

Because of the nature of my inquiry, I would very much appreciate if you kept this letter strictly confidential and would not communicate any of this to Prof. Oszlanyi at this time.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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April 9, 1975

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

Tres cher et illustre Maitre!

This is a brief note to thank you for your kind efforts to place my name on the program at the International Congress in San Francisco this coming August. Your continued and continuous concern for my welfare is greatly appreciated.

Hope you are well and that South Bend is not getting on your nerves. When will you be flying through Cleveland again? We have three young Club Members who are anxious to see their favorite "Asztrik bacsi" again in the near future. Please let us know a few days in advance when you plan to fly and we will meet you anywhere.

I am planning to submit the paper on Italian Universities and Hungarian Humanism, which I read at the Institute, to the Catholic Historical Review. I hope that it will be sent to you by Fr. Frisco for critique and that you will recommend its publication. I just had an article accepted based on the paper I read at St. Louis in October.

Eva and the children join me in wishing you the very best and we all hope to see you soon. With filial devotion, I remain,

The Department of History

December 4, 1975

Dr. Nandor Dreisziger  
Royal Military College of Canada  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7L 2W3, CANADA

Kedves Nandor,

Thank God that the mail strike is finally over and communications might return to normal.

This is just a brief note to urgently ask for your aid.

I desperately need 25 more copies of my "State of Education" article. Would it be possible for you to send me the copies. If necessary I will gladly buy the copies of the Review in order that I can have the extra articles.

The article has been very favorably received and I need the extra copies to send to friends and colleagues in the field, both here and in Europe.

Please do what you can and let me know the costs.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely,

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PS: Sorry you were not in Cleveland last week-end. I was lookinf for you, Had a very nice, long conversation with B. Pali.

November 26, 1975

Harper and Row, Publishers, Inc.  
Keystone Industrial Park  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18512

Gentlemen:

Would you please send me the following two paperbacks for examination and possible adoption for my courses in Medieval Civilization:

Margaret Deanesly, A History of the Medieval Church 590-1500, ISBN: 416-181007

Walter Ullmann, A Short History of the Papacy in the Middle Ages, ISBN: 416-74970-4

These volumes would be used in the following two courses:

Medieval Civilization I, Spring-1976  
approximately 20-30 students

Medieval Civilization II, Fall-1976  
Approximately 20-30 students

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated. With many thanks, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

November 24, 1975

Mr. James Millar, Editor  
Slavic Review  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Millar,

Please excuse the slight delay in returning the manuscripts of Dr. Held's article. I have gone over it with care and, on the whole, find it to be well done.

There are, however, some general as well as specific observations which I have and feel that the author should make the suggested revisions before the article is published.

Dr. Held is to be commended on the sound scholarship that his paper shows. He has used both older sources as well as newer studies well.

I would recommend that either the author or somebody from the editorial staff should go over the whole text of the paper and eliminate a number of awkward passages in the article. Dr. Held's native language is obviously not English, and therefore a native speaker should correct the problems of construction and syntax.

It would also strengthen the paper if the author would compare the demands of the Transylvanian peasants with those made by peasants in France, England and the Holy Roman empire. Many of the demands made in 1437-38 in Hungary and Transylvania are similar to other such demands made during the 15th century elsewhere, in fact, has parallels in the demands made by the peasantry in 1514 in Hungary as well as the petitions of the lower classes during the great Peasant War in Germany in the sixteenth century. The demands of the peasants at Babolna is, therefore, not unique per se, nor is it unusual due to its conservative nature.

The format of the notes needs extensive revision. Not only does it not conform with the format of the Slavic Review, but bears little resemblance to any of the major acceptable formats used in scholarly publications. Because of the difficult nature of the Hungarian language, I would also recommend that Hungarian titles be translated and put in brackets.

The Department of History

October 28, 1975

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Dr. Leon Rand, Dean  
The Graduate School  
Youngstown State University  
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Dean Rand:

Following our conversation on Thursday concerning authorization for the reproduction of my article entitled "The Origins of the University of Pozsony," which appeared in the New Review in 1969, I tried to call the editor to expedite matters. The History Department at Auburn University informed me that Dr. P. Pidhainy, who is the editor of the journal, is no longer at Auburn. Subsequent attempts to locate him by telephone proved to be futile.

Realizing that I will be unable to call him to ask that he give written authorization to have reprints made, I wrote him a note immediately, in the hope that my letter will be forwarded to him from Auburn. There is, however, the unfortunate possibility that his response will take some time. This is the reason why I am again turning to you in the hope that you will be able to assist me.

Would it be possible to proceed with the request work with the clear understanding of the following points.

1. I will not take possession of the reprints of this article until the letter from the editor is in your hands.
2. In case the letter would not be forthcoming, (which seems impossible), I will proceed to reimburse the University for the cost of labor and materials and you will be free to destroy the reprints, or hold them until we get word from Dr. Pidhainy.

I feel very confident that my letter to the editor will reach him in time, and that he will reply positively, as he already has to my request to reproduce the "Ecclesiastical Patronage" article. Yet all

Dr. Leon Rand

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this means delays and I am most eager to have this job done as soon as possible. It will take time for Central Services to set up the reproduction of the articles, preparation of the covers, etc. I would, therefore, ask you to please authorize the project with the restrictions outlined above. By the time the Central Services Department has the job finished, I am certain that the required permission will also arrive. Otherwise the delay might cause several weeks of inaction in this project.

Any help and cooperation that you can give me in expediting this matter will be greatly appreciated. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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MR. James Millar, Editor

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November 24, 1975

Enclosed you will also find more specific comments on both the text and the notes. I have marked several passages in the article itself where I felt that revisions were needed.

With slight modifications, some reworking and editorial work, the article will be a useful contribution to historical scholarship and should be published.

In the hope that you and the author will find my comments useful, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf



The Department of History

November 24, 1975

Mr. William Salloch  
Antique Books and Manuscripts  
Pines Bridge Road  
Ossining, New York 10562

Dear Mr. Salloch:

It was with greatest interest that I read your catalogues 328-329--Middle Ages, Renaissance--Humanism and Reformation. I have already market items for orders by the Youngstown State University Library and have sent Xerox pages to friends in areas I thought they might be interested in. My own interests are in Hungarian Medieval and Renaissance Studies, particularly cultural history. Unfortunately your two catalogues contain only 3 items which fall into my own research interest, and even these are peripheral. These are items 370-371-372 in Catalogue 329.

370. Pray, G. Annales Hunnorum, Avarum et Hungarorum,  
Vienna, 1761
371. Pray, G. Annales Rerum Hungariae 998-1546  
Vol. 1-V, Vienna 1763-1770.
372. Pray, G. Dissertationes Historico-Criticae  
Vienna, 1774

Unfortunately, at this time I do not have the funds to purchase these items for my own use.

Being quite familiar with antique books and with the problems of having stock which collects dust for years, I am writing to you with the following offer. In case the above mentioned books do not sell in the months ahead, and you would be interested in reducing your stock, I am willing to offer to you the following amounts:

No. 370	\$ 50.00
No. 371	250.00
No. 372	50.00

In case you would be ever interested in selling the above mentioned volumes for the price indicated, please contact me concerning this matter.

Mr. William Salloch

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November 24, 1975

I am looking forward to receiving subsequent catalogues from you and hope that we will be able to eventually complete the transaction on items 370-372. With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

November 24, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Pulitzer:

On November 10, 1975, I have completed the reading of your typescript on the life of John Hunyadi entitled "The Raven and the Ring."

It is my opinion that the work you have produced is most interesting and worthy of further elaboration if either the form of TV script, novel, or short book. You have obviously done considerable research and with a few minor corrections, which I have indicated in the Notes accompanying each chapter, the material is basically sound.

Your account of the life and times of the Hungarian hero John Hunyadi, is filled with rich imagery, drama and heroism. You were able to place the career of the central figure into proper historical perspective, and thus he is not an isolated individual, but emerges in the full light of Central European history of the fifteenth century. His actions take on an extra importance when we realize how the history of Hungary, Austria, Bohemia, Poland, and the whole Balkan peninsula, is so closely interwoven at this time. The actions of Hunyadi determined not only the life of Hungary but had an influence on the neighboring countries, as well as on the destiny of Western Christendom. You were able to present this picture in a vivid exciting fashion. It reads like a good novel.

With the increased emphasis in our educational institutions on ethnic studies, this work will be a welcome addition to the history of East-Central Europe. Traditionally, this area of historical investigation has been much neglected in the English speaking world and therefore the work on Hunyadi fills a long existing lacuna.

The material you have gathered in this typescript is well suited for further development. It has the ingredients which would be necessary to write either a good television or radio script. The

The Department of History

August 6, 1975

Dr. John P. Dolan  
Professor of History  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Dear Nicolas Cusanus:

It was delightful to talk to you on the telephone. Thank you for thinking of me in connection with the Catholic Historical Association program in Dayton.

How is this for a possible topic:

Mariology in late Medieval Hungary, with special emphasis on the Mendicant Orders and the rise of vernacular literature.

If this is not suitable, let me know. Be free to mold the title any way you feel would be best, but please let me know your final decision in order that I may write my paper accordingly.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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November 24, 1975

material also lends itself to elaboration in the form of a short novel or could be expanded into a full scale monograph. In case the later option is taken, it would be advisable to emphasize the social, economic and cultural conditions of the period, instead of a purely political account.

It is, therefore, with full confidence that I recommend this work as a fine piece of popular historical writing with immense potential for further development. I sincerely hope that the immense amount of energy and resources which you have put into this project will result in tangible returns and that you will be able to receive backing for the further development of this most worthwhile undertaking.

Wishing you the very best in your work and continued success in your project, I remain

Cordially yours,

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

LSD:sf

Department of History

July 15, 1975

Professor James P. Walsh  
Department of History  
San Jose State University  
San Jose, California 95192

Dear Professor Walsh,

Yesterday I received your letter, today I checked the names in various biographical dictionaries and directories and am returning the paper with my choices to you immediately.

Only one question. For the Executive Council, is the division of the state between lay and clerical candidates intentional? Section III is composed of clerici, while section IV is all laici.

The candidates for First Vice President and Second Vice President are very strong and the state seems good.

I ~~was~~ sorry that Dr. Norling is "delinquent" and that Prof. Knoll is not a member. I think he told me that he was and had an excellent article in the recent CHR.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

July 15, 1975

Professor William Nelson  
Acting Executive Director  
The Renaissance Society of America  
1161 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Professor Nelson:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 2, 1975 and for the invitation to join the Society and accept the nomination as one of the two candidates in Slavic Literature. I feel deeply honored and hope to be able to live up to the task, if elected.

In this world of "instant experts" may I emphasize that my specialization is not in the Slavic area but in Hungarian history, although I have fairly extensive knowledge of Polish-Hungarian relations and know Polish cultural history rather well. If you feel that this does not constitute an insurmountable obstacle I will be very happy to appear on the ballot as a candidate but I felt that you should be fully aware that I do not claim the Slavic area as one of my specialities.

To complete the information which appears in the most recent issue of the Directory of American Scholars, here are a few items:

1. 1975--Full Professor
2. Recent Publications:

"Ecclesiastical Patrons as a Factor in the Hungarian Renaissance," New Review of East European History, (14) 1974 pp. 100-116.

"The Relevance of the Renaissance Idea of Man," Phi Kappa Phi Journal, 55 (1975) pp. 3-7.

"The State of Education in Hungary on the Eve of the Battle of Mohacs (1526)" The Canadian-American Review 2 (1975) (in print).

3. Work in Progress:

Book--Hungary in the Age of Matthias Corvinus,  
1450-1500.

Articles--On Humanism and the Hungarian Royal  
Chancery in 15th century.

These are the major additions since the information in the  
DAS was published.

Enclosed you will find my membership dues for the  
Renaissance Society. I am looking forward to many years of  
pleasant cooperation with the Society.

I remain,



The Department of History

June 27, 1975

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

Dear Oleh,

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.
2. Please write to me a formal letter, as editor of the New Review, in which you give me permission to have the article reproduced so that Youngstown State University can make reprints for me. Because the print shop here adheres strictly to copyright laws, they need a statement that they would not violate the ~~copyright~~ by reproducing my article.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

May 29, 1975

Dr. Nandor Dreisziger  
Department of History  
Royal Military College of Canada  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2W3

Kedves Nandor,

In reply to your letter of May 13, here is a brief summary of my activities for the "Our Contributors" section. If it is extremely long, please cut it where you feel it can be shortened.

L.S. Domonkos, Associate Professor of History at Youngstown State University, received his graduate training at the Mediaeval Institute of the University of Notre Dame. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Vienna and has twice received grants from the IREX to do research in Hungary. He is the author of several articles on Hungarian cultural history and is currently completing a major monograph on the Age of Matthias Corvinus

As far as the Ph.D. following my name is concerned, I am not one of those Hungarians hung up on titles, and I have absolutely no objections if you do not have it in print. Some publications use it, others do not. You are probably wise in not including it. If somebody is interested in the educational background of a contributor, he has only to look in the Directory of American Scholars or other biographical dictionaries to find out the information he needs.

This summer I will stay home and will work on my Matyas book and two articles for publication. I will, therefore, be available to read the page proofs if you send them to me.

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

Sincerely yours,

June 19, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Pulitzer:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 27, 1975. It was very nice to hear from you again and I am delighted to hear that the Hunyadi project is progressing. I envy you for your trip to the Vatican Library and Belgrade!

In reply to your request I am enclosing reprints and Xerox copies of some articles on 15th Century Hungarian History.

You mentioned that you need a true replica of the Hunyadi coat of arms. Among my many books on Hungarian history I found two which have this information:

1. Forsher Gyula, "Hunyadi Janos szarmazasa es a Vajda hunyadi Jreskok," Magyarország MueMLEKEI (1918), pp. 144-244.

This volume contains pictures of the Hunyadi coat of arms, including the re-issue of his patent of nobility in 1453 (in color) as well as his personal seal.

2. Moller Istvan, "A Vajda-Hunyadi var epitesi korai," Magyarország MueMLEKEI, 3 (1913), pp. 5-32 plus plates.

This book contains photographs of various coat of arms of the Hunyadi family.

You are probably familiar with those volumes but if I can be of any help to you in this, or any other matter, please be free to call on me.

The title of "The Raven and the Ring" is excellent and should catch the interest of any audience.

When the synopsis is completed I will be very happy  
to read it and hopefully can give you some worthwhile advise.

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

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Associate Professor  
of History

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