

L.S. Domankos, presented a paper at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in St. Louis in October. The ~~paper~~ ^{study} entitled "The State of Education in Hungary in the Early 16th Century" has already been accepted for publication in the Catholic-American Review. An ~~other~~ article in the popular vein, "The Relevance of the Renaissance Idea of Man" has been accepted by the Phi Kappa Phi Journal. Domankos is under contract for a major article on the "History of Universities" for the Encyclopedia of Higher Education. He has also written two book reviews, Venezia e Ungheria nel Rinascimento for Jahrbücher für die Geschichte Osteuropas, and H. Uiblein, Ein Kopistbuch der Wiener Universität, for the Catholic Historical Review. He has been asked to be a historical consultant by the firm of Pulitzer and Eckerson (who are producing offilm educational) on the life of John Hunyadi. Domankos also served on the Faculty Negotiation Committee which negotiated a new two year contract with the University Administration this spring. He plans to complete the first draft of his book, The Age of Matthias Corvinus, by the end of summer.

October 22, 1973

Mrs. Patridge and Mr. Russell James have always been most helpful in the past when Central Services reproduced two previous articles for me. I hope that arrangements can be made with them in order that this operation can be completed with speed, efficiency and good taste.

Enclosed you will find the following items.

1. A copy of the article for which I need covers.
2. Copies of the two journals from which the reprints, with covers, should be made.
3. A letter from the editor of the New Review giving permission for the reproduction.

I am certain that the whole matter can be handles without problems. With sincere thanks for your time and effort in my behalf, and in the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

October 22, 1975

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, i.h.
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet
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Kedves Tibor,

It seems that our letters have crossed somewhere over the Atlantic and my lengthy epistle probably reached you about the same time that your very kind lines arrived in Youngstown. I was deeply touched by your concern for my health and welfare and I am most happy to report that all indications are that I will be able to make a full recovery. Since San Francisco all my vital signs have improved, my electrocardiograms are almost completely normal and I have lost over 8 kgs from my weight. Naturally, the precipitous weight loss also means that my energy is not as great as it should be but now that I will be on a slightly less restricted calorie intake I hope that my old vigour will return. In the meantime, Just to keep excitement on the usual high level, poor Éva also had a small operation for the removal and examination of a lymph node from her neck. Fortunately it has turned out to be non-malignant. However, her health has not been perfect for the last two years and we hope that nothing more serious will show up.

You will be leaving for Italy in a few weeks and therefore, I am not sure if you will be able to write before your departure. I hope that all your last minute preparations will go smoothly and that you will be able to accomplish all the tasks which were ahead of you when we last talked.

Under the circumstances it is with greatest reluctance that I am asking you to please do a small favor for me if it does not create any problems that might be either embarrassing or excessively time consuming. To give you a ~~small~~ amount of background of the problem: in 1969 the Associate Editor of The New Hungarian Quarterly, Dr. Zoltan Halasz visited Kent State University here in Ohio and was a guest at Youngstown State University as well as our home. Just a few months prior to his visit I had delivered a paper at a Midwestern Conference for Renaissance Studies on Archbishop Vitez as the Father of Hungarian humanism. The manuscript was ready for publication and he asked me to submit it to the NHQ saying that they would be most interested in its publication. I

Dear Mrs. Trucksis,

Several months ago you were kind enough to send me a list of books in the Hungarian Language available from the public libraries in the area. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and I find the list to be a very welcome addition to my files. NDLA is to be highly commended for this type of work.

It would also be wonderful if you would be able to do the same type of listing for the scholarly material in the College and University libraries of the area.

With best wishes for your continued good work, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Donawick Ph.D.
Assoc. Prof. of Hist.
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sent the manuscript to them either in late 1969 or early 1970. Shortly after my arrival for our 10 month stay in Budapest, I visited Dr. Halasz, who by the way is a charming and very kind gentleman, and he gave me a most flattering review of the article which the late Tibor Kardos had written, who was given the article to read for his opinion whether it should be published or not. His report on the article was truly excellent, he called the work a worthwhile contribution and strongly urged that the study should be printed immediately. During my stay in Budapest I visited Dr. Halasz on several occasions, in fact included some of my more recent findings and incorporated them in the article. That was five years ago. During my second two month visit to Hungary in the late summer of 1973, I again spoke with Dr. Halasz and again he reiterated the desire of the NHQ to publish the article in one of the next issues. As you can see it is now the Fall of 1975, and the article has not appeared yet. A number of my American colleagues, who have heard the original presentation and who have had previously no idea about the role of Vitez in Hungarian cultural history, are anxiously awaiting the publication of this work. I sincerely believe that the publication of this article would add to the understanding of a major historical personage in the cultural life of East Central Europe. Unfortunately, with each passing year the material that I have amassed is becoming increasingly outdated because of findings, particularly by Mme. Capodi and by Ivan Boronkai. JHst recently the NQH had published a very fine study on the life of Albert Szenczi Molnar therefore, the argument cannot be made that the theme of my paper does not fit the general editorial policy of the NHQ. Furthermore, if they had no intention of publishing the article, even after the very fine review by Prof. Kardos, they should have returned the manuscript to me in 1970 and I am quite certain that I could have had it published in one of the American or Canadian Journals or one of the European Journals dealing with Eastern or East-Central European history.

Would it be possible for you to give either Dr. Halasz or even the editor-in-chief Ivan Boldizsar a call and explain to them that holding the manuscript for five and half years might be somewhat of an unfair treatment of any author. I think I have shown a great deal of patience but even my good will has limits. Again let me stress that if this is in any way personally inconvenient or awkward for you please let me know and I will try to write to them again, although I have repeatedly done so in the past few years, with no results.

As soon as you are established in Rome and have little time to devote to correspondence, please write a brief note and indicate your new address and during which periods in the next few months you can be reached wither in Rome or in Budapest.

Please convey my warmest personal regards to your dear wife, my greetings to all my friends at the Institute, and to you my best wishes go for a successful stay at your new position in Italy. With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

October 16, 1975

Dr. Clyde V. Vanaman
President of the Senate
Youngstown State University

Dear Dr. Vanaman:

It is with greatest regret that I have to inform you that I will not be able to serve my term as an Arts and Sciences representative on the University Senate.

While at an International Historical Conference in San Francisco, I suffered an angina attack and have been under the care of a heart specialist since. I am on the road to full recovery, am able to perform my teaching duties, but I have strict orders to limit all other activities in order to avoid strain on my heart until I am completely well.

It is under these conditions that I am requesting that I be excused from serving out my term this academic year.

Would you please inform the Secretary of the Senate of my resignation and put into motion the process whereby the individual with the next highest vote in the elections held last spring will receive notification of his/her membership in the Senate. If my memory does not fail me, the next person in line from A & S College is Prof. Sidney Roberts.

Wishing you continued success in your position as presiding officer of the Senate, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. L.S. Domanos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

October 1, 1975

Dr. Richard Ferguson, F.A.C.P., F.AAC.C.
909 Hyde Street
San Francisco, California 94109

Dear Richard,

This is a brief note to thank you again for the excellent treatment and personal kindness you showed during my "visit" to St. Francis Hospital.

Since my return to Ohio on September 2, I have been under the constant care of a physician, and I am happy to report that my condition is greatly improved. He has run two electro-cardiograms on me and except for a small problem in the V-1 lead, everything has returned to normal. Both on your advice and his, I am on a strict diet (low cholesterol, low carbohydrate, low fat, low sodium) and the results are already showing: I have lost eleven pounds and feel very well. He also prescribed "Isordil" (4 times 5 mg) to which I adjusted in about 3-4 days. Fortunately no chest pains have returned since the day I was admitted to the CCU and I feel better than I have for years. The weight loss and rest are probably responsible for this.

Enclosed you will find an insurance claim form. My wife left a form for you at the Nurses Station in CCU but apparently you did not receive it. If for any reason you have problems with the insurance company in collecting your fee (which, by the way, was most reasonable) please write me a note and I will have the Personnel Office at the University follow up the matter. I sincerely hope that you will receive full and prompt remuneration for your services.

Many thanks for your help in time of need, with warm personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

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

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Mr. Dennis A. ClouseDATE Sept. 29, 1975FROM Mrs. Judith Domonkos - Library, Acquisitions Dept.

SUBJECT

Dear Mr. Clouse,

My annual Employee Evaluation Form was returned to your office by Mr. Owen, unsigned. The reasons for not signing the evaluation were clearly outlined in a letter to Mr. Owen, ~~and I would~~ which I hoped would be ~~returned~~ ^{submitted} to your office along with the evaluation. Mr. Owen has not forwarded the letter with the unsigned evaluation.

Although I sincerely hope that the whole matter will be amicably settled within the Acquisitions Department, I would like my letter ~~of~~ ^{to} Mr. Owen outlining my objections to the evaluation, to become a permanent part of my personnel file. Would I have at this point no intention of starting a formal grievance, but if this would eventually become necessary, I would like this material to be part of my records.

The Department of History

September 30, 1975

Prof. Gyorgy Ranki, i.h.
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Dear Colleague,

It was truly delightful to meet with you in San Francisco and to exchange a few words. I had every intention of reaching you again in the hope of being able to sit down and talk with you at greater length. Unfortunately, this became impossible mainly because on the third day after my arrival in San Francisco, that is on Wednesday morning, I became ill and was admitted into the Coronary Care Unit of a San Francisco hospital where I remained for a number of days until I was finally released and eventually allowed to return to Ohio. My condition was diagnosed as a case of angina pectoris and I am currently and will probably for a long time remain under the care of a physician. The prognosis for my recovery seems to be very good and it appears that there was no damage to my heart. Rest, the loss of considerable weight and a change in my life style will probably insure that such an attack will not reoccur hopefully ever.

It would have been delightful to hear news of the many wonderful friends and acquaintances that I have made at the Institute during my two stays in Budapest and this is why I am so sorry that we did not meet again except for those brief few moments in the lobby of the Fairmont Hotel. Please convey my best wishes to my many dear friends at the Institute and particularly to Eabor Barta who was as you know, my closest friend during the times that I was your guest. Please assure him that I will in all probability recover fully and will be in touch with most of my acquaintances as soon as I regain some of my strength and can organize my life a little more efficiently.

In a few weeks you will hear from me again and I will send you some reprints of some recently published articles in the meanwhile I wish you continued success in all your work and remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

The Department of History

September 29, 1975

Dr. Nandor Dreisziger
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CANADA

Kedves Nandor,

It was with greatest joy that I received the copy of the Canadian-American Review of Hungarian Studies, with my article in it. I am immensely pleased with the speed as well as the high professionalism with which you handled the whole publishing phase of the project. The article is excellent in appearance, the printing and punctuation seems to be done very well and all I can do is thank you for all of your assistance during the whole process. I am looking forward to receiving reprints from the article so that I can send it to friends interested in this aspect of Hungarian and East European history.

Since we last exchanged correspondence I was in San Francisco to attend the 14th International Congress of Historical Sciences, but my trip turned out to be rather disappointing. On the day that I was to deliver the commentary on three papers in French I became ill and had to be hospitalized with an attack of angina pectoris. Since my return to Ohio I have been under the care of a physician and have made good progress toward hopefully, a full recovery.

Are you by any chance planning to attend the meeting of the Hungarian Association in Cleveland around Thanksgiving. If yes, please let me know in advance and I will make a special effort to appear myself so that finally we can meet face to face.

Our mutual friend, Paul Body, indicated that you might be interested in receiving reviews of books published in the field of Hungarian history for the Journal. I would be interested in submitting, maybe in the next two or three months, a review of the book on the library of Matthias Corvinus written by Dr. Csaba Csapodi, there are also a number of other excellent books which I have received recently from Hungary which certainly would deserve review in the Journal so that other scholars are aware of their existence. In the hope of hearing from you in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

September 29, 1975

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, i.h.
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Kedves Tibor,

It was a great delight to see you again in San Francisco and I was looking forward with great anticipation to welcoming you in our home during your brief visit to the United States. Unfortunately, our plans did not materialize, in fact, I was even unable to bid you farewell before you left for New York on your return trip to Hungary. I am however, happy that at least Eva had a chance to talk to you and explain what had happened. On the same day that you left San Francisco I was released from the hospital and tried to reach you at your hotel however, you had already departed. After five more days of recuperation I was allowed to fly home to Youngstown and have been under medical care since. I am happy to report that my condition is improving daily and the angina pectoris attack which I suffered will probably not cause permanent damage to my heart. During our long conversation on Monday evening after my arrival in San Francisco, I think I already mentioned to you that I had pains in my chest. The medication of the Benedictines which we consumed during the evening did ease my discomfort but on Wednesday morning the pain returned in an extremely severe form along with other manifestations which led me to seek help at the hospital. You can imagine how very sorry I was to miss the conference, not to be able to present the resumes which I had carefully prepared and not to be able to come to the session in which you read the paper by Robert.

Until I am able to regain more of my strength and am able to organize my days in a more efficient manner I would very much appreciate it if you would tell some of my friends in Budapest what has happened and explain that my correspondence to them might be delayed. This is especially true of the Csapodi family, Fugedi, V. Kovacs, and my dear friend from the Institute of Historical Studies, Gabor Barta. Since I am able to dictate letters at home into a dictating machine and have them transcribed by our efficient departmental secretary at the University, my English correspondence does not suffer, however, writing letters to my Hungarian friends is unfortunately being delayed by my recent illness.

A man who has spent so much time in the study of the history of Universities could bring insight to our modern educational dilemma with the kind of scholarly balance few others could offer.

In conclusion, there is no doubt that by inviting Dr. A.L. Gabriel to deliver a Commencement Address and bestowing on him an Honorary Degree we would recognize the work of a man of great excellence, but at the same time we would also honor our own University. By A true University is a house of scholarships. By recognizing a scholar we honor our own noble purpose.

The address he could deliver, (based on what I have personally heard from him in the past) would be the kind of speech that would have the right ingredients of scholarship, humor and earthy wisdom. It would be informative without being pedantic, witty without being superficial.

There were a number of items on which we had touched on in our discussions however, they need either further elaboration or addition first of all, in connection with my own work I promised to submit to you for judgment and reading the first copy of my proposed book on the Age of Matthias Corvinus in Hungary based upon on your reaction to it I will then proceed to explore possibilities concerning its final appearance. Hopefully, my recent difficulties will not interfere with the progress of the work excessively and I hope to have a manuscript in your hand by the end of next summer.

I think I mentioned to you that I am now a member of the Renaissance Society of America and in fact am running for one of the offices within the organization. The book review editor knows that my interest lies primarily in Hungarian Renaissance history and has indicated that she would forward books to me for review in the Renaissance Quarterly if they are sent by the university press or Institute from Hungary. In order to give wider publicity to the excellent work that your Institute is doing in the various fields of Renaissance and Reformation I strongly urge you to send possibly one or even more of your recent publications to the following address: Elizabeth Story Donno, Editor, The Renaissance Society of America, 1161 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York 10027.

There are three places where I would strongly recommend that some of the material published by the members of the Institute should be sent for review and they are: Mediaeval Academy of America, Mediaeval Institute University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556; R. K. Webb, Editor, The American Historical Review, 400 A Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003; Robert Trisco, Editor, The Catholic Historical Review, 305 Mullen Library, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064

These journals have an extensive review sections and are read by probably the best scholars on both this side of the Atlantic and England. Therefore, sending material to them would probably be very advantageous.

I have just completed the proof reading of a rather lengthy review of the book edited by Branca, entitled Venezia e Ungheria I reviewed for the Jahrbucher fur Geschichte Osteuropas.

In the very near future I will send you reprints of two articles which appear on the subject of education of Hungary in the 15th and early 16th century, the other dealing with the problem of the diffusion of humanism to the ecclesiastical courts of the Hungarian kingdom.

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

Sincerely yours,

2. Dr. Gabriel who is a scholar of international reputation is nearing retirement at N.D. and I believed that receiving an Honorary Degree from YSU might be a fitting conclusion of a full scholarly life. Gabriel has already one honorary doctorate in fact a very rare one. He is one of the Honorary Doctors of the Ambrosiana Library in Milan, Italy, the only American scholar ever honored in such fashion. A degree of Doctor of Humane Letters given to such a Communist speaker would have real meaning.

Gabriel is the perfect example of the true "gentleman and scholar". His many publications have earned him the kind of recognition that is well deserved and impressive. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Corresponding member of the Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres of France, the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, past President of the Catholic Historical Association, the list goes on without end.

A man of such wide accomplishments often loses the human qualities and becomes an over specialized boor. Gabriel, ^{however,} is a man of urbanity and wit, a scholar who can talk with equal ease about the qualities of Bordeaux red wines or the fifteenth century organization of the University of Paris. With a full life behind him he can draw on the wisdom acquired through years of research to illuminate the problems of today.

Dr. Oleg S. Pidhainy
Department of History
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Auburn, Alabama 36830

Dear Oleg,

It was a most pleasant surprise for me to discover that my article on "Ecclesiastical Patronage" was printed in the recent issue of the New Review. Thank you for including it.

There are two items which I would like you to please do for me:

1. Please send me a few copies of the issue in which my article is printed since the only one I have is the one belonging to the library.

Dear Norder,

Enclosed are the corrected proofs of my article. Except for a few pages where the printer must have been getting tired the number of mistakes are few. I hope that the re-setting will not produce many problems.

Please let me know what the policy of the Review is on reprints, and also when the next issue with my article will appear.

With warm personal regards,
I remain,

Kedves Arpad,

Nagyon hízá vagyok Neked hogy egy sok nehézség dacára megtudtad szerezni a KLEINBANN utazási mozgalmat részemre. Szívből köszönöm fáradozásaidat.

Sajnálom hogy most a kiküldéssel van problémád és remélem hogy Postor Ladi tényleg Brisbane lesz és sikerül vele a mozgalmat Pittsburg-ig ki küldeni. Ha Postoral nem találkozik, vagy látogatása nem valósult meg, úgy nagyon kérek a mozgalmat Postoral küldjed címre. A "Styrofoam" remélhetőleg megvédi a kis csomagot, és minden nehézség nélkül ide érkezik.

Ha postán küldenéd, úgy kérek érdeklődni meg hogy milyen küldés lenne legbiztosabb (Parcel Post - Air Parcel etc.)

Nagyon kérek a küldésnél a dobozra rá írni hogy "Geschenk - Gift." Így talán a vámolásnál nem lesz probléma vele.

Levelében a nagyon fontos részre, t.i. pénzre nem tértem ki. Kérek levelem megérkezése után azonnal küldjed meg a mozgalmáról az információkat (plusz posta költség) hogy Neked a leggyorsabb módon a pénzt megküldhesem.

Mivel itt Youngstownba a Schilling írt nem nagyon figyelni senki, kérek hogy a vonat+posta költségeket dollárba add meg, és én azonnal küldök egy "Bank Draft"et Neked. Tudom hogy Te se vagy milliomos és a közelgő karácsony idején nagyon szeretném hogy a pénz a kezébe legyen ahnyan gyorsan érkezik lehet.

The Department of History

October 21, 1975

Dr. Karl Nehring
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Lieber Karl,

It was with greatest pleasure that I received notification from the University Library that your book on Matthias Corvinus and the Emperor Frederick, III have been published by the Institute fur Sudost Forschung.

You can be, indeed, proud of the excellent work which your book reflects and the immense amount of new material that you have been able to bring to the attention of the scholarly public. Not only is the book well written but even the physical appearance is most pleasing. It is indeed interesting, that almost a hundred years have passed since the appearance of Fraknoi's Matthias Corvinus published in Feiburg in the German Language. It is a shame that Hungarian scholars have not shown greater interest in the subject and except for the Matyas Kiraly Emlekkonyv not much has been published especially in the language which would be acceptable to those scholars who have not mastered Hungarian.

I hope to be able to write a most favorable book review of your superb work for one of the American or East Central European Journals. Your work definitely should be publicized in as wide a circle as possible, and I will do everything in my power to promote it. If you have any recommendations in this direction I will be more than happy to be of assistance in bringing the book to the attention of a wide audience as is possible.

In our last correspondence I indicated that I had an article ready for publication on the state of education in Hungary at the time of the Battle of Mohacs. Fortunately, the article now has been published and I am in the process of receiving reprints. As soon as these arrive you will be among the first to receive a copy. Another article on the ecclesiastical patronage which I wrote two years has also appeared recently and hopefully in a few weeks the reprints of that work will be available. As soon as both of the reprints are ready I will send them off to you.

I had hoped that possibly you ~~would~~ be able to attend the 14th International Congress of Historical Sciences in San Francisco.

October 21, 1975

I even checked the registers in the hope of finding your name. My search was disappointing and in vain. Unfortunately my attendance at the San Francisco conference ended in a most unfortunate incident. While on my way to deliver a commentary at the meeting of the Organisation Internationale pour l'etude de l'histoires des universites, I became ill and had an engina pectoris attack which resulted in my hospitalization 3,000 miles away from home. Fortunately my attack although severe, did not result in any permanent heart damage and since my release from the hospital and return to Youngstown I have been able to resume my teaching duties at the University. Naturally, I have to be most careful in both my diet as well as the amount of physical and emotional strain that I expose myself to. This has obviously slowed me down in my work but I am still in the process of putting on the final touches on two articles, one which I have already worked on previously on the Hungarian Ryyal Chancellery as a seat of Hungarian Humanism which I discussed with you briefly at our meeting in Budapest. The other deals with the Hungarian attendance of Italian Universities and the impact on the cultural life of Hungary during the reign of Matthias. If and when I have these ready and they are accepted and printed you will naturally hear from me and I will send you reprints as well.

I sincerely hope, dear Karl, that all is well with you and your wife and that your work is progressing without any difficulties or delays. It would be truly delightful to hear from you again and to exchange correspondence and reprints on our mutual work. After all there are very few of us who have devoted our attention to late 15th century Hungarian history and that in itself does create a bond of kinship. Besides that if I may add a personal note I have found to be most sympatisch. Please convey my very best wishes to your wife, and I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

October 22, 1975

Dr. Leon Rand
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Dean Rand:

This note is to seek your assistance in securing reprints of scholarly articles through our Central Services Department for distribution to colleagues in the profession.

There are basically three operations involved in my request:

1. I have 50 copies of an article entitled: "The State of Education in Hungary on the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs." This article, which recently appeared in a Canadian journal is 17 pages long. Unfortunately it has no cover and is simply stapled together. I would like Central Services to make 50 covers for these reprints.
2. An article entitled "Ecclesiastical Patrons as a Factor in the Hungarian Renaissance" appeared recently in the New Review of East European History. The journal, for economic reasons, can not provide any reprints to its contributors. The editor, however, has no objection to the article being reproduced in the form of reprints. I would like to have 50 reprints made from this 16 page article, complete with covers.
3. In the same journal, I wrote an article: "The Origins of the University of Pozsony." I would likewise request 50 reprints, with covers, from this 19 page article.

The total number of pages I would need reproduced is about 40 or 20 sheets X 50 copies. There would also be three simple covers which would hold the reprints.

My request, as you can see, is by no means unreasonable and is in full accord with the policy stated in the Agreement (p.19, no. 23), which provides for 100 copies of reprints of articles, based on page costs.