joseph Agneta
46-A Wells Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5R1P2 Canada

Dear Dr. Agneta:

Thank you for your letter of June 30, 1974 in which you request reprints from my publications. I am delighted to send them to you and hope that you will find them useful. Your inquiry concerning my work on Matthias Corvinus and the Renaissance in Hungary, I am happy to say that the manuscript should be done sometime in the next six to eight months and I hope that I will be able to find a good publisher. You also inquire concerning my study on the Dominican Studium Generale which I had planned to publish. The article was never completed however portions of it are being incorporated into a paper I am planning to deliver at the conference on 16th Century Studies at St. Louis this coming October. The paper is entitled "The State of Education in Hungary on the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs". If the subject matter is of interest to you, I will be glad to send you a Xerox copy of the paper or a reprint if it is published later. There are also three other articles either accepted or submitted for publication and I promise to send you reprints if and when they appear.

Thank you again for showing such lively interest in my work and I hope the enclosed material will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Associate Professor
Department of History

LSD:sf



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44503

May 28, 1974

Dr. James M. Kittelson
Department of History
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Dear Professor Kittelson:

Thank you for your telephone call the day before
yesterday.

Here is the title of my paper for the St. Louis Con-
ference:

"The state of education in Hungary on the eve of
the Battle of Mohacs (1526)"

In the paper I intend to treat education in a broad
sense, covering literary, libraries, learned societies, etc..

Sincerely hope that this will be satisfactory and that
the panel will work out well.

Please keep me informed of developments. I am looking
forward to meeting you personally next fall. With best re-
gards, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD/ck

June 4, 1974

Dr. John Coffelt
President
Youngstown State University

Dear Dr. Coffelt:

On behalf of the reception committee for Cardinal Mindszenty I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to you, Mrs. Coffelt and members of the University delegation who took part in the reception in Powers Auditorium on Saturday.

Your kind words and the official greeting you extended to the Cardinal were greatly appreciated by him and by all those who were present.

May I add a personal note of thanks to you for responding immediately and in such a positive fashion to the request presented to you by Professor Hanzely and myself. With sincere best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Department of History

LSD:sf

April 19, 1974

Prof. Walther Kirchner
Jahrbuecher fuer Geschichte Osteuropas
P. O. Box 1120
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Professor Kirchner:

Please forgive me for not sending you the review of Branca's Veneziae Ungheria sooner. I feel terribly embarrassed about the whole matter but I confused the due date with another review I wrote recently and thought that there was still time to finish my review for the Jahrbuecher.

Upon receipt of your reminder I immediately got to work on the review and should finish it within a day. The review will be sent to you Special Delivery and should arrive by April 29, at the latest.

Once again, please accept my apologies and my promise that the review will be in your hands in a week or less.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Associate Professor
Department of History

LSD:sf

April 9, 1974

Dr. James Kittelson
Associate Professor
Department of History
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Dear Professor Kittelson:

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 1974 in which you indicated that at the recommendation of my friend Dr. Paul Knoll of U.S.C. you are planning a panel for the Sixteenth Century Conference next October and would like me to give a paper.

Although I have not yet heard from Professor Jaroslaw Pelenski, I would be very happy to participate in the Conference. As Professor Knoll probably indicated to you, my field of research is the Hungarian Renaissance and I am in the process of writing a monograph on Matthias Corvinus. My research has been mainly in the fifteenth century but I have been moving increasingly into the sixteenth. I sincerely hope that we can come up with a good panel for the Conference.

Would you be so kind and send me further information on the Conference and any pertinent material you think might be of interest. I also wondered if the Conference will indeed be held at Concordia in view of the problems which have beset that institution in recent months.

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

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Assoc. Prof. of History

LSD:sf

February 21, 1974

Dr. Bonis Gyorgy
Kende u. 12
Budapest XI, Hungary

Dear Dr. Bonis:

For years I have been reading your excellent books and articles in the field of mediaeval law and legal principles in Hungary. During two months last summer I was in Budapest on a Research Grant and had hoped to be able to pay my respects to you personally. Unfortunately the opportunity did not present itself and so I am writing to you and am enclosing a reprint. Our mutual friend Dr. Janos Bak wrote to me, indicating that you had expressed an interest in my study on the University of Obuda. The letter of Bak was mailed to my university address here and it arrived while I was in Hungary. Had I known the content of his letter, I would have redoubled my effort to contact you personally. I hope, however, that now that correspondence is established between us, we will be able to keep in touch. In a few years I will in all probability visit Hungary again and hope to pay my respects to you.

A few brief introductory remarks about myself. I was born in Budapest in 1938 and left Hungary in the first months of 1945 with my parents in order to avoid the terrors of war. In 1951 we emigrated to the United States. In the fall of 1956 I began my studies at the university and received the degree of baccalarius artium in 1959. That year I became the assistant of the Hungarian Mediaevalist Dr. Astrik Gabriel at the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana. A year later I received the degree of Magister artium in 1963, Magister Stud. Medieval and in 1966 the title of Doctor Scien. Medieval. During the academic year 1963-64 I spent at the University of Vienna on a research grant. Since 1964 I am teaching at Youngstown State University, an institution with 14,000 students and presently hold the title of Associate Professor. I am married, my wife is also of Hungarian origin, and we have three children who are all bilingual. During the academic year 1970-71 we spent 10 months in Hungary as guest of the Academy (Institute of History). At the present I am working on a book with the tentative title of Hungary in the Age of Matthias Corvinus. I have a few articles on the Renaissance in Hungary and have a study of Vitez which is to appear in the New Hungarian Quarterly.

This, in brief, is my story.

February 21, 1974

Dr. Karl Nehring
Degenfeld str. 1
D-8, Munchen 40 Germany

Dear Karl,

First of all let me thank you for sending me the microfilms, which have arrived a few days ago. Your extremely clever packing preserved them intact and they will be of immense help to me.

In my Christmas note to you, I think I mentioned that my wife had been ill for months. Unfortunately the seriousness of her condition had such a strong effect on my work that except for teaching, I have not had much energy to devote to scholarship and research. Thank God things have improved on the domestic scene and I am again able to return to my work. I have two articles which will be sent to the publishers in a few weeks and one that I have to complete by late spring. This last mentioned article is based on a paper I delivered at the University of Notre Dame last spring. One of your famous scholars was on the same program with me, Professor Bosl of Munchen, who is well known to you. Dr. Bosl was very complementary in his remarks to me concerning the paper I read and encouraged me to prepare it for publication.

Enclosed I am sending a few modest results of my work to you. I hope they will be of some use to you. Please extend my greetings to your wife. I remain

February 21, 1974

Dr. Oleh S. Pidhainy
Department of History
Auburn University
Auburn, Alabama 36830

Dear Oleh,

Several months ago you sent out a request for articles to be submitted for consideration of publication in the New Review. I wanted to respond to you immediately, but a number of problems here have prevented me from writing.

Enclosed you will find a paper which I delivered at the Duquesne University History Forum in 1972. The paper was very well received and was paired with another paper by a man from University of Southern California, who spoke on the Renaissance in Poland.

Last summer I was in Budapest for two months on a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies and had several of my scholarly friends in Hungary read the paper. They all felt that it was very well done. Please have your editorial board consider it and give its opinion. I will expect your reply.

Hope all is well with you and that your wife and children are enjoying good health. We are, on the whole, well and my work on the Renaissance is progressing. If all goes well, I will have a first draft done by September.

Expecting to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Associate Professor
Department of History

L&D: sf

February 20, 1974

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

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your kind note and for the Graduate School flyer which I immediately displayed. If some outstanding graduate student emerges in the near future, I will write to you and we might convince him that Miami would be a fine school for him to attend.

Last December I went to the AHA meeting at San Francisco and had hoped to see you there, but apparently you did not make the long trip. Chicago will obviously be more convenient for us from the Midwest.

At San Francisco I had the opportunity to hear your new colleague Marianka Fousek present her paper. Strictly between us, she was most unimpressive. I doubt that the paper would have been better if she had delivered it herself. As it turned out, she had laringitis and could not read it but had the moderator present it. Her understanding of the University of Prague, the Renaissance in Eastern Europe does not seem profound, in fact at times inaccurate. It is fair to add that the man who gave the other paper on the same program, was even worse. The latter told me in private that the material he was speaking on was far from his speciality, which happens to be Hungary in the 18th century. The AHA program committee should screen its people more carefully. To give younger, less established scholars a chance is great. To allow mediocre papers to be presented is inexcusable.

Hope you are well Dave and that we will have a chance to get together during the year at some meeting or convention. Keep in touch. With best wishes, and warm regards, I remain,

February 20, 1974

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

Dear Paul,

It was delightful to see you and San Francisco and I am sorry that we did not have more time to get together. Eva and I hoped that you would show at the Catholic Historical Association Luncheon so that we could have chatted a bit. I was surprised to hear that your chairmanship will end soon and sincerely hope that your efforts to get a fellowship will be successful.

After months of worry and anxiety it seems as if we are returning to normal on the domestic front, which means that I can get back to some constructive work. I hope to have the first draft of my book by mid-September, if all goes well. During my trip to Hungary last summer I also made inquiries concerning the possible joint publication of the book between the Academy of Sciences Press and an American University Press. This obviously will have to be examined at greater length once the manuscript is ready for publication.

I am far behind my correspondence to everybody, so this will be all for now. Paul, keep in touch and let me know if anything interesting develops for you for next year. Greetings to your family. With warm personal regards, I remain

If you talk to Csabz and Klara please tell them I send my warmest greetings and will write them in January. Also give my greetings to my dear friend Sandor and explain to him my silence.

Hopefully your wife has recovered from the auto accident and is feeling well. I am very sorry that I did not get to meet her this time.

Asztrik sounds evasive about his Budapest trip. As I told you before, I will believe that he is in Hungary when you write that he has arrived. My efforts, which were gentle, did not bear fruit and I could not convince him that he should visit Budapest this fiscal year. He always likes to play the "mystery" aspect of all situations and therefore it is hard to predict what he will do.

Will write to you in early January, hopefully with better news and in a more relaxed mood. I wish you and yours a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Kedves Tibor!

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

Since my return to the U.S. my life has been filled with ~~the~~ terrible anxiety and fear. As you probably remember my wife Eva was supposed to join me in Budapest last September and we were going to visit Prague and London before returning home. Her illness prevented this and what is most disturbing, ~~she has been~~ ~~ill ever since~~, she is still ~~ill~~ not well ~~!!~~

Because of Eva's illness my work has not progressed at all. I have not had the motivation to do research or even to write to my dear friends in Hungary. Although I consider myself to be a strong person emotionally the last ~~few~~ ^{three} months have been very hard on me and have been the most anxiety filled of my life. Hopefully all will turn out well and 1974 will bring a new and successful year. If you talk to Csaba and Klara please tell them I send my warmest greetings and will write them in January. Also give my greetings to my dear friend Sándor and explain to him my silence.

Hopefully your wife has recovered from the auto accident and is feeling well. I am very

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

Kedves Janos!

Your letter of August 8, 1972 arrived while I was in Hungary on a two month IREX grant. My wife Eva was going to bring it along with herself since she was planning to join me in Budapest on September 2.

Nothing worked out as we have planned and this is the reason you have not heard from me.

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

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

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

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

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

Febr. 20

Dr. Robert E. Gordon
Vice President for Advanced Studies
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Gordon:

Ten years ago I left the University of Notre Dame after four years of graduate study in the History Department and the Medieval Institute. In 1966 I received my doctorate in Medieval Studies under the guidance of Dr. H.L. Gabriel.

Dr. Gabriel brought me to the Medieval Institute in 1960 as his graduate assistant, a position I held until I left in 1963 to spend a year as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Vienna. Even after I received my degree in 1966 I have continued to my close contact with both the Institute and Dr. Gabriel. Since my research interests are in ~~Medieval~~ University and Medieval Hungarian history, two areas in which the Institute is strongest, I have spent many hours at Notre Dame working and still look upon the Institute as my "home".

During the quarter century that Prof. Gabriel held the ~~off~~ directorship of the Institute, he has built up a magnificent collection of material in the field of Medieval Universities as well as the history of Hungary. Few libraries in the world rival the holdings of the Institute Library in these fields. When Dr. Gabriel retires his successor should be able to continue in his footsteps, complete the many excellent projects he has begun, should be able to profit from the rich scholarly heritage this man is leaving behind.

Febr. 20

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

Dear Professor Gleason:

It was pleasant to meet with you in the corridors of the San Francisco Hilton last December and to be able to exchange a few words about the situation at Notre Dame.

In our brief conversation at the AAHA in ~~San Francisco~~ you indicated that you are chairing a new Search Committee to fill the position of Director of the Medieval Institute. and that you were interviewing candidates for the opening. As you know from our conversations, I am still very much interested in the position and would welcome the opportunity to talk to your new committee concerning the Institute directorship following Dr. Gabriels permanent retirement. My intimate knowledge of the Institute, my scholarly interest in university history and East Central European medieval history as well as my dedication to teaching, would, I think, contribute to the growth of the Institute in the years to come.

If ~~the~~ it is possible, I would appreciate if you, as Chairman of the Search Committee, would give me the opportunity to meet with your newly appointed colleagues and discuss the directorship before you make your final selection.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

ba ismereteni tudom. Amint ahogy már Bp. találkozásunk
alkalmával mondtam, nagyon fontos munkát végez és
azzal hogy angol nyelven adták ki ezt a könyvet is, a
tudományos világunk fontos anyagot szolgáltat.

Az utolsó levelém májdnem 1 éve eszélt írott és
készen állunk a 1974 alapjába véve minden nagyobb nehézséggel
ment. Évünk egészségi állapota készen állunk javult és
kisebb problémákkal eltekintve, jó állapotban van. A gyerekek is
szépen gyarapodnak egy ketten mint leleken is oly nehéz
nekem is elhinni hogy pont 10 évvel eszélt születtek az
ikrek és hogy máj legkisebb leánykánk Piroska is első
eltemista. 3 1/2 év ment el hogy M.O.-ot elhagytak a
gyerekek is sajnos a beszédük is nagyon látszik.
Mivel mindenütt csak angol szóval vannak körülveve, nem
csoda hogy a magyar csak nehezen megy. Ez is nagy
probléma hogy velük egykorú gyerekek nincsenek itt a
városban és így nem tudnak játékos játékokkal a nyelvet
gyakorolni. Az lenne az ideális ha időnkint hazá
tudnánk látogatni M.O.-ra is egy hónap után gondolom
hogy jól menne a magyar szó megint egy pár évig.

Sajnos a kilátás erre mindig rosszabbodik, mivel az
infláció minden pénzünket a létfenntartásra elviszi
és spórolásról, utazásról teljesen le kell mondanunk. Az
ideén nagyon sem tudunk sehova se menni, aminek
egyik oka az is volt hogy közünkhez egy új szobát
építettünk hozzá. Egy szomszédos munkember, Éva és
én dolgoztunk együtt is a garázs fölött egy ~~egy~~
nagyon szép kb. 3x5 méteres szobát alakítottunk ki.
A hálószobából ide került a T.V. is mostanára jól
időt tartunk itt és nagyon élvezünk a szobát.

Az egyetemi elfoglaltságom is csak mindig

növekszik, bár mindig próbálok valahogy visszatartani. A tanítás mellett különböző adminisztrációs funkciókat is be kell tölteni és ez persze mind sok időbe kerül. 3 év csökkenés után a diákság száma megint kezd növekedni és az őszi pátroláskor 14000 diák iratkozott be. Ennek persze nagyon örülünk mert 2 évvel ezelőt felelt az a lehetőség hogy több fiatal kollegist elbocsájtanak.

Több ezer egyetemi tanár is előadó engedély munkája nélkül amekkor és egy örülnek kell hogy ezen állásom teljesen biztos mert véglegesen ~~sz~~ véglegesen már 5 éve is csak morális okokból lehetne elbocsájtani. Ilyen okok viszont nem nagyon fognak felmerülni mert kislányok után nem szüldök, hiszen nagyon idős feleségem van mégis. Viszont nem sikerült a Notre Dame-i egyetemre, Asztik tanárként bekerülni amit persze nagyon sajnállok. Ez egy nagyon jó pozíció lett volna, de sajnos egy idősebb embert akartak felvenni aki a központi intézetet ~~vezeti~~ vezeti.

Asztik nyugdíjazása után. Most nagyon nehéz tanárakat változtatni és még egy igazán jó pozíció nem kínálkozik, addig itt maradnak (pontosabban). Hoppába véve, nem rossz hely ez se, azt is akkor tanítok amikor nekem megfelel és a tanári karba elismerés ~~vesz~~ vesz körül. A probléma csak az hogy a heti 12 óra tanítás mellett, és persze ezzel összefüggő felkészüléssel, nagyon nehéz időt szentelni saját munkámnak és így lassan készül Malgás tanulmányom. De azt haladás van ebben is, és hamar segítséggel, az első ~~pr~~ prózázattal nemelen h. kész lesz a nyár végére.

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¶ Az ősszel St. Louisban tartottam egy előadást egy reformáció konferencián a magyar nyelvű helyzetéről a Mohácsi csata előestéjén. Az előadás jól sikerült és érdeklődéssel fogadták a tudósok hiszen magyar témáról általában nagyon keveset tudnak M.O.-on kívül. Most a karácsonyi vakáció alatt, végleges formába akarom önteni az előadást és valami kiadóval kiadatni. Természetesen majd megjelenik külön lenyomatot rezedre.

¶ Remélem hogy Te mint kedves családod minden tagja jó egészséggel örvendtetik és hogy a kis unokáinkba sok boldogságotok van. Végelentül örültem hogy Csabát is lát megismerhettem is a velük feltöltött napot mikor Szikszófehérvárra is a Velencei főhoz kimentünk mindig szívesen megöröszem. Olyan jó szép családi életet élő ~~családi~~ emberekkel találkozni mint ahogy Ti vagytok. A szeretet és a megértés mindenbe megnyilvánul, és látszik rajtatok hogy boldog emberek vagytok.

¶ Fgjen h. nem fog egy szatendő eltelni meg megint jelentkezek. Az egész család nevében sok szeretettel köszöntünk K-ra és kívánunk ~~minden~~ minden jót, boldogságot és jó egészséget az új szatendőre.

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Kedves Gábor, Marika, és édes gyerekek!

Több mint 1 év telt máé el, hogy utolsója
találkoztunk, és oly sok minden történt ezóta.
Eloszor is, szüvel Kossónán hogy kiváló Könyvedet
megküldted, Gáborkám, Még a nyáron megérkezett,
de post írtkezés közben voltunk és azóta is
csak a jó akarat volt meg, hogy Nekted írjak.
A könyv nagyon érdekes és szívesen van újra, bízva
lehet rá. Remélem hogy valamelyik amerikai
folyóiratba egy pozitív ismertetést tudok írni
röla. Nagyon jól esett, nem hogy csak el
elutattad a könyvet hozzáim, de a melegegység
dedikáció is.

A tanári sok izgalom után a múlt esztendő
elég nyugalmas volt. Márciusba utunk egy lapot
Floridából, amit gondolom megkaptatok. Bár az
energia krízis még nagyon ~~is~~ folyt, még is neki
váltunk a hosszú utnak és végülén elvessük a
nyári melegt, repülőzést is uszást, még Young-ta
jég eső is hó vihar promóvitotta az embereket.

A nyáron ~~is~~ A nyáron nem voltunk sehol sem vakáción,
mert a nyaralási pénz a ~~szokás~~ házba lett
befektetve. Egy "extra" szobát építellünk a
házhoz ~~is~~ egy építőmester promóred segítségével.
Remékel pikerült a munka de úgy éva mint én
sokat melóztunk is persze a nyári keresetem
plusz \$1,100 rá ment. Nagyon élvezük, ~~most~~
a szobát. A hílosról ide került a TV
és sok időt töltünk ebben a helységben

Garonnak írtam meg Szept.-be egy hosszú levelet, melyben pontos leírást és rajzokat is küldöttem az építkezésről. Remélem hogy a levelet megosztotta Veletek, mint ahogy írtam.

Ő kiöle sem hallottam már rajzon régen és remélem hogy nincsen semmi nagyobb baj velük.

@ Sajnos a kelatas, ara hogy a Közgyöveler találkozzunk, mindig borultabban néz ki. Ahogy bizonyára (újságokból és televízióból tudjatos) az inflacio nálunk katastrofális gyorsaságra emelkedik, ~~ugy~~ úgy hogy a fizetésekből mindig kevesebbet tudunk megengedni magunknak. A létminimumhoz fontos cikkek is oly rémesen emelkednek árban, hogy néha ~~tudunk~~ tudjuk ellet primvonalunkat fenntartani. Csak hogy 1 példát mondjak; a múlt 2 év alatt a cukor ára 69¢-ről 4.35-re sikött fel. A benzín 29¢-ről 49¢-re emelkedett, és így megy mindennel, csak a fizetés meg fel 5% kal. It is, mi is átértik már egy inflációt a háború után, szinteink meg az 1 háború után vesztették el mindent, tehát érthető ha az ember felelőssel néz a világ gazdasági helyzetére.

Ⓜ Kellenebb kímélni kéve, remélem hogy a 2 éves Matyó baba sok boldogságot és pínnet hoz Nektek. Már ők is bizonyára nagyon megnöttek, és mindig önállóbbak lesznek. Remélem hogy amerikai nagybácsijakra emlékeznek. Mi az újság Nálatok a családdal? Hogy ~~ti~~ van Marika édesanyja, is a Te szüleid, Gábor? Marika szorgalmasan tanít úgy mint tavaj? És Te milyen új problémán dolgozol?

Kérlek irjálak mindenről mert nagyon érdekelt
életetek folyása is azt hogy mennyire szeretik
Titeket, nem is kell mondanom.

☺ Az ikrek most betöltötték be a 10edik
évet ami nehezen hihető, hiszen nem is olyan
régén még taló kocsiban cipeltem őket fel is
alá, Piroška is már első ellemista, de még
fogtalan mosolyába mindig van egy ~~szó~~ csomó
ki gyermekes ártatlanság. Az ikrek különösen, de
Piroška is, vágyanak egy magyarországi út után,
de ahogy már írtam, ez nem könnyen megvalósí-
ható. Nagyon rájuk fekszik egy pár hónap magyar
környezetre való élés, mert a magyar nyelvel mindig
több problémájuk van. Mivel velük-korú magyar
gyerekek itt sincsenek és állandóan csak arról hallavad
a hazán kívül, ezt nem nehéz megérteni. Praxe,
amennyire tudjátok, ápolják a nyelvet, de ez mindig
egy nagy küzdelem.

☺ Katica nagyon helyes és szép kislány is kezd
felváltva viselkedést mutatni. Nehéz gúnykodik, sokszor
csak bosszorkodik 2 katóra felett. De viszont ha
valamivel megbiznak, praxer is egészen megcsinálja.
Istvánka egész hatalmas gyerek lett, egy éve szemérvet
visel és ő is komolyodik. Sok érdeklődést mutat a
történelem iránt és sokszor beszél a ~~török~~ török-magyar
háborúkról. Azt még nem tudja megérteni hogy miért
tartott több mint 150 évig míg kiverik a törököket.
Hapsburg incompetencia is magyar szétverés egy
kicsit nehéz probléma egy 10 éves gyereknek.
Piroška nagy buzgalommal tanulja az A-B-C-t és az
angol helyes írás nehezségével küzd.

Ős fogékony kis kislányok és a 3 között azt hiszem neki még legjobban az esze. Ugyanakkor, nagyon önálló és dacos. A családhoz tartozó "Pocok" nevezetű kutya az egyedüli EB Youngtownba aki 2 nyelven ugat. Az érdekes az hogy a gyerekek, bár egymással ~~mindig~~ sokszor angolul beszélnek, a kutya-hoz csak magyarul szólnak.

Eva, hála a jó Istennek, jó egészségi állapotban van, és bár kisebb panaszai vannak, nagyobb problémával idén nem kellett küzdenünk. Remeljük az új esztendő és egészséget hoz az egész család részére. Magonról most csak röviden annyit, hogy a taváji lethargia után újra buzgósággal dolgozok úgy az egyetemen mint a Mohács könyvemben. Az ősszel "St. Louis" ba tartottam egy előadást a "Mohács előtte iskola" ügy helyzetéről Magyarországon. Az előadás nagyon sikeres volt, és ahogy utolsó pimitásokat elvégeztem, szeretném hogy valamelyik folyóiratban ~~is~~ megjelenjen. Ha minden jól megy, úgy a nyár végére meg lesz a könyvemnek első pirkozata, és utána kezdődik az átdolgozás és egy kiadó szerzése.

☞ Kedveseink, a közeledő ünnepekre fogadjátok el jó kívánságainkat, és remeljük hogy az új esztendő sok boldogságot, sikert, és szeretetet hoz nektek.