

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Lacikám!

Mi van veletel? Perten hallottam
-Kard'csuytájt - hogy jártál avrafele és Ba-
lárs Éva említette hogy egy egyetemről. utásem
találkozott veled. Emerint élv.

De Novács-csal törödn-e? A Te
cikkek és a Gabiéból kénnél fordítás
nyomója (Imperativus!) lelkedet. De inkább
ne nyomkodja, hanem küldj valameit.

Alföldi Laci nagyon reudesen megírta
a csatát 24-25 gép. l.-on. Kosáry egy- földhe
igéri hogy iv egy 26. n. Jan komi külpolitikai
vezünet. Az én csidre 3/4 réntben kén, a fona-
fordítás 1/2-vel tovább tartana. Szóval:
ideje, hogy veritán, vag valameit küldj.

Könnöm, megvagyunk, népen cocudtan.
Ha minden jól megy, májusban Perten lenni
3-4 héte, de megint csak igen rövid időre.
1980 előtt aligra nabadulós el komab,
bivárodána is alkalmas útra.

Felenterr! öllek

János

March 23, 1977

Herrn Professor Dr. Fritz Wagnhr
Seminar fur Mittelalterische Philologie
Freie Universitat Berlin
Ehrenbergstrasse 32 2
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Sehr geehrte Herr Kollege Wagner:

Thank you for your letter of March 10, 1977 in which you request that I review Miscellanea Mediaevalia, Vol. X, for the Mittellateinisches Jahrbuch. I will be delighted to do the review and can send it to you by June 1.

The volume which you sent to me arrived two days before your letter and I was atfirst much mistified from whom and why I received this excellent volume. Your brief note clarified everything.

I am looking forward to receiving your instructions concerning the length and format of the review.

Please excuse me for not writing to you in German but my sentence construction and orthography is very poor and although I speak and read the language fairly well, I feel less comfortable in writing. If it is agreeable with you, please write in German and I will respond in English.

Mit freundlichen grusse,

L.S.Domonkos

March 23, 1977

Dr. A.L. Gabriel, Director
The Ambrosiana Microfilm Collection
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University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dochissime ef carissime Magister Astricus:

It was very kind of you to call from Toronto to wish me happiness on March 14, my birthday. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is appreciated beyond words. I just hope that I can al0 ways live up to your expectations and follow in your footsteps.

I am happy to report that I have just finished reading the proofs of an article entitled "The History of Higher Education" which I wrote for the Encyclopedia of Higher Education, to be published late spring or early summer of this year. It is a general narrative article tracing the evolution of higher instruction from the temple scribes of Egypt to the community colleges of our times. The article is 40 columns long or 80 pages. As soon as it is out I will send it to you.

Enclosed you will find a exerpt from a speech I gave on March 15 for the local Huggarians.

Under separate cover I am sending you a little volume which you might not have and of which I ~~already~~ have a copy. If your personal collection already contains this volume, please do give it to the Institute. The numbersof Hungarian books there are obviously not growing anymore since your departure.

We are very happy that you have met Eva's relative Ili. She wrote to us recently and is full of enthusiasm for you and enjoys your company immensely. She thinks it is marvellous that you know every waitress by name from the most elegant to the most humble restaurants. She, like you, hates phonies and does not appreciate a "Tartufe."

All is well here. Piroska had her tonsils taken out on Friday March 18 but is feeling well and was home from the hospital in 48 hours. Katica is now a full fledged Hungarian Girl Scout, having

made her "promise" earlier this month after passing her examinations with flying colors. Istvanka recited Petrofi with conviction at the March 15 celebrations.

I have received a limited travel grant to attend the Mediaeval Academy Meeting in Toronto on May 12-14. Will keep in touch with you as to how and when we will go. Eva hopes to come along with me.

The news about the possibility of the Warsaw meeting taking place in September is excellent. It would be a very good time for us since the children would be back to school already. I just hope that the Poles do not mess this up again.

In the near future I will call you in South Bend, knowing that you will arrive there sometime after March 26.

With filial devotion, I remain.

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The Department of History

October 7, 1977

Professor Martin Marty
Swift Hall
Divinity School
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois 60630

Dear Prof. Marty,

Thank you for allowing us to place your name in nomination as First Vice President of the Catholic Historical Association. The committee on Nominations is delighted that you accepted our invitation to be on the ballot.

Please be so kind and forward to my address an up-to-date curriculum vitae at your earliest convenience. Since I have procrastinated for a long time, the deadlines for the preparation of the ballots is fast approaching and I will be very grateful ~~to you~~ if you will send the material to me immediately.

With very best wishes and warm regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Chairman
Committee on Nominations
Am. Catholic Hist. Assoc.

LSD:sf
Send material to:
L. S. Domonkos
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March 23, 1977

Dr. Asa S. Knowles, Chancellor
Northeastern University
380 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts, 02115

Dear Chancellor Knowles:

A few days ago I returned the corrected proofs of my article on the "History of Higher Education" to your office and hope that it has arrived safely. The proofs needed only a minimal amount of correction and some alert member of your editorial staff had already caught most of the errors. I am looking forward to the publication of the Encyclopedia and hope that the May deadline will not be unduly delayed.

Seeing my article in its final form was a most pleasant feeling and I was startled by its length which is 40 columns. This brought up two questions with which I am addressing myself to you in the hope that you can do something in your capacity as Editor-in-Chief.

At the time we originally discussed this project, and the contract I signed called for a 4,000 to 6,000 word article with an honorarium of \$100.00. The final product is about three times as long and by its very nature one of the major articles of the Encyclopedia. Both your encouraging notes during the writing of the article and Mrs. Viola's remarks lead me to believe that the article is well done and covers the subject matter in a balanced and scholarly fashion. Mrs. Viola also indicated that it is one of the few articles which hardly needed any revision. In view of all this, would it be possible for you to convince the publisher to raise the honorarium to reflect a little more realistically the considerable research which went into this project. Please be assured that I will greatly appreciate all of your efforts in this matter and sincerely hope that you can work out something with the publisher ~~of~~ through other funds which you might have at your disposal for this project.

The second question concerns reprints. Since my article is 40 ~~columns~~ or 20 pages, will it be possible to make some arrange-

ments with the publisher to have reprints made of the article.

Thank you for all your efforts in these matters. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel

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June 9, 1977

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter I received a few days ago from the Vice President for Academic Affairs. I hope it will please you and reinforce the feeling that all your trust and affection is not misplaced.

Since I never know where you are, I am sending a Xerox of this letter to N.D. just in case you are there now. Please indicate when and where you can be reached this summer.

Eva and the children send their love.

*Key-57 Barta
Gabi wife
ideadta -
apologias
maximas!*

J.M. Bak
Dept. of Hist., UBC
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October 5, 1977

Re: 1526 volume

Dear friends:

I register with regrets that I have not received any communication from the collaborators of the planned "Mohács" volume since past Spring. You may recall that we wanted to collect the articles by August/September 1977, so that mutual discussion and editorial work can be done in the Fall and the book given to the publishers in course of the winter. Apparently, I (we) were too optimistic or I was not energetic enough in holding all of us to the deadlines.

I have to admit that my own contribution is not ready yet; owing to unforeseen family matters &cet., I had much less time this summer than expected. I met Dr. Bayerle in Budapest who was planning to have his piece done by Fall, and had a talk with Prof. Kosáry ibid. with somewhat equivocal results. Kosáry's Hungarian article, prepared for the Budapest memorial volume is clearly too long and detailed for our collection; he would agree to an abbreviated translation but I am not sure that either of us has the time and the inclination to prepare one. He wanted to consider another possibility, i.e. to write a shorter, summary piece specially for us: I shall inquire again, whether he intends to do that in the foreseeable future. (I may be in Budapest for a brief visit in December and could collect it from him, even discuss minor matters, if necessary....)

I should appreciate now, would all of you be good enough to inform me, how do you stand with your planned contribution. Please give me a deadline for submission that you are sure to be able to keep. I shall not fail to remind you of it. To begin with myself, I shall have both my paper and the English translation of the Hungarian sources (Brodarić et al.) ready by January 15, 1978. It would be nice if that would be the latest of the agreed deadlines. I'll try to get my work done before the Christmas break...

I am looking forward to hearing from you, and pardon me for the circular form. Cordially yours

Susan Jais



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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Jan 12, '77

Dear Professor Domanek,

Thank you so much for your
letter of Jan 4. Enclosed you
find our references. Please note that
the letters in CWF 4 (now printing)
(= ^{second} ~~first~~ half of Allen II) were not indexed
by our helpers.

With many thanks

Yours sincerely

P.H. Pritchard



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December 2nd, 1977.

Professor L.S. Domonkos
Department of History
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Dear Professor Domonkos:

I am writing to you in your capacity of Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the American Catholic Historical Association. I have been a member for seven years and am concluding a term as elected member of the Executive Council.

May I urge your Committee to consider for future President of the Association Marvin R. O'Connell, who I believe is at present Chairman of the Department of History at Notre Dame University? I presume that if he is to be President he must first be elected First Vice-President, since I understand that this has been the procedure for some years.

Fr. O'Connell published some years ago an outstanding book on the Oxford Movement. More recently he has published a book on the Counter-Reformation (Catholic Reform) which has been well received by reviewers in major journals. He shared the platform with me at a regional ACHA meeting at Notre Dame in April 1972, when he presented a paper entitled "Newman: the Limits of Certitude", which I still have in my files and which I consider a brilliant piece of work. I consider him one of the truly outstanding members of the Association and think he should be given greater recognition than he has yet received.

In Europe Fr. O'Connell would be in line for a major episcopal see. Eight of the twenty-one west German bishops today are former university professors, as are both of the Irish Primates (and I don't know how many other of the twenty-six other Irish bishops, since I do not have access to up-to-date reference books). It is an indication of immaturity in U.S. Catholicism that the scholar-bishop is still unknown amongst us. Two immediately obvious consequences of the exclusion of scholars from our hierarchy are the continuing mutual suspicion between the Catholic scholarly community and the bishops in this country; and the fact that we do not have a single articulate spokesman for American Catholicism amongst our present bishops, though we have had such leaders in the past (e.g. Gibbons, Glennon, Sheen: whatever judgment we might make today of the utterances of these men, in their day they were heard - even by non-Catholics).

Despite abundant evidence that the Conciliar and post-Conciliar renewal is on the ebb, I do not fully despair of the capability of those responsible for selecting our leaders to make the kind of bold, new appointments urgently called for by the crisis through which the

church is passing - the gravest crisis since the sixteenth century, but like all crises a time of tremendous spiritual opportunity, if we have the vision and courage to abandon routine and business-as-usual. The appointments of Basil Hume (Westminster), Joseph Ratzinger (Munich), and now of Abbot Weakland (Milwaukee) are evidence of a willingness to seek out the new leaders whom the times demand.

Conceivably, therefore, we could have a real scholar-bishop in the United States in the next few years. The Archdiocese of St. Louis will become vacant in the summer of 1979, when the present Archbishop reaches compulsory retirement age. I consider Fr. O'Connell eminently qualified to be the next Archbishop of St. Louis. His appointment is unthinkable, if present procedures continue to be followed. But - apud Deum nihil impossibile. His election as President of the ACHA would testify to the recognition of his peers in the scholarly community and is for this reason alone desirable in my view. Anything beyond that we must leave to the Holy Spirit.

I very much regret that I shall not be able to be at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Association in Dallas, the first meeting I have missed in, I believe, seven years.

With every cordial good wish for the coming feast of Christmas,

Yours very sincerely,

John Jay Hughes

John Jay Hughes

Cc. Prof. Catherine A. Cline, The Catholic University of America
Nicholas Varga, Loyola College, Baltimore

Tisztelt Domokos László Ur!

Az 1977. augusztus 25-én, Nyíregyházán tartott közgyűlésen megalakult a Nemzetközi Magyar Filológiai Társaság. Mint a csatolt tájékoztatóban olvasható, a Társaság legfőbb célja, hogy a különböző országok egyetemlein és kutatóhelyein dolgozó hungarológus szakembereket szervezileg összefogja, tudományos tevékenységüket számontartsa és később megindítandó kiadványokban nyelvészeti, irodalomtörténeti és néprajzi tárgyú munkáikat ismertesse, illetve közreadja.

Tájékoztatónk minden fontos tudnivalót tartalmaz a Társaságról és eligazítást nyújt működéséről, szervezeti felépítéséről, vezetőségéről, tiszteleti tagjairól és budapesti állandó irodájáról.

Kérjük Önt, a hungarológia ismert művelőjét, tanulmányozza át Tájékoztatónkat. Amennyiben Társaságunk tagja kíván lenni, a mellékelt jelentkezési lapot szíveskedjék kitölteni és címünkre visszaküldeni.

Budapest, 1977. október.

Szívélyes üdvözlettel

Bo Wickman
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Klaniczay Tibor
főtitkár

Béládi Miklós
főtitkárhelyettes

The Department of History

November 8, 1977

Kedves Tibor,

Please excuse my long silence but the days are passing with great rapidity and I am again far behind in my correspondence.

First of all let me express my most sincere thanks for your kindness during our stay in Budapest. We were most appreciative for your kind hospitality at the "Regi Orszeghaz" at a time when you were beset with so many problems at home. Both Eva and I hope that your life has returned to some degree of normalcy, that your wife is fully recovered and your home is in its former shape. With all the difficulties with your car, the marriage of your child and all the other problems, it is a remarkable achievement that you have been able to maintain your sanity and good disposition.

Our return trip to the U. S. was pleasant but unfortunately our baggage did not arrive in New York with us. The pretty but apparently very careless young woman directed our luggage to Frankfurt and not to the U. S. We arrived at Kennedy Airport and looked frantically for our suitcases but without success. Fortunately Pan Am traced them via Telex and they were delivered to us in Youngstown two days later. Our three children were happy to see us and naturally it was good to be reunited with them.

Almost immediately upon our return to Youngstown the Fall Semester began and I was overwhelmed with work. Beside the academic commitments here is always the work which has to be done with the house, preparing it for winter, painting, etc.

A great amount of time also went into the preparation of a research proposal I had to draw up prior to November 1. Although it seems very far away at this point, I applied for a sabbatical from the university for the period from March 15, 1979 to September 1st of that year. At the same time I also sent in an application to the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) for support to visit Budapest during the above mentioned period. By that time my study on the Age of the Hunyadi would be complete and I would like to devote my research for a continuation of the project, covering the cultural history of Hungary from 1490 to 1526. If all things work out as I hope they will, the 5½ months in Hungary would be sufficient time to get enough material to write a second monograph. During my stay in Budapest I would very much like to be

associated with both the Institutes for Literary Studies as well as Historical Sciences of the MTA. Two of the scholars who wrote recommendations to IREX on my behalf were Sinor and Gabriel. Hopefully their warm endorsement will have the desired results.

Upon our return from Budapest in September Eva and I spent considerable time in discussing various plans for the future. The decision to apply for a grant for the period of March 15-September 1, 1979 is the result of the following factors: 1. The target date for completion of my manuscript is December 31, 1978. I will be in the process of writing, well emersed in the material and the continuation of the project would be most logical at that point. 2. Consultation with experts in Budapest on the Matthias book would greatly increase the speed with which it could be prepared for publication. 3. The education of my three children would be least interrupted under this arrangement. The twins would be in the 8th grade in the spring of 1979. They would miss about 2½ months of school which could be absorbed by them without much difficulty. The following year they enter high school (Gymnazium) and long period of absence there would be much more difficult to compensate. All in all, the spring and summer of 1979 would be the best time, in our view to spend some time in Europe and to do research.

This letter will be sent both to your address in Budapest and Rome in the hope that it will reach you. I will close now since this letter is becoming terribly long but I will write to you soon. Please convey our greetings to your dear wife and we hope that she is now full recovered. With best wishes and warmest regards, I remain

The Department of History

November 8, 1977

Dr. Eva Hunyad-Balazs
Department of History
Eotvos Lorand Tudomany Egyetem
Pesti Barnabas u. 1
Budapest, V, Hungary

Dear Eva

It was most unfortunate that we did not get a chance to meet again in Budapest after our arrival from Warsaw. One of the very pleasant aspects of our trip to Europe this fall was the chance to meet you in Poland and to make your acquaintance. I was delighted to have had the opportunity to hear your fine paper which you read and although you did not feel that it was your usual quality of work, your presentation was most interesting and well done! I don't think I have to tell you that both Eva and I have become most fond of you and hope that we will see each other again in the future.

It would have been delightful to have visited you at ELTE but your illness and the very crowded schedule which we had prevented us from seeing each other again.

Since our return home the weeks have been slipping past so very fast that it seems almost unreal. Almost immediately upon arrival back to Youngstown the Fall Semester began and I was immersed into work. Eva is occupied with the children and is also kept very busy.

In the next few days I will write to Janos in British Columbia and will mention to him that good fortune has brought us together in Poland and that you send your good wishes to him.

Enclosed you will find a few reprints of articles which have a Hungarian orientation. You might find some of the materials of interest. I was truly sorry that we did not have a chance to further discuss the possibility of some book exchange. As you know my area of interest is between 1440-1526. If there is a specific book you would like, and I can get hold of it, I would be delighted to send it to you.

Eva joins me in sending you our warmest greetings and please write if you have a chance.

With best wishes, I remain

The Department of History

November 7, 1977

Mr. Peter T. Becskehazy
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Kedves Peter,

Please excuse the long delay in writing to you. After our return from Europe I had to start the Fall Quarter immediately and I am very far behind in my correspondence.

I hope you got my letter from Warsaw in which I tried to explain the fiasco in Cracow which prevented us from meeting as planned. Believe me, Evan and I feel very sorry that we could not get in touch with you and see you as we had promised.

After our whirl-wind tour of Poland we spent ten equally hectic days in Budapest where I had meetings with colleagues and purchased many fine books for my library. On our way home we stopped in New York to pick up our three children who were staying with my sister Julka on Long Island.

Upon our return to Youngstown I found your kind letter which must have arrived a few hours after we left for Europe. We are delighted to hear that you will now be stationed in Washington and hope to see you and your wife sometime in the near future.

We would be delighted if you stopped in and visited us on your way to or from Cleveland if you are driving past Youngstown on the Turnpike. I presume that you do, on occasion go to visit your Mother, and if you do, let us know when so that we can welcome you without the type of fiasco which plagued us in Cracow. Except for the Thanksgiving weekend, when we will have a full house of relatives and the period between Christmas and New Years when I will probably be in Dallas, Texas at the convention of the American Historical Association, we are generally home and free.

How did your family readjust to life in the good old USA after being abroad for so long? Did you find suitable housing in the outrageously expensive D.C. area. Please drop a line and let us know how you are.

With best wishes, I remain

The Department of History

November 4, 1977

Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor
Visiting Professor of History
Department of History
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass. 02138

Distinguished friend and dear colleague,

It was with great joy that I heard from Prof. Gabriel that you are at Harvard University this fall semester. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to thank you once more for your great kindness which you showed toward my wife and me when we visited Warsawa in September. The days we spent in Poland will always be remembered as among the most pleasant in all of our European travels. Your constant thoughtfulness and solicitousness was one of the major reasons why we felt so much at home in Polonia, and we do thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Your letter in which you inform the members of the Commission concerning the submission of the texts of the articles has arrived and I will send the material to Mlle. Koczerska by January 15.

How long will you remain in the United States? Will you be travelling to the Mid West during the course of your stay? We would be delighted to extend our hospitality to you if you are in the vicinity. We are located 1½ hours from either the Cleveland or Pittsburgh Airport. If I know ahead of time, I could also arrange for you to give a lecture at our university. Although the honorarium is not in any way commensurate with your errudition, we would be delighted to welcome you in Youngstown.

As you know, telephone rates are not very high in the United States and if you would write me a brief note giving your number as well as the best time to reach you, Eva and I would very much like to call you at least hear your voice.

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

Cordially yours,

The Department of History

November 1, 1977

Prof. Dr. LA. L. Gabriel, Director
The Ambrosiana Microfilm Project
P. O. Box 578
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Magister Astricus,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Research Proposal and Curriculum Vitae which I had to submit to IREX as part of my application. The instructions for the Research Proposal call for an essay of about 5 pages, although I prefer more concise descriptions. I would very much appreciate if you would fortify yourself at the Faculty Club or some other academic tavern, and when in a good mood, would write a letter of recommendation for me. Please be so kind and write the letter as soon as possible in order that all the supporting materials reach the New York office in the near future. Your kindness is, as always, deeply appreciated.

We were sorry to hear that Ili is seriously considering a permanent move back to Budapest because she is lonely. Eva and I plan to invite her to spend a few weeks with us this winter. I hope she will come. As always, we would be overjoyed if you would spend Christmas with us instead of the "hulye" Jesuits in Toronto. The children are clamoring to see you!

The Department of History

November 1, 1977

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

Kedves Denes,

It was delightful to talk to you on the telephone the other day and I am most grateful that were so gracious and will write a recommendation for me to IREX.

The research proposal is self explanatory and I am also enclosing a Curriculum Vitae so that you can use relevant material for your recommendation. Hopefully IREX will react positively to the proposal and fund the 5½ months I have requested.

As I indicated to you, I did visit Budapest for 10 days in September and met a number of our mutual friends. Klaniczay tells me that a new all encompassing organization of Hungarianologists is in the early stages of development. I welcome it although we will again be branded with all sorts of horrible names in the emigre press as "red collaborators" etc. It is also great that you will have a symposium at Bloomington this spring. Two years ago when I visited Indiana at your invitation I found the meetings to be stimulating and the whole session most worthwhile.

Thank you again for your kindness in writing the recommendation. It is greatly appreciated.

Please extend my greetings to your lovely wife Jean. I remain, with warmest regards

The Department of History

October 24, 1977

Ms. Margit Serenyi, Program Officer
International Research and Exchanges Board
110 East Fifty-ninth Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Ms. Serenyi:

Thank you for your kind note which you wrote in behalf of Dr. Kassof and for sending me the application forms for IREX grants. I will return them to the office by November 1.

Would you be so kind and assist me in a small but important matter. The chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Catholic Historical Association I plan to put the name of Dr. Paul W. Knoll on the ballot but need his permission. Prof. Knoll, who teaches at USC is at present in Cracow, Poland on an IREX grant, along with his family. I tried to get his Cracow address from the History Department at Southern California but as of last Friday they had no forwarding address for him. I am certain that IREX would be one of the first places Dr. Knoll would notify of his Polish address and if there is no rule which would prevent you from doing this, I would very much appreciate if you would be so kind and would send me his address as soon as possible.

Your kindness will be appreciated. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 13, 1977

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

Dear Father Trisco:

The slate for the ACHA is complete and all candidates have been notified and have accepted the nomination to appear on the ballot.

As of today I have received biographical information from seven of the ten candidates.

In our telephone conversation you indicated that you would send me a sample of the stencils on which the biography of the candidates is to be typed so that I can prepare that as soon as possible.

Please send the samples as soon as you can and I hope that in the meantime the remaining biographical forms will also arrive.

Sincerely yours,

E. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

September 27, 1977

Prof. Domenico Maffei
Via delle Cerchia 19
I- 53100
Siena, Italia

Dear Friend,

Enclosed you will find a bank draft for the sum of \$48.00 as payment for the 960 forints which you gave me in Warsaw. I hope that this arrangement is satisfactory for you. The exchange rate of U. S. dollar to forint is at the present 20 to 1.

Eva and I were delighted to have had the opportunity to meet you and your lovely wife. It is unfortunate that we did not have the chance to spend more time together but I am hopeful that we will meet again sometime.

Our trip to Budapest was pleasant and rewarding. I was able to buy a large number of books in my field of research and had the opportunity to meet with many colleagues and friends. Hopefully, it will be possible to complete my book on the Hungarian Renaissance soon and then spend a few months in Europe on a sabbatical doing further research.

Please convey our best wishes to Mme. Maffei. With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

September 28, 1977

Dr. Allen H. Kassof
Executive Director
International Research and Exchanges Board
110 East Fifty Ninth Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Dr. Kassof:

A few days ago I returned from Eastern Europe after a most successful and enjoyable trip to Poland and Hungary. While in Poland I delivered a paper at the meeting of the International Commission for the History of Universities organized by Prof. Aleksander Gieysztor of the Institute of History in Warsaw.

While at this conference I met a very pleasant and personable scholar who represented the Soviet Union in the Commission and we discussed a number of timely topics, among them international scholarly exchanges. I mentioned to him that I have had two IREX grants to Hungary, whereupon he exalted about the excellence of your program. This most pleasant man was Nicolai Sivachev and he asked me to please convey his most cordial greetings to you upon my return to the U. S.

Less than 24 hours after we spoke about you, while on a special bus from Warsaw to Krakow to hold a session of the Commission at the university there, Nicolai came to me with great excitement waving a copy of PRAVDA in which your name was mentioned as being in favor of further scholarly contacts. This is how small the world is! He asked me again to be certain that I extend his greetings to you and I assured him that it would be done. Nicolai was a new member of the Commission and this was his first conference as representative of the USSR to the Commission. He did, however, impress all those present with his scholarship, wit and personal charm.

The second part of my trip, i.e. to Hungary, was successful. I was able to meet with a large number of colleagues in the brief period that I was in Budapest and have a tentative agreement for the publication of my book on the Renaissance in Hungary by the press of the Academy. I am now in the process of completing the manuscript but have further plans with this topic. My research and writing has been confined to the period up to the death of Matthias Corvinus in 1490. The next project I plan to undertake would cover the much neglected decades in cultural history between 1490 and the Battle of Mohacs in 1526. The completion of my manuscript, the examination of available secondary material for the period 1490-1526 will keep me occupied for

The Department of History

June 9, 1977

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel
P.O. Box 130, Charles Street Station
Toronto, Ontario M4Y, 2L4
CANADA

Doctissime Magister Astricus,

It was delightful of you to call when Mrs. Leary was visiting in Toronto. She sounds like the same vivacious and vibrant person I met at the LaSalle Hotel in South Bend fifteen years ago. How time flies. It hardly seems possible but it will soon be 20 years that I came to ND as a student and began my work under your demanding but superb guidance. I only regret that I will not be able to send my children to learn as much about scholarship and life as you taught me.

The Text and Studies have arrived safely and I thank you for printing my ill fated San Francisco commentaries.

The Valerius Maximus is on its way from Los Angeles, and I expect its arrival at any moment. I am very excited about my discovery of the Kalmancsehi coat-of-arms and will write a good article on this whole matter. All of his other volumes are hand written and illuminated codices and are ecclesiastical in character. This new discovery of an incunabulum of secular orientation will certainly cause excitement, especially among Hungarian Renaissance scholars, such as the Csapodis and Klaniczay.

I am already training Istvanka not to be excessively cruel in mentioning that "Astrik bacsí does not have this edition."

Evan and I had an absolutely delightful stay in Toronto. It was nice to see you in the elegant surroundings which a man of your accomplishments deserves after a lifetime of hard work. Your office at the Pontifical Institute is also very nice but your residence is the real "piece de resistance." Aside from seeing you and your new surroundings the highlight of our trip was our visit to your famous "truck stop" restaurant. I can't remember when we had such a genuine good time as there. But then you always know where to go in any town in less than 12 hours after your arrival!

September 20, 1977

some time. I do, however, expect to apply for a sabbatical and an IREX grant to enable me to spend about 5 months in Hungary in the spring and summer of 1979. I would like to be able to do research in Hungary from March 31 to August 31, 1979. Would you be so kind and advise me when I would have to apply for an IREX grant to do this. Although the spring of 1979 seems so far away, I do have to make plans in order to be able to undertake the project I have in mind.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

August 2, 1977

Dr. Allen H. Massof
Executive Director
International Research and Exchanges Board
110 East Fifty Ninth Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Dr. Kassof:

Your letter of July 21, 1977 in which you informed me that the Committee on Ad Hoc Grants was unable to approve my request for travel funds was disappointing news. Naturally I realize that your budgetary restrictions made it impossible to act favorably on my request.

As matters stand, I will continue to seek alternate support for my trip to Warsaw and Budapest. Since I have a paper to deliver in Warsaw on September 5, it is imperative that I make the trip. Fortunately Youngstown State University has designated me as a Distinguished Professor for 1977 and this honor goes with a \$750 grant. Thus, somehow I will be able to go to Eastern Europe, deliver my paper and meet with colleagues in Hungary. A number of projects I am working on make these meetings very necessary.

Thank you again for all that IREX has done for me in this case, as they have in the past. Please convey my greetings and my sincere appreciation to Mr. Matthews and Ms. Serenyi for all of their assistance and efforts in my behalf.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

August 26, 1977

Mr. FerenceEsztergalyos
Hungarian Ambassador to the United States
3910 Shoemaker Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Two weeks ago, while visiting Washington, My family and I had the opportunity to visit the Hungarian Embassy and secure a visa to enter Hungary.

Unlike so many other places, where bureaucratic incompetence slows everything and where difficulties are created and not solved, the staff of your Embassy treated us with utmost courtesy and issued visas for my wife and me in less than ten minutes.

In early September I am delivering a lecture in Warsaw, Poland and on my return journey plan to visit Budapest, do research and consult with colleagues in the historical profession. Twice we have been in Hungary under the auspices of the International Research and Exchanges Board and I am writing a book on the Hungarian Renaissance. To carry on research in my field it is absolutely necessary for me to be able to visit the various libraries as well as the Institutes of the Hungarian Academy. This is why I appreciate the prompt, courteous and efficient manner in which my request for a visa was handled by your staff.

With best wishes and many thanks, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

August 23, 1977

Dr. Elemer Bako
Finno-Ugrian Area Specialist
Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Kedves Elemer,

Although I am in the last stages of getting ready to leave for Europe to give a lecture at the University of Warsaw, I did want to take a few minutes and thank you for your great kindness during our visit to the Library of Congress ten days ago.

It was a delight to meet you personally and to see the very fine work you have done in assembling Hungarian material for the Library of Congress collection. I will use the material both in the form of Inter Library Loan, and hopefully, in person as well.

Enclosed you will find a few reprints of various articles concerning Hungarian cultural history. I hope you will find them of interest. Upon returning from Europe I will write to you again.

With my sincere thanks for your kindness to my family and me, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

August 22, 1977

Mrs. Joy W. Viola
Senior Editor
International Encyclopedia of Higher Education
Northeastern University
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Mass. 02115

Dear Mrs. Viola:

Received both your kind note as well as the Xeroxed copy of the proofs along with the letter of Dr. Knowles. I am fully aware of the copyright problems and have no intention to use the material in any fashion which would be contrary to law.

While glancing over the pages I have discovered a very serious error on page 1589.

Second paragraph under Late Med.- Ren. and Ref. Traditions somebody has changed the foundation date of the Univ. of Obuda (Budapest) from 1395 as I had it, to 1389. The change was made after I had sent back the proofs to you by a well intentioned individual, who used the old foundation date. As it happens, I wrote my MA thesis on the Univ. of Obuda (Budapest) and discovered documents which show that it was not founded until 1395. All the old standard texts still have 1389, and thus the source of the error.

Please be so kind and make certain that the correct date of 1395 is printed in the final page proofs. I would never live down this error!!

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

August 22, 1977

Prof. Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor
Instytut Historyczny
Krakowskie Przedm 26-28
Warszawa 64, Poland

Dear Professor Gieysztor,

As of today, we have reservations from London to Warsaw for September 1, 1977 on LOT Flight No.2342Y which will arrive in Warszawa at 3:15 PM.

The news has just reached us that there is the possibility of a strike of workers at the London Airport. If this would happen, we will probably fly via Copenhagen. In case of a change of arrival time, I will notify you by telegram.

With Best wishes and warm personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

July 26, 1977

Prof. Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor
Instytut Historyczny U. W.
Krakowskie Przedm. 26-28
Warszawa, Poland

Dear Professor Gieysztor:

Thank you for your very quick reply to my inquiry concerning the paper I am to present at the meeting of the Commission in Warszawa. I am working hard on the problem of the Enlightenment and early American Universities.

It is with great anticipation that I am looking forward to meeting you. I have already made plans and have reservations on Lot Flight No. 342Y from London to Warszawa on Thursday, September 1. Arrival time is 3:15 AM. I will be accompanied by my wife and naturally will pay all expenses in connection with her stay in Poland. I sincerely hope that her presence will not cause any extra problems for you. Since my illness in San Francisco, however, we have decided to travel together, whenever possible. We are both well seasoned travelers, easy to accommodate and thus will cause no difficulties.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

July 26, 1977

Mrs. Joy Winkie Viola
Senior Editor
International Encyclopedia
of Higher Education
Northeastern University
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Mass. 02115

Dear Mrs. Viola:

Would it be possible for you to send me a Xerox copy of either the corrected or uncorrected proofs of my article on the "History of Higher Education." It would be very important for me to have this material and I would be very grateful to you if you could send it to me at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

July 25, 1977

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

Dear Colleague:

In my letter around Christmas I indicated that it was possible that I would be able to visit Budapest in the spring since I had been invited to a conference at Warsaw. Unfortunately the meeting of the Commission for the History of Universities delayed its sessions several times, but it now seems certain that the conference will beheld at Warsaw and Cracow between September 1-6, 1977. AS far as I know our mutual friend Dr. Endre Kovaks is also a member of the Commission and will be there.

Following the conclusion of the meeting we will stay a few days in Poland and then make a quick visit to Hungary probably between September 10 and 15. I sincerely hope that you will be in Budapest at that time and that I will be able to visit you at the Institute. It has now been four years since we last met and I hope that you are well and enjoying good health again. I am happy to report that my heart problems are now under control and we are all very well.

Enclosed you will find a list of books which I have dispatched to the Institute recently. I hope that they will be of use to the users of the Library. Many thanks for the books the Institute sends to me periodically.

In the hope of seeing you again in September, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

July 25, 1977

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

Kedves Pista,

Your report on the visit to Rumania and Transylvania was most interesting. The evaluation you give is well balanced and, I think, accurate. After hearing and reading a lot of emigre garbage it is a welcome relief to have an evaluation which seems fair and logical.

Reading about "Matei Corvin" did make my blood pressure jump a few points!

Eva and I will be in New York on August 27 and September 16 on our way to and from Europe. Will you be home on either of these two days so that I can at least give you a call at home or in your office? I was invited to deliver a paper in Warsaw and will stop in Bp. for about 9 days for consultation with Klaniczay and others at the Center for Renaissance Research.

It was with great delight that I read in your Rumanian Report that your father was able to join you there. I knew that he had been in ill health and was delighted to hear that he was able to make the trip to Cluj. Have you been able to go to Hungary, or did you have the desire to do so, since the last most unfortunate incidents?

Due to your kind recommendation I will be giving a paper on Hungarian Humanism at the AAASS in Washington in October. Hopefully you will also be there and we can have a few drinks together.

All is well with us. Both Eva and I have enjoyed excellent health and so the dark and frightening days seem to be finally behind us.

Dear Pistam, please extend our warm greetings to your wife and daughter and I hope that we will see each other in the fall. With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Die Grundung der Universitat Rostock 1419. By Elisabeth Schnitzler. [Mitteldeutsche Forschungen, Band 73], (Köln, Wien: Bohlen Verlag. 1974, Pp. xvi, 105.)

During the course of the nineteenth century most of the surviving records of the University of Rostock were published. O. Krabbe and K. Koppemann ^{also} wrote thorough histories of the institution. Now, almost a hundred years later, Dr. Elisabeth Schnitzler, the archivist of the university, has undertaken the task of returning to the original documents in an effort to throw more light on the circumstances of the university foundation in 1419. Her work is an example of careful analysis of sources and of thorough understanding of historical conditions in the thriving Hanseatic city of Rostock.

The introductory essay to this slender volume was written by Roderich Schmidt, himself a renowned scholar of the history of the neighboring University of Greifswald. Schmidt places the origin of the Rostock studium generale in the perspective of medieval university foundations, ^{with} emphasis on the German institutions of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. He praises the valuable work of Schnitzler, her familiarity with the sources and ^{with} the ecclesiastical conditions in the Rostock region. This has enabled her to go beyond the findings of the previous scholars in this field.

The first chapter is devoted to a minute examination of all the surviving documents concerning the foundation of the Rostock studium. The author examines the petition sent in 1418 to Pope Martin V by the Dukes of Mecklenburg, Johann and Albrecht, in which they indicate that they and the bishop of Schwerin together with the mayor and town council of Rostock, had decided to found a studium generale and give assurances to the Pope that they would provide for the economic basis and grant the usual immunities and exemptions to the university. The bishop of Schwerin also wrote

separately to the Pope supporting the petition. Martin V did respond and issued a Bull of Foundation on February 13, 1419, but with the stipulation that the economic basis of the university had to be assured before the foundation charter would become effective. Encouraged by these developments, the city of Rostock promised to provide an annual endowment of 800 gulden and thus became the main supporter of the University. At the time of the foundation there were no canonical prebends in the city, thus this frequently used economic support was lacking. The local Church did, however, aid the new university in a number of other ways. There is no indication that the dukes contributed anything to the material basis of the new studium. The examination of the sources leads Schnitzler to the conclusion that the foundation of the studium was prepared by the cooperation of the Dukes of Mecklenburg, the bishop of Schwerin and the city council of Rostock. The greatest share of the economic burden was assured by the city, which made this foundation unique at that time. The papal bull, together with the financial obligations assumed by the city, made the inauguration of the university possible.

The events of the inauguration of the new university are treated at length by the author, again on the basis of the original documents. The festivities which accompanied the inauguration began on November 10, 1419 when the Bull of Foundation was carried through Rostock in solemn procession. Next day, the bishop of Schwerin assumed the office of Chancellor and the first rector was installed and invested with all of the usual insignia of this office. The professors for the new institution came mainly from Erfurt, Prague and Leipzig. The university now became a functioning corporation.

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of Dr. Schnitzler concerning the Papal Foundation Charter of 1419 which was supposed to be in the archives of the university, but could not be found in 1951. After much research she came to the conclusion that there were originally three examples of this document, i.e. one in the possession of the Dukes of Mecklenburg, the second in the hands of the bishop of Schwerin, and the third belonging to the city. Of these only one has survived, namely the document which was originally issued to the Dukes. The second example of the charter, which had belonged to the bishop, was probably given by him to the rector of the university and subsequently lost during the first century of the studium's existence. The document which the town possessed was also lost, probably in the eighteenth century.

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The volume contains the photocopy of four important documents from the early history of the Rostock studium, namely the ^Petition letter of the Dukes to Martin V, the Petition of the Bishop of Schwerin supporting the intent of the Dukes, the last remaining example of the Foundation Bull, and a document dated 1443 in which the city of Rostock obligates itself to pay 800 gulden a year to the support of the university for the next 200 years.

This small volume is a storehouse of valuable information. It is unfortunate, however, that the publisher did not provide an index which would have increased the usefulness of the book.

L. S. Domonkos

Ein Kopialbuch der Wiener Universität als Quelle zur österreichischen Kirchengeschichte unter Herzog Albrecht V.
Edited by Paul Uiblein [Fontes Rerum Austriacarum. Zweite Abteilung: Diplomataria et Acta, Band 80],
(Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. 1973, Pp. 191.)

The archives of the Austrian abbey of Seitenstetten have preserved a very interesting codex (No. 576), which is of special value in the study of university history. The codex contains two sets of manuscripts of which the first 44 folios ~~make up~~ constitute a chartulary of 15th century documents, pertaining to the University of Vienna. The chartulary contains 47 letters, of which 32 were addressed to the university, and the remaining 15 are copies of letters sent by the Vienna studium to various individuals and institutions. The chronological span of the documents is from 1415 to 1462, with most of the entries coming from the time period between 1422 and 1432. At least nine different hands can be detected in the codex.

Dr. Uiblein, whose work on the history of the University of Vienna has been extensive, has given us an excellent edition of the chartulary and has also written a solid and scholarly introductory essay. He places the documents in proper historical perspective and gives a detailed description of the chartulary as well. He has appended to his work three contemporary documents, which throw further light on the materials in the chartulary.

A large number of the letters deal with the position taken by the University of Vienna in the disputed election of Leonhard ~~of~~ Layminger to the bishopric of Passau in 1423. Although the archbishop of Salzburg

recognized Layminger as the canonically elected bishop, duke Albrecht V as well as the University opposed the election and agitated in the Curia and with Pope Martin V for Layminger's removal. Layminger retaliated by accusing the masters of Vienna with rebellion against ecclesiastical authority. The University urged the end of the dispute over the bishopric of Passau, especially in view of the fact that his diocese was so close to the Hussite areas and thus the Church was weakened by the controversy. Other items in the codex also deal with the Hussite problem. Especially interesting are the documents in which the University of Paris asks for the assistance of Vienna in the fight against Hussite doctrines and the response of the university in which the Viennese masters state how they have fought to uproot heresy in words and deeds. On several occasions the University of Vienna was instrumental in the negotiations carried on between the Holy Roman Emperor Sigismund and the Hussites.

A most unusual item among the letters is one written to the University in 1422 by an adherent of the Anti-pope Benedict XIII, trying to gain the support of the Viennese studium. Since this was four years after the conclusion of the Council of Constance, it is hard to see what Benedict hoped to gain.

In a lighter vein are two letters, one by Sigismund the other by the Archbishop of Esztergom (Gran), asking the University to readmit a certain Johannes de Buda who had been expelled for wounding another student and for transgressing the statutes of the Vienna studium. These documents clearly show the immense prestige of the medieval university when the Holy Roman Emperor and the Prince of Hungary humbly beseech the University to allow a student to return and continue his interrupted studies.

The last major group of documents are concerned with the establishment of the Silesian bursa at the university. After many jurisdictional disputes the bursa is placed under the authority of the Faculty of Law. This was a most unusual development since all the other endowed houses in Vienna were under the ^{jurisdiction} ~~authority~~ of the Arts Faculty.

The 47 documents of the chartulary and the 3 appendices are carefully edited and are augmented with explanatory notes. The usefulness of the whole volume is increased by an adequate index of names and places. All scholars interested in the growth and development of universities, as well as those specializing in Church history will welcome this book. Dr. Paul Uiblein's work follows in the fine tradition established by Kink, Aschbach, Schrauf and more recently continued by Franz Gall, all of whom have contributed much to our knowledge of the great medieval University of Vienna.

L. S. DOMONKOS

Youngstown State University

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L. S. Downes

Queen's University

Dr. Lawrence E. Looby

7/20/77

L. S. Domonkos

Dear Friend,

This is just a brief note to keep you informed about my attempts to secure financial assistance which would enable me to accept the invitation of the Polish Academy of Sciences to deliver a lecture in Warsaw on September 5, 1977.

1. Following the advise of Dr. Edgar, I talked to Dr. Rand and was able to secure \$200.00 from him for per diem expenses while abroad.
2. Prof. George D. Beelen, Chairman of the History Department, promised that the domestic part of my transportation, i. e., Youngstown--New York--Youngstown, would be covered from Departmental Travel Funds: \$102.00.
3. I have applied for a grant for the Transatlantic portion of my travel expenses to the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) in New York. They are the administrative arm of the ACLS for East European scholarly exchanges. My request was for \$829.00 to cover the plane fare to Warsaw and back. I have been notified that the application is being considered and I will receive word by August 1 as to their disposition of the case. Hopefully they will be able to fund the trip, or at least a major portion of it.

As soon as I hear the final results of my request, I will let you know. Hopefully I will have good news and will not have to seek further assistance through you. Many thanks for your good advice and assistance in this matter.

The Department of History

July 20, 1977

Dr. Catherine Cline
Department of History
Caldwell Hall
The Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C. 20064

Dear Professor Cline:

Please excuse the long delay in contacting you concerning our work as members of the Committee on Nominations of the Catholic Historical Association. We will have to work fast and request your kind assistance in this matter.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from Father Trisco in which he suggests certain members of the Association for the various offices. Please study the list carefully and offer your recommendations freely based on your own preferences. We will need two candidates for each of the following offices: First Vice President, Second Vice President and Committee on Nominations. We also need four candidates for the Executive Council.

Upon receipt of your recommendation, as well as the suggestions from the third member of our Committee, I will draw up a slate which I will send to you for final approval. Then I have to contact the nominees to ascertain their willingness to have their names put on the ballot.

Would you be so kind and respond immediately in order that the slate can be finalized. I have to attend a conference in Warsaw in early September and will not be back in the U.S. until September 19. I would like to have the completed slate as soon as possible. Your kind cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Chairman
Committee on Nominations

LSD:sf

The Department of History

July 14, 1977

Mr. Peter Becskehazy
American Consul General
Cracow, Poland

Kedves Peter,

Sometime ago the prospect arose that I will be in Poland at a convention and I was eagerly looking forward to the opportunity to see you, even briefly. Unfortunately the speed with which the convention was brought into reality leaves much to be desired and after three delays it now seems certain that the meeting will be held at Warsaw between September 1 and 6, 1977. The meeting is organized by the International Commission for the History of Universities and will be held at the University of Warsaw and Cracow. According to the program I have received, we would be in Cracow on the afternoon of Saturday, September 3 and will leave on Sunday, September 4, 4:00 PM. My wife, Eva will be with me on this trip and we will visit Budapest subsequent to our departure from Poland.

Since the Commission will have some working sessions in Cracow at the Collegium Majus, I do not know if I will have much free time but would very much like to talk to you at least on the phone, if you are still in Cracow at this time. From your mother, I heard that you have been reassigned and will return to the U.S. in early fall. Please let me know if you will be in Cracow on September 3 and 4 and, if yes, where you can be reached. It has been years since we have met and I am delighted to hear how well you have done in your career. Please extend my greetings to your wife. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

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

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Thank you for your kind and sincere efforts in my behalf which you expressed during the course of our telephone conversation last week.

The forms which you sent have arrived yesterday ~~and~~ and I am sending it back immediately with the other supporting materials.

In the meantime, upon your advice, I have taken steps to secure some funds locally.

The History Department will ~~write~~ write support my domestic transportation, that is, the Youngstown, N.Y., Youngstown portion of my travel expenses, i.e. \$102.00.

I have good reason to hope that the Graduate Research Council will pick up my per diem expenses in Budapest, up to \$200.00.

This means that my request from IREX has been cut to \$829.00 which constitutes the trans-Atlantic part of my travel. I sincerely hope that an out of phase ad hoc grant for this amount will be ~~possible~~ possible.

Please let me know as soon as it is practically possible after your committee meets what the results of their decision is.

After the meeting of the Ad Hoc Grant Committee please let me know as soon as possible what their decision was, so that I can finalize my own plans.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Sincerely yours,
L. S. Domankos

Ad Hoc

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Dr. Earl E. Edgar, Vice President for Academic Affairs DATE June 13, 1977

FROM L.S. Domonkos--History

SUBJECT Fulbright Publicity--Memo of John Lencyk

Dear Dr. Edgar:

It is only with reluctance that I finally decided to write this letter because I find personal clashes to be most distasteful and, have in the nearly fourteen years on the faculty at YSU, managed to completely avoid them. I have maintained the most cordial relations with members of the Administration, my colleagues, students and of all members of the University community.

The memo of Mr. John Lencyk, however, has aroused my anger, not only because of its serious distortions of fact, but because I find his tone offensive and utterly repugnant.

Mr. Lencyk needs some basic lessons in good manners and somebody should explain to him that the tone of his memo is not acceptable in an academic community. He should also be informed as to his proper relations to the faculty. He holds his job at the Public Relations Office to perform a function for the university, and not to lecture faculty members on their supposed lack of interest. For years I have been in contact with the office for which Mr. Lencyk works and had the most amiable relations with both Mr. Snyder and Mr. Solomon. As university marshal I worked with them in harmony for a long time and know that they would never, under any circumstances, have written the type of memo Mr. Lencyk wrote.

Since I would not tolerate this type of behavior from my peers, I have no intention of quietly sitting back and swallowing the impertinence of a man of the calibre of Mr. Lencyk.

Concerning the facts relating to the Fulbright publicity, Mr. Lencyk's memory seems a little hazy. This, however, is perfectly forgivable, unlike his bad manners.

While it is true that Mr. Lencyk called twice in September concerning the Fulbright program, this was before I went to the meeting in Indianapolis for Campus Advisors at which time I found out that all major program information comes out in April and there is no sense in giving the whole matter publicity in the fall since everybody would forget about it by April. In a letter to you, dated September 14, 1976 I indicated:

"In the spring of 1977, when the new application deadlines are announced, we should make every effort to encourage outstanding students and interested faculty members to avail themselves of this opportunity".

In private conversation with you, Dr. Edgar, I expressed this same view, and you agreed.

Mr. Lencyk mentions a call in October of which I know nothing (Item 3)

Mr. Lencyk is correct that I visited the University Relations Office on another matter, but he seems to have forgotten what I told him then. I specifically indicated that the Fulbright Program publicity should be disseminated in the Spring when the various grants are opened for competition. I inquired how my predecessor, Dr. Miner, handled publicity and Mr. Lencyk informed me that he used to put a short item in the YSU Review (?) At that time I indicated to him again that I would like have greater publicity given to the program in order to attract more interested students and faculty. I did promise him the material when the situation was favorable.

Neither I nor anybody at this office remembers a call from Mr. Lencyk in November. Furthermore if he had understood our conversation as described above, this request for information would have been premature. I usually answer all telephone messages and find it strange that only Mr. Lencyk's calls remain unreturned. But errors are possible and I do not question his integrity.

Why Mrs. Goodridge, who was not involved in this whole matter, could put the notation of "no cooperation" on the original memo, is difficult to comprehend.

Once the Fulbright Program information became available I wrote up all the pertinent facts and sent them to your office, in ample time for the publicity we expected. You acknowledged the receipt of the material and indicated that they were forwarded to the University Relations Office.

After some delay, which is understandable because of the large number of items handled by Mr. Snyder and his staff, the news release did go out on May 10.

In view of the fact that about 1500 seniors and 400 faculty members were effected by the announcement, it would be expected that Mr. Lencyk would try to see that it is published. His statement that I am welcome to call the editors for he does not have the "luxury of time" is not only another example of his rudeness, but would be contrary to university policy. News releases concerning the University are the responsibility of the office in which Mr. Lencyk works. This is what he is paid for.

The final sentence of his memo speaks for itself, and needs no comment.

I demand that Mr. Lencyk apologize in writing at once for his rude, offensive and unprofessional conduct, which was entirely unprovoked.

Furthermore, I sincerely hope that Mr. Snyder, as the immediate supervisor of Mr. Lencyk, reprimands him for his actions, in order that

he realizes that this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

With the receipt of Mr. Lencyk's letter of apology I will consider the matter closed. I never hold grudges, and hope to work with him amicably in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. S. Domonkos". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

cc. Mr. Philip A. Snyder
Mr. John A. Lencyk

June 10, 1977

request for financial assistance is not immodest. Upon getting word of the possibility of this trip I consulted my travel agent and found the following information.

Air fare for the trip would be \$931.00 (Youngstown,--New York--Warsaw--Budapest--New York--Youngstown.) My expenses in Poland would be assumed by the Polish Academy of Sciences.

In Hungary I would need per diem expenses from Tuesday, September 6 to Friday, September 9 (I don't know what a reasonable per diem would be in Hungary at this time.

The total amount of my request, therefore, would be roughly between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

The grant deadlines for the ACLS are such that there is nothing I can get from them. The very lovely lady I spoke with at IREX this morning tells me that the deadline for Ad hoc grants was May 31. As you can see I am in an extremely unfortunate situation and need your help and your advice desperately. To participate in the Warsaw Conference, as the only American scholar aside from the President of the Commission, would be a great honor. To be able to visit and consult with colleagues at the Institute for Literary Research in Budapest would be invaluable. I will be most grateful to you if you could help me in this matter. On Monday, June 13 at 2:00 PM, I will call you at your office in the hope that you can give me some indication on how to proceed in trying to get funding for this most important trip.

Thank you for your kind cooperation, I remain

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Dr. Earl E. Edgar -- Vice PresidentDATE June 9, 1977FROM John A. Lencyk -- University Relations *JAL*

SUBJECT Fulbright publicity

In September, 1976, Dr. Domonkos sent a memo concerning the Fulbright Scholarship. The following transpired:

- 1) I called Dr. Domonkos to arrange a meeting. He requested I call again after he prepared material.
- 2) I called for the second time in September. Dr. Domonkos said he would bring material to my office. He did not.
- 3) I called for the third time in October and requested Dr. Domonkos return my call. He did not.
- 4) Subsequently Dr. Domonkos visited University Relations on another matter. He said he'd bring Fulbright information to me in a short period. He did not.
- 5) I called a fourth time in November and requested Dr. Domonkos return my call. He did not.

In January, 1977, with no further word from Dr. Domonkos, Wendy Goodridge filed his original memo with the notation "no cooperation."

The material received in April was issued as a news release by University Relations on May 10 and was received by all major daily and weekly newspapers in the area and all radio and television outlets. Decisions to publish material are the prerogative of individual editors. Dr. Domonkos is welcome to contact the 34 editors and question their judgement. I do not have that luxury of time.

Unfortunately for the Fulbright scholarship program at YSU Dr. Domonkos' supposed interest (and memory) is revived only at six-month intervals.

cc: Philip Snyder
Dr. Domonkos

The Department of History

June 9, 1977

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay
Corso Vittorio Emanuele 24
Roma, Italia

Kedves Tibor,

Your kind letters from Rome arrived yesterday, and I am very grateful for your invitation. The letter you wrote in English is perfect and I do not see why you display hesitation about your knowledge of the language. Unfortunately Giesztor's letter has not arrived yet but I expect it at any moment. Once it gets here my campaign for financial aid will begin immediately. It seems, however, that things will work out somehow. Three days ago I received a letter from the rector of our university stating that I have been designated "Distinguished University Professor" for this year which carries with it a stipend almost equal to my plane fare of our European trip. I am also teaching a seminar in the summer (5½ weeks) which will give me some extra financial resources. Naturally if I can get some support from the Ford Foundation or another similar source, this would obviously be a great benefit. I will keep you informed of all developments.

It was with some anxiety that I read the news that your dear wife had to remain behind in Budapest because of medical problems. We sincerely hope that her condition is not serious and that she will be able to join you in Rome soon. It is very kind of you to have taken your elderly mother with you back to Italy. She will probably enjoy the many wonderful sights in the "Eternal City."

Tibor, I have a major piece of news which has caused me much excitement and I would like to share it with you. While at the meeting of the Mediaeval Academy of America in Toronto last month, Asztrik and I went to an Antique Book Fair and while there I saw a beautiful incunabulum with North Italian front page decorations and the coat-of-arms of an "unknown" 15 cent possessor painted in the volume. The book, Valerius Maximus, was printed in Venice in 1478. I was fascinated by the coat-of-arms and remarked to Gabriel that I had seen it somewhere before. I even went back to the dealer, a Los Angeles book seller, and sketched the heraldic symbols. Upon returning to Youngstown I went to my little research library and found that indeed the coat-of-arms on the Valerius Maximus is something extraordinary; it belongs to Kalmancsehi Domonkos, Provost of Szekesfehervar!! As you know, four of his books, all of ecclesiastical character, have survived. I am ahppy

happy to report ~~ahh~~ that I have found a fifth volume, and a very rare one indeed. Without letting the Los Angeles book dealer know that I know whose coat-of-arms are in the incunabulum, I made an offer to buy the volume with a large loan from a relative. The book should arrive here in a few days. To tell you that I am delighted about the discovery and the acquisition of this work would be the worlds greatest understatement. I have already begun the gathering of material for a good little article on this newest addition of the library of Kalmansehi, unknown to all until now. I will be very interested to hear your reaction to this whole matter!

Since I have examinations to give to my students, and time is running short, I will conclude at this point with the sincere hope that all is well with your wife and you are again reunited in Rome.

Thank you again for your letter of invitation. Your kind cooperation in making our European trip possible is very much appreciated.

With greetings to your mother and wife, and in the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

May 24, 1977

New American Library
Educational Department
120 Woodbine Street
Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621

Gentlemen:

Please send me the following two paperback books as complimentary examination copies for possible adoption in my classes:

Ronald H. Bainton, Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther Mentor Book ME 1580

Robert D. Mead, ed., Europe Reborn Mentor Book ME 1402

The above mentioned books would be used in my Renaissance and Reformation courses. The usual number of students in these upper division classes is about 25-30. The courses are offered every second year.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

May 19, 1977

Dr. James J. John
Professor of Paleography
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York 14850

Dear Jim,

Just a brief note to congratulate you on your brilliant presentation at the Medieval Academy meeting in Toronto last Saturday.

Your paper was fascinating, lucid and a very solid contribution to scholarship. It was a delight to listen to your exposition; the questions you raised were valid and your speculation about possible answers, sound. Without trying to flatter you, it was one of the best papers I have heard in twelve years of academic life.

If and when you publish this paper, I would very much appreciate if you would send me a reprint. Although I have not yet read your essay on Paleography in the book edited by Powell, our old magister, Gabriel, tells me that it is the best essay on the subject he has read.

It was nice to see you again. Keep in touch. With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

LSD:sf

The Department of History

May 18, 1977

Prof. Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor
Professor Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego
Instytut Historyczny U. W.
Warszawa, Poland

Dear Professor Gieysztor:

This brief note is to request your kind assistance in securing funds for my Transatlantic flight to attend the meeting of the International Commission for the History of Universities at Warszawa from September 1 to September 6, 1977.

In order to be able to secure a travel grant to attend the conference, I must have a formal invitation from you, inviting me to the meeting and indicating that I will be on the program. With this in hand, I can then proceed to seek travel funds from one of the Foundations in the United States.

Would you be so kind, dear Professor Gieysztor, and upon the receipt of this letter please write or dictate a formal letter of invitation, either in French or English, and send it to me express. Then I can proceed with my hunt for the funding of my trip, which I hope will be successful.

With many sincere thanks for your kindness and in the hope of meeting you personally in Warsaw, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

May 19, 1977

Prof. Dr. Karl Bosl
Visiting Distinguished Professor
Department of History
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Bosl,

It was a great delight to meet with you in Toronto after such a long time had lapsed since I had the honor to be introduced to you at the conference sponsored by our dear mutual friend Prof. Gabriel at Notre Dame University.

Both my wife and I enjoyed having lunch with you and only regret that you had to leave for the airport so soon to board your plane for Chicago. We hope that your trip was pleasant and that your remaining stay in the United States will be rewarding and enjoyable.

Enclosed you will find a few reprints which I hope will be of some interest to you. I am also looking forward to sending you my book on the Age of Matthias Corvinus in Hungary, which I hope to finish this summer. Finding a publisher in today's "academic depression" will not be an easy task.

Thank you for your kind invitation to visit you in Munchen if we are ever in Europe. This fall, as you know, we are going to Poland and hope to also spend a few days in Budapest. Deo volente in the spring semester of 1979 we will go to Hungary for a stay of about 5 months as a ~~guest~~ research professor. If at that time we could visit you for a few hours, both Eva and I would be delighted.

We are looking forward to our trip to Warsaw in September. Hopefully all will go well and I will be able to get some foundation support for my travels. My wife is reluctant to leave me to travel for longer trips because of a rather unfortunate event two years ago. While in San Francisco at the conference of the International Congress of Historical Sciences, I suffered a severe angina pectoris attack and ended up in a hospital. At that point we decided that in the future she will accompany me on any lengthy trips, which naturally is also most pleasant for we are well matched traveling companions.

Prof. Dr. Karl Bosl

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May 19, 1977

Dear Professor Bosl, If you ever write to me be free to use German or English, whichever is easier or more convenient for you.

With best wishes for your continued good health and a pleasant stay in Madison, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

May 11, 1977

Prof. Dr. Tibor Klaniczay
Corso Vittorio Emanuele 24
I-00186 Roma
Italy, Europe

Kedves Tibor,

It was with great delight that I received your postcard a few days ago. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and your good wishes. Since our last correspondence a number of developments concerning my European trip have taken place and so I am writing you with a request for assistance.

The meeting of the International Commission for the History of Universities is scheduled for Warsaw and Cracow during the period from Thursday, September 1 to Tuesday, September 6. Professor Gieysztor has already informed the President of the Commission, Dr. Gabriel, that I will be invited to deliver a paper on Monday, 5th of September in Warsaw. As I indicated to you in one of my previous letters, I would like to make a side trip to Budapest upon completion of the Warsaw-Cracow meeting. Naturally a trip of this magnitude requires considerable advanced planning as well as extensive funds. Yesterday, I consulted with the travel agent, who usually handles my affairs, in order to find out what the cost of the trip of this kind would be. His figures indicate that a roundtrip fare from Youngstown to New York-Warsaw-Budapest-New York-Youngstown would come to \$931.00. Because of the scarcity of funds available for travel at universities throughout the United States, it is impossible for me to get such a large amount of money from Youngstown State University. There are, however, other sources which I intend to tap. The first and probably most important source will be the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) in New York which had previously funded my two trips to Budapest. IREX does grant ad hoc funds for travel to Eastern European meetings as well as for consultation with colleagues in Eastern Europe. These grants are usually made if the person requesting them has at least two places where he will be delivering a lecture or consulting with colleagues. In my request for funds from IREX, I would like to include a three day consultation with you and possibly other members of the Institute for Renaissance Research in Budapest. The dates for such a meeting would be September 7, 8, and 9. In my request for funding I would indicate that we will discuss the problems of publication of my forthcoming book as well as consultations with you on the further dissemination of the Institute's publications in the United States, particularly their reviews in learned journals. I

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am convinced that If I submit my proposal for the Warsaw-Cracow trip at the invitation of Professor Gieysztor and include a three day consultation session with you in Budapest, IREX will respond favorably, if they have any funds available in their budget for travel next year.

In order to accomplish all this and to present documentation to IREX concerning this trip, it would be necessary for me to have a letter from you indicating your willingness to meet with me in Budapest on the above dates. This naturally, places no obligation of any type on either you or the Institute it is basically a formality. Would you be so kind, therefore, dear Tibor, and upon receipt of this letter sit down at the nearest typewriter and bang out a short note to me, preferably English or French in which you say roughly the following: That you have been in touch with me through correspondence and have heard of my invitation by Professor Gieysztor to attend the meeting of the Commission for the History of Universities in Warsaw and Cracow in September and that you would be delighted if we would be able to meet face to face in Budapest to discuss problems of mutual interest in the area of Hungarian Humanism and the publication of both my future in the series Studia Humanitatis and other studies in this field. Armed with that letter plus the formal invitation of Professor Gieysztor, I hope to be able to have the funds provided by IREX for the planned trip. As I had already indicated to you previously, if funding from some source makes it possible for me to travel to Europe in September, I will use some private money and hopefully bring Eva along with me. Let me, however, again reiterate that an invitation from you to come to Budapest would in no way involve any type of obligation on the part of the Institute and is only necessary for me to be able to get the required funding for my journey. Since the time is short I ask you to please respond to this letter as soon as it is possible.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

PS: Enclosed two reviews which have been published since our last exchange of correspondence

The Department of History

May 5, 1977

Doctissime Magister Astricus,

Thank you for taking the time to dictate a letter for me before your departure to Europe. On several evenings before April 21, I tried to call you, but there was no answer. I did want to at least wish you bon voyage.

Eva and I plan to attend the Mediaeval Academy meeting in Toronto and have already engaged an elderly lady to take care of the children while we are away. Unfortunately we will not be there for the Thursday opening and plan to arrive about 2 P.M. on Friday. We will return home in the early afternoon on Sunday. Both of us are looking forward to seeing you again and the children were disappointed that they will be left out and will not meet you this time.

Many thanks for the letter in which you formally inform me of the Warsaw invitation. I hope that Prof. Giesztor will also send a letter soon so that my request for funds will be well supported by documentation.

This summer I will not only prepare for the presentation at Warsaw but plan to complete the first draft of my Matthias Corvinus book. I do very well remember your superb story about always collecting material. "Lau," you said, "this is like eating. You just can't continue to always, eat, eat, eat. At one point you must. . ." Well, that time is approaching! I want to get the book out and begin some new projects.

Was happy to hear that the book I sent you was not in your collection yet. Eva and the children send their love.

In the hope of seeing you in the near future, I remain

The Department of History

May 5, 1977

Miss Klara Lukats
42 Edgewood Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York 10552

Dear Miss Lukats,

Thank you very much for your recent letter. I hope your paper on Matthias Corvinus is progressing well and that you will receive a good grade for the project. The subject is certainly interesting and you should be commended for your effort to ~~that~~ such a complex historical problem.

Enclosed you will find a number of studies which might be of help to you. One of them is in Hungarian and deals with Vitez and with Janus Pannonius. The other in English entitled "Ecclesiastical Patronage" might be useful to you because it deals with a number of individuals whose name is probably familiar to you, and whose ~~bio--~~ biography might be filled out with the information that I provide.

On Art History in general during the Age of Matthias Corvinus I would urge you to look up the following work. (The New York Public Library or the Library of Congress undoubtedly has it.)

Fulup, L., Dercseny, D., Zador, A., (eds.) A Magyarorszagi Muveszet Tortenete, Vol. I, II, Budapest, 1970. (Chapters VIII and IX by Balogh Jolan on the Hungarian Renaissance)

The footnotes of both my studies and the bibliography provided by the authors of the ~~above~~ mentioned volume should give you the necessary materials for your study.

Wishing you ~~continued~~ success in your studies and good luck on this paper, I remain

Sincerely, yours,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

May 5, 1977

Dr. Janos M. Bak
Bimbo ut 49
H-1022 Budapest
Hungary, Europe

Kedves Janoskam,

Thank you for your circular letter of April 7th in which you inform the contributors of the Mohacs volume on the status of the project.

It was with greatest sadness that I read the unsettling news concerning your dear mother's illness. I most sincerely hope that your presence in Budapest has helped in her recovery and that she is making some headway toward regaining her full health. It is sad that you were separated from her by such immense distance when her illness developed. Have you recovered from your car accident mentioned in your letter? I hope your injuries were not extremely serious and that you are now fully recovered and your usual vigorous self.

In listing the assistance of Beyerle and of Kosary along with the already promised help of Barta was a superb idea. A content of the volumed looks very promising and I sincerely hope that the publication of the essays will continue without any major problems. The deadlines you have set suits me very well. I do have a number of projects to complete before going off to Warsaw, Krakow and possibly Budapest in early September. I will fill you in on details of this trip once they take shape.

How very small the world seems to be, you indicate that during the next few weeks you will reside at Bimbo ut 49 in Budapest. By a strange coincidence two very dear friends of mine and my wife's family also live on Bimbo ut, in fact probably very close to where you are located. Under house number 20 resides a distant uncle of my wife's by the name of Lajos Thirring, a retired member of the National Office for Statistics and world renowned demographer. One house up from him is the residence of ahvery dear second cousin of mine, Dr. Lanyi Miklosne who is associated with Institute for Pedagogical Studies. Her husband who was a professor of pulmanary medicine died a few years ago leaving her with four children. Since both of these people have been residing on Bimbo ut since at least the end of World War II, you might even know them. While in Budapest you will undoubtedly meet a number of my very dear friends may I please ask you to convey my most sincere and warmest greetings to them. On top of this list are naturally Baita, Sugedi,

May 3, 1977

and Petneki.

When you return to Vancouver or if you have time to drop me a brief note indicating what the situation is both with your mother and yourself. I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

April 14, 1977

Dr. Eva S. Balogh
Department of History
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Eva,

Your letter of April 8, arrived this morning and since it took 6 days to get from Yale to Youngstown, and since your note has a sense of urgency, I am responding immediately.

Thank you very much for your article, I shall read it with care and know that it will be of the excellence for which you are well known. As soon as I am finished reading it, I will write you a brief note on my reactions.

The news about the cooperative venture with the Historical Institute of the MTA sounds excellent. I hope that IREX will be able to help you with funds.

Enclosed you will find a c.v. which is slightly outdated but when the time comes, I will give you more information.

Finally, a request for a favor. Janos Bak, who is in Budapest visiting his very ill mother, asked that the articles for the planned Mohacs volume should be in his hand by August 1. When I have my work completed would you be so kind and read it and make critical comments upon it. Your critical acumen would be most welcome.

With best wishes,

The Department of History

April 6, 1977

Miss Nancy Roach
Cambridge University Press
32 East 57th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Miss Roach:

Would you please send me, for possible class adoption
the following volumes:

Benys Hay, The Italian Renaissance in its Historical
Background. (291046-paper)

Harry A. Miskimin, The Economy of Early Renaissance
Europe, 1300-1460 (29021X-paper)

The course in the Renaissance for which I am consider-
ing the above mentioned books will be taught during the
Spring quarter of next year. The usual number of students in
the course is between 20 and 25.

Your kind cooperation is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

E/ S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 4, 1977

NEW VIEW POINTS
Division of Franklin Watts, Inc.
Department HP
730 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10019

Gentlemen:

Would you please send me, for possible adoption,
the following volume:

Steven E. Ozment, ed., The Reformation in
Medieval Perspective, D6466-2 (paper)

The course on the Reformation in which I am con-
sidering the above mentioned book will be taught during
the Fall Quarter of 1977. The usual number of students
in the course is between 20 and 25.

Portion of syllabus attached indicating the books
used in the past.

Your kind cooperation is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 6, 1977

Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor
Profesor Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego
Wilcza 8M-20
00-532 Warszawa, Poland

Dear Professor Gieysztor,

It was with greatest joy that I received the excellent news, via telephone, from Dr. A. Gabriel that the meeting of the Subcommittee will be held September 1-6 at Warszawa and Krakow. Your efforts to have me included in the program are greatly appreciated, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to thank you warmly in person.

According to the program outline you sent to Prof. Gabriel, it appears that Monday, September 5 will be the date for the presentation of various communications. Would you please be so kind and place me on the program with a presentation on the subject of the European Enlightenment and American Universities.

It is with anticipation that I am looking forward to receiving the formal invitation to the meeting this fall as well as other pertinent information about the conference.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for all your efforts in my behalf and I am looking forward to make your acquaintance since our prior meeting was unfortunately prevented by my illness in San Francisco. With warm personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 5, 1977

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Miss Klara Lukats
42 Edgewood Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Dear Miss Lukats:

A very dear friend and relative of our family, M. Lenke Neni wrote a brief note to my mother indicating that you are working on a project concerning Matthias Corvinus Hunyadi, and asked me to send you some material or information. She described you in glowing terms and praised your dedication to your studies. Naturally I would be delighted to help you in this work in whatever way I can.

Unfortunately Lenke Neni does not give any information what exactly you are doing. Obviously you are not writing a biography of Matthias Corvinus as a college paper. In order to be of assistance to you, it would be necessary for me to know the nature of your project, what you hope to accomplish, how far along in your research you have gotten, and what libraries are accessible to you.

Having worked on Matthias for almost 15 years, I have hundreds of bibliographical cards, books and Xerox copies of articles concerning him and his age. I would like to help you in some way but I do have to know what you need. Please be free to write to me and I will respond to your inquiries, or if feasible send you some Xeroxed material.

Wishing you good progress on this project and in the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 4, 1977

Rev. Robert Trisco, Editor
The Catholic Historical Review
Catholic University of America
Mullen Library, Room 305
Washington, D. C. 20064

Dear Father Trisco,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the review of Paul Uiblein's book. Please forgive me for not having completed the review sooner. Without delay I will get going on finishing the work and will sent it to you not by July 1, as you requested but by May 1, at the very latest. Furthermore, there is another review which I owe to the CHR: Elizabeth Schnitzler, Die Grundung der Universitat Rostock. Both of the reviews will reach you simultaneously.

Although the delay in sending you the material is inexcusable, you are right in guessing that some "unforeseen and unavoidable" event has prevented me from completing the reviews on time. Eighteen months ago, while in San Francisco at the International Congress of Historical Sciences, I suffered an angina pectoris attack which resulted in my hospitalization. Fortunately this did not result in permanent heart damage, but for some time after the unfortunate event, my work schedule had to be radically limited and my energy supply was barely enough to keep my teaching assignments. Since this fall, however, I have been in excellent health and am in the process of completing a number of projects which were delayed. In the near future I also plan to submit to you a paper I read at Notre Dame some time ago, entitled "Italian Universities and Hungarian Humanism in the Fifteenth Century." I hope that it will be favorable reviewed and accepted for publication in the CHR.

A few days ago I talked on the telephone with my cousin Mrs. Klara Graff and she invited us to use her home in Washington while they are away in Europe this summer. We are looking forward to spending a few weeks in the capital this July or August and hope to visit you as well at Catholic U. Both Klara and Dr. Gabriel speak of you with great affection and admiration, and I would very much welcome the opportunity to get to know you better. If that is not too late, we could also discuss the nominations for the various offices of the CHA at that time.

Rev. Robert Trisco

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April 4, 1977

Thank you again for your understanding and above all patience.
You will hear from me soon. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

The Department of History

March 30, 1977

Kedves Tibor,

It was with greatest delight that I received your kind letter of March 12th and without delay I am sitting down to answer it immediately. We are much relieved to hear that finally, after a year of uncertainty, your situation in Rome is somewhat more consolidated. It must also be a relief to be able to have an apartment of your own where you and your dear wife can live during the duration of your stay in Rome. The fact that the University is shut down and there are student and other demonstrations is, however, most unfortunate. We sincerely hope that you will be able to continue to work in safety and that your financial difficulties resulting from non-payment of your salary since November will also be solved. If a loan of \$100.00 would be of some help to you I would be more than delighted to send you the sum via a Rome bank, if this would be agreeable to you. You could possibly repay me sometime in the future, if and when I am in Hungary again.

Thank you very much for your kind offer to read the biographical essays for the Register of the Collected Works of Erasmus. The articles will probably not be finished until late in the fall or early winter. They are not due at the University of Toronto Press until January 1st 1978. I am truly sorry that I forgot to include the book review which I had promised. This time I am including a Xerox copy of it as well as a Xerox of the first page of the book by Karl Nehring, which you requested. Nehring visits in Budapest quite often, Csapodiek knows him quite well, and he has written a number of studies on Hungarian history. It is in Hungary that I have made his acquaintance, and have been corresponding with him ever since. The book review of his work will be published in a month or so, and I will send you a copy of it when it appears. He wrote a very solid work on diplomatic history. You ask if I know that Volume 5 of Bonfini edited by Peter Kulcsar has been published. Yes, I am familiar with the work, in fact just a few weeks ago, I received a review copy to write about it for the journal East European Quarterly. Kulcsar must be highly commended for his excellent work and now the other four volumes will be more accessible and useful to historians.

By the end of the summer I hope to have the first draft of my Matthias Corvinus study completed. This is a sine qua non for an application to go to Hungary again for any extended period of time. Obviously, I cannot request a grant from the Ford Foundation, or any

other source, unless I already have a book length study in hand, beside the articles which I have completed or am in the process of completing, based upon my previous research. My long range plan is to complete the Corvinus study by late August or September, send it off for a critique to you or any other person you would recommend, and if you find that it is of value, and is publishable, then next November I can apply for a grant which would enable me to spend about five months in Hungary during the late summer and fall of 1978. If all the pieces fall into place, we could then make the trip in August or September of 1978 and stay until the first of January. During this period of five months. I could make all final revisions on the Matthias book, and begin the collection of material for a new study, probably in the area or period between 1490 and 1526. This would be a logical continuation of my previous work, furthermore that phase of Hungarian history has increasingly aroused my curiosity during my present research. Your kind offer to help bring about a trip for me to Hungary is greatly appreciated, and when the time comes I hope all will go smoothly. Please be assured of my gratefulness for your kind offer of assistance.

Last week Gabriel called me from Toronto, and indicated that he has received a telegram from Poland, in which Professor Gieysztor informed him of the possibility that the much delayed meeting in Warsaw will take place in September.

September would be a most suitable time for us to travel to Poland. I think I mentioned to you in one of my previous letters, that if I receive some financial support here for my travel, I plan to take Eva along on the Warsaw trip. I have been putting some money that I received for lectures and speeches aside so that Eva's expenses would be covered if and when the time came for us to go to Poland. Based upon the most unfortunate incident in San Francisco, she is reluctant to let me go alone on any lengthy trips. Naturally, if the Warsaw trip materializes, we will take the opportunity to make a brief visit to Budapest as well. Since school for our children starts in the first week of September, we would then be able to travel without too much difficulty with Eva. The University does not begin classes until the end of third week of September, and even if I am not here for the opening of the school year, I could make arrangements to have either one of the assistants or a colleague fill in for me for one or two days. In the first weekend of October I will have to be in Washington, D.C. to attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and read a brief paper on Hungarian Humanism. This is the same organization which held its meeting in St. Louis last fall where I spoke on the "Cultural Consequences of the Battle of Mohacs." In your letter you inquired whether my presentation was the only one at the meeting in St. Louis on Mohacs. The answer is no. There was a panel dedicated to the commemoration of the Battle with a number of studies dealing with various aspects of the events of 1526. Enclosed you will find a Xerox copy of the program in St. Louis. It is based on the paper I delivered at St. Louis that I received the invitation to participate in the panel in Washington next October. As you can see, slowly but surely we are making some headway in bringing to the attention of our colleagues the contributions as well as the plight of Hungarians in the 15th and 16th centuries.

If Eva and I would be able to make the trip in September to Warsaw and Budapest, we would be absolutely delighted to be able to see you and finally meet your wife as well in Hungary. Knowing how often you are in various parts of Europe lecturing or attending meetings, I do

sincerely hope that it will be possible for us to see each other again. Two years have elapsed since our last meeting in San Francisco.

On the domestic scene fortunately all is well. Our youngest child Piroška has just had her tonsils removed, but as is the case with children, is now perfectly well. All the children are looking forward to the end of the school year which will be in mid-June. Eva is very well and her health seems to have been completely restored. The same can be said for me, although periodically I have to report to the doctor for electrocardiograms to check on the function of my heart. My blood pressure has now stabilized and the physician is most satisfied with the prognosis for the future.

Please extend our warmest greetings to your wife and we sincerely hope all four of us will be able to get together for a quiet evening of conversation in September somewhere in Budapest. I do naturally hope that we will hear from you in the meanwhile and I promise to keep in touch as well. With warmest regards, I remain

Dear Professor Hare:

One of my students, Miss Gina DiBlasio, has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in her behalf for the Robert Hare Memorial Award. It is with greatest pleasure that I agreed to write this letter, for she is a very well qualified candidate for the award.

Miss DiBlasio has been in several of my history classes, both survey and upper division. Her performance has, in all cases, been excellent. She has a sharp mind, is able to grasp ideas and nuances quickly and is capable of interpretation of material in a sound and scholarly fashion. At a time when so many of our students are practically illiterate, it is a joy to meet a student who is able to read, comprehend and interpret material with the maturity that Miss DiBlasio shows.

The candidate hopes to pursue a career in journalism and has worked on the Jemher staff for a number of years. She appears to be an excellent candidate for the journalism award based

upon intellectual maturity and practical experience. Miss DiBlasio is also a very poised and charming young woman, whose social qualities match her intellectual growth.

It is with greatest enthusiasm, and without any reservations that I recommend Miss Gina DiBlasio for the Robert Hare Memorial Award.

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Dominkos
Professor of History

The Department of History

March 2, 1977

Mrs. Caroline Lodge
Office of Student Financial Aids
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Mrs. Lodge:

Miss Maria Ann Mele has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in her behalf since she is applying for a Delta Kappa Gamma society scholarship. It is with greatest pleasure that I write this letter in her behalf.

Miss Mele has been in several of my lower as well as upper division history courses and her performance has been excellent. She is a very intelligent young woman and is serious about her studies. Not only is she able to handle factual material with skill but is able to express herself well orally and in writing.

In a specialized course dealing with the History of Iberian Civilization she wrote a very good research paper on the origin of the Spanish Gypsies. Her work showed a good grasp of the tools of research as well as intelligent interpretation of the material.

It is with great enthusiasm, and without reservations that I recommend Miss Maria Mele for the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Society scholarship.

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

March 2, 1977

St. Martin's Press
175 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Gentlemen:

On February 4, 1977 I wrote to you concerning a paperback copy of a volume published by your company, which I ~~plan~~ to adopt for class use:

James Bowen, A History of Western Education, Vol. II
Civilization of Europe, Sixth to Sixteenth Centuries.

A few days ago I received a card from your College Department stating that this volume is available for \$20.00 and a 20% ~~professional~~ discount.

I am realistic enough to know that you do not send out \$20.00 books as examination copies and I would never make such a request. I do know, however, that the above mentioned work has been published in paperback since I have seen it advertised in an English book catalogue.

Would you be so kind and look into this matter and send me a paperback edition of the above work for possible adoption for class.

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

February 4, 1977

St. Martin's Press, Inc.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Gentlemen:

This summer I am scheduled to teach a graduate course in Medieval Intellectual History. The theme of the course will be the rise of medieval education, i.e., the growth of monastic and cathedral schools as well as the development of universities.

In my search for relevant reading material, I found a volume published by your company, which seems to fit perfectly:

James Bowen, A History of Western Education, Vol. II: Civilization of Europe, Sixth to Sixteenth Centuries, 1975.

Would you please send me an examination copy (paperback) for possible adoption in the seminar I am planning to teach.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

February 25, 1977

Dr. Paul J. Mayvaert
Executive Secretary
Mediaeval Academy of America
1430 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Mass. 02138

Dear Dr. Mayvaert:

For years I have contemplated joining the Mediaeval Academy but something has always come up and so I procrastinated and continued to read the Speculum at the university library instead of getting my own copy.

Finally I have decided to wait no more and am enclosing a check for \$20.00 for membership dues for the year 1977.

Three years ago when I met you at Notre Dame during the meeting of the Subcommittee for the History of Universities, I indicated to you that my field of interest is Medieval and Renaissance Hungarian History, especially cultural development. If in the future there are any books in these areas which are sent to you by the Academy of Sciences or other publishers in Budapest, I would very much appreciate if you would send them to me for review in Speculum.

In the hope of hearing from you soon and possibly seeing you this spring at the Academy meeting, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

Dear Professor De Santis,

Encouraged by Dr. Gabriel, I am sending you this Vita form, with the hope that you could support my desire to join the History faculty at Notre Dame.

I feel that I would be a solid addition to your department. My very thorough preparation at the Medieval Institute would enable me to teach courses in Medieval Civilization on both the undergraduate as well as the graduate levels. My interest in East Central European ^{cultural} history would add an extra dimension to my teaching. The excellent collections in the history of education and well as the superb library holdings in Hungarian history, built up by Prof. Gabriel while he was on the faculty, would not only be maintained and expanded but would provide me with ~~extra~~ added materials for a life time of productive scholarship.

Without immodesty I can say that I have been a very effective teacher both on the undergraduate and the graduate levels. ~~Both~~ in YSU was student as well as peer evaluation of teaching and scholarship. At all times I was rated superior. The fact that I was promoted from Instructor to Full Professor in 12 years does reflect the esteem in which I am held by ~~both~~ my colleagues and members of the Administration.

All your efforts on my behalf will be gratefully appreciated.

February 10, 1977

Doctissime Magister:

Now that you have two residences I never know where to find you anymore. I am sending this letter to Notre Dame since it is likely that you will return there in the near future. I also know that you will not stay there very long before going on a new trip. How was the Helicon Ball? I hope you did go and met some elegant and "uri" acquaintances from Pecs and Budapest.

In regards to Budapest: will you ever accept Klaniczay's invitation to the MTA? If you would combine it with the Warsaw meeting of our Subcommittee, I would be delighted to be present at the Academy when you deliver your address. Have you heard anything from Prof. Gieysztor about the Warsaw meeting? It would be great if the promised invitation would materialize, and I could deliver a paper there on the Enlightenment at early American universities. I have some material on it already, especially on the ideas of Jefferson.

Enclosed you will find two items. One is a translation into Hungarian of my Obuda study which was done by a gentleman in Budapest. He made a few errors in translation and the bibliography be appended, based on my footnotes, leaves much to be desired. The other item, I thought I had sent to you but you indicated that you do not remember it. If it is a duplicate, please give it to the library. I will also forward to you a number of book reviews I have written for the Jahrbucher Geschichte Osteuropas, the Slavic Review and the American Historical Review.

We are all well and were able to survive the terrible cold which has gripped Ohio since Christmas. Today is the first day since December 25 that the temperature has gone above freezing.

I wrote to Paul Knoll about the Russell matter but have not heard from him yet.

It would be nice to see you again this spring. Could you arrange your schedule in such a fashion that we could see you between planes in Cleveland? Not only would Eva and I be delighted to see you, but the children, who look upon you as their only surviving "grandfather" would love to drink with you at "their club."

With filial devotion,

February 4, 1977

All is well on the home front. We are enjoying good health and are keeping warm, withstanding a horrendously bad weather that has hit Ohio in the last six weeks. Although much of the region has been paralyzed by winter storms and gas shortages, the University has been functioning without interruption because we have an abundant supply of alternate fuel, although most of our students think that this is horrible. Fortunately, there has been no curtailment of residential gas supply and so we have been able to keep relatively comfortable. We will be looking forward to spring more than ever before, especially the chance to see a reduction in our gas bills.

Keep in touch and let me know if you will be in the neighborhood in the near future, and we still hope that someday your plans for a family vacation in the East will materialize and we will get to meet Sue and the children.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD:ms

February 4, 1977

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

Dear Paul,

Since our last meeting, I hope you are well and that both Sue and the children are enjoying good health. I am anxious to find out how your attempts to get a grant to Poland are progressing. Enclosed you will find a Xerox copy of the recommendation which I had written to IREX on your behalf. The announcement of grants should be in the next few weeks, and I am hoping and praying that your name will be among those who are selected. Please let me know if and when you hear something.

The program for the Western Michigan Mediaeval Conference in May arrived two days ago and I saw with great joy that you are among the participants. It's possible that I will drive up to Kalamazoo for a few days and would be delighted to meet with you. Do you have any plans to attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in Washington, D. C. next October? I have been asked to give a short paper and plan to go. If all goes according to plans, Eva will also accompany me since the distance is not prohibitive. Naturally, if you would be there, this would make the outing even more enjoyable.

On a completely unrelated subject - do you know anything about the plans of J. Russell? The reason why I am inquiring is that, during the semester break, one of my former undergraduate students who is now studying in Notre Dame was home and told me that the rumors around campus are that Russell is planning to leave the University. This is apparently based on two factors: one is that Russell's family is not with him in South Bend but still resides in California; secondly, he has indicated to some graduate students that he might not be around at the time that they contemplate finishing their dissertations. God only knows how much of this is true and how much has been added by students with excessively vivid imagination. If you, however, find out something concerning this matter, I would be very much interested to find out the truth.

How is your search for the post of Provost progressing? Is Von Neumann's daughter still in the running? The whole family is already looking forward to your now traditional fall visit and, if you let me know ahead of time when you would be in this region next year, I would very much like to extend an invitation to you to deliver a lecture at the University under the sponsorship of the History Department on any subject close to your heart.

February 4, 1977

Dr. Jacques Verger
7 rue Pierre-Caurie
92260 Fontenay aux Roses
France, Europe

Dear Colleague,

Almost a year ago, I wrote to you to your address at the University of Nancy, but unfortunately the French Postal Service returned the letter to me with the indication that you were "unknown". Dr. Gabriel gave me your address sometime ago, but I had lost the slip of paper on which I had written it down, and I had dispaired of ever being able to reach you by mail. This week the Proceedings of the XIVth International Congress of Historical Sciences arrived and immediately I turned to the list of participants in the hope of finding your correct address there. Now, if fate does not intervene, my letter will finally reach you.

Enclosed you will find a number of reprints of articles which I had sent to you originally and I hope that they will be of interest to you.

Since our brief meeting in San Francisco, my health has improved greatly and I am back to a normal life style subsequent to my heart problems.

I sincerely hope that this spring Professor Gieysztor will organize the meeting of the Subcommission on the History of Universities in Warsaw as has been contemplated. Both Professor Gieysztor and my dear friend Gabriel have indicated that I will receive an invitation to the Warsaw Meeting and to expect to deliver a lecture on the American Universities during the Age of Enlightenment. At that time, I hope to be able to meet with you at greater length and to make a closer acquaintance.

With continued good wishes for your excellent work, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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Enclosures

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February 4, 1977

Dr. Bernard Norling
Department of History
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Friend and Colleague,

For years I have had the intention of writing to you, but somehow the opportunity never presented itself. A few days ago, one of my former students, Mr. Michael Kopanick, visited me and spoke very highly of your classes which he had taken last semester. This brought back many pleasant memories of when I was also in your classes and enjoyed them immensely. Mike Kopanick was a very able student while an undergraduate here at Youngstown State University, and I hope that he is continuing in that same tradition at Notre Dame.

It is always with great interest that I read the news from the History Department which you prepare for the Notre Dame Alumni Magazine. It is truly amazing how you are able to keep track of everybody and include the activities of so many former graduates. Your news-gathering ability obviously surpasses the combined efforts of both the FBI and the CIA. Thank you for including my name among the people you mention in the newsletter for, although I only got my M.A. in history from the Department and subsequently transferred to the Mediaeval Institute, I still consider myself an alumnus of the Department.

In order to facilitate matters in the future, I will on occasion send you a brief notice about my activities for inclusion in the History Department news.

As a beginning, here are two small items:

In October, I attended the Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in St. Louis and delivered a paper entitled, "The Battle of Mohacs as a Cultural Watershed." The paper was part of a panel devoted to the Battle of Mohacs and its impact on Central European history.

I have been approached to write ten biographies for the Biographical Register, which will be published in conjunction with the Collected Works of Erasmus by the University of Toronto Press.

The articles will deal with individuals with whom Erasmus either corresponded directly or who were mentioned in his letters or essays. All ten of the biographees resided in the Kingdom of Hungary or had some Hungarian connection.

Sometime in the spring, I will probably make a short trip to do research in the Mediaeval Institute and hope to be able to drop in and see you to chat for a few minutes.

With sincere good wishes and warm greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD:ms

1418 Cascade Drive
Youngstown, Ohio 44511
February 3, 1977

Mr. Theodore R. Simson, President
First Investment Company
2244 Mock Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Dear Mr. Simson:

Two weeks ago we called the branch office nearest to us to seek solutions to a number of problems concerning our mortgage payments for the coming year. We have not received a reply, as promised and so I am addressing myself to you, in the hope of finding a sympathetic ear and early action on my request.

For years our monthly payment has been \$175.00, including Property Tax and Hazard Insurance. According to the letter we received from your office our payments have been increased to \$231.00 effective with our next payment.

Upon receipt of your letter we called the Mahoning County Tax Office and found that our Property Taxes have been raised to \$680.84. This does account for some of the monthly payment increase.

What I found disturbing is the fact that your company attached a Mortgage Insurance Premium to my account although I never authorized you to do so and have never signed any paper which would obligate me to pay any premiums for extra insurance protection. Although your company has sent information on mortgage insurance to me, I have never found reason to avail myself of the offer. To attach a mortgage insurance to my account without my authorization is, to the best of my knowledge, illegal. Let me add that the reason I did not authorize you to add a mortgage insurance is not due to oversight or negligence. I am employed as a Professor by Youngstown State University and have an excellent life insurance policy both through the university as well as a private policy with the Prudential Insurance Company of America. In case of my death, my wife could very easily pay off the balance of the mortgage. Additional Mortgage Insurance is, therefore, superfluous. Based on your statement, during the past year you have deducted a total of \$178.24 for the Mortgage Insurance without my prior consent, which partially accounts for the large escrow shortage. Under no circumstance do I feel bound to pay you a premium of \$178.24 for an insurance which you attached unilaterally.

Would you please instruct your staff to make the following adjustments:

1. Issue us a new set of payment cards in which I will be required in the future to forward to you only the amount I owe for the principal and interest, i.e., \$122.06.

2. Return to me my Hazard Insurance Policy and Property Tax statement. In the future I will make all insurance and tax payments personally.
3. Make an adjustment in the escrow shortage by deducting the \$178.24 you expended last year without my authorization, as well as the two payments of \$175.00 which I have already forwarded to your office as mortgage payments for the months of January and February.

Your prompt action in this case will be greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to your answer. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

The Department of History

October 28~~8~~ 1976

Dr. Sidney I. Roberts
Professor of History
Youngstown State University

Dear Professor Roberts:

Danforth Found^{tion} Miss Martha Pallante has requested me to write a letter of recommendation in her behalf, since she is planning to apply for a ~~Rhodes~~ Scholarship. It is with great pleasure that I am complying with her request.

During the past three years Miss Pallante has been in a large number of my classes and I have been able to follow her intellectual growth and development. She has been in my Survey of Western Civilization class and was subsequently enrolled in a number of my upper division courses. Her performance has been excellent in every case. She has shown a fine ability to grasp the material presented in class, but even more important, she has developed a keen sense of history. She is capable of grasping ideas, ~~is~~ analytic in her approach to the subject, and is able to interpret material intelligently. At a time when an increasing number of students are incapable of expressing their ideas in writing, Miss Pallante shows an unusual maturity in her style.

She plans to enter the field of museology, a highly specialized area. A year in Britain would be of immense benefit to her and would provide an excellent opportunity for the study of this field first hand, in a country where museology is highly developed. Upon her return to the United States, her experience in Britain would be invaluable in her career as well as a basis for further study.

In recommending this young woman for a Rhodes Scholarship, I fully recognize the immense competition she is facing. Yet, this year when the Rhodes grant is being opened for the first time in history to female applicants, there are few individuals I would recommend as enthusiastically as Miss Pallante. The applicant is not only a fine scholar, well versed in her field of study, but also a person of great charm.

She is an excellent candidate for a Danforth Foundation Fellowship and I recommend her, without reservations.

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The Department of History

January 26, 1977

Rev. Bernard R. Bonnot, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Adult Education
Diocese of Youngstown
225 Elm Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear Rev. Bonnot:

Thank you for your lengthy and very interesting letter of October 22. I must honestly tell you, that I had already given up hope of ever hearing from Bishop Malone, to whom my letter was addressed. The fact that he never acknowledged the letter and that the whole matter was passed on to you ten months later, does not speak very well either of the Bishop, or the efficiency of the office on Wood Street. I realize that Bishop Malone is a very busy man, but a brief note indicating that he had received the letter and will bring it to the attention of the proper authorities would not only have been welcome, but is the minimum courtesy one could expect among educated people. If and when the time arises, I wish you would point out to Bishop Malone that his actions in this case left a great deal to be desired.

Your letter was most welcome and I also look forward to meeting you personally in the future. Dr. Kiriazis has spoken of you often and with great affection and recently another colleague in the History Department, Dr. George Beelen had mentioned you with admiration. Please forgive me for not answering your letter sooner, I was not trying to compete with Bishop Malone, but I have immense backlog of correspondence I had to take care of and the number of projects which needed completion before I could get to this letter. The recent snow storms have been a great boon in this and provided me with opportunity to finally write to you.

It is encouraging to hear that there is a movement among professional catechists to move toward a more balanced presentation between the strictly cognitive and the more experimental approach. Hegel's dialectic seems to prevail here and in so many other instances in history. I am the first to admit that a dry cognitive approach to any subject is the most certain method to kill all interest in a student. I get students year after year who think that history is a long line of dates and list of facts because this is how they have been taught in high school. It makes our task as historians most difficult when we try to force the student to question events, ask why, and find sound answers. At the same time a certain amount of basic knowledge is an

absolute prerequisite for the intelligent understanding of any subject. Believe me, dear Father Bonnot, I have no illusions what we should produce in our classrooms. I fully realize that high schools or even colleges do not "produce students well versed in history and theology as such". Let us be realistic. There are few true historians and even fewer theologians around and they certainly do not, nor ever did, walk the corridors of our local high schools or universities. I am certain that you will agree that even most of the seminaries do not produce theologians. All we have to do is listen to a few Sunday sermons. But this is not the point I was trying to make. I don't expect miracles from your professional catechists only the implantation of some basic concepts about what makes Catholicism the type of religion it is, in what way it differs from others, and what makes a Catholic a Catholic. This requires the expertise of neither a historian nor a theologian. If Ursuline offers a course in the "Religions of the World", obviously the students must know their own religion well in order to compare it with others. The fact that Mooney spent "two weeks explicitly on Church History" only underlines my contention that something is fundamentally wrong with the approach. Any person who even attempts to offer a course in such a short span of time must face an insurmountable obstacle and is doomed to failure. The courses on "the Creed", and the "Sacraments" seem far more realistic, especially if as you indicate, they try to show the historical development.

You are very correct in pointing out that a number of areas such as Scripture, liturgical preparation, etc., have been added to the curriculum making it more balanced. It certainly does and it is most welcome that these subjects have been added. In conclusion, allow me to make one more observation. In the experimentation with curriculums which we have seen in the last two decades, there seems to be fairly convincing proof that the "innovations" of professional educators have had disastrous consequences in many ways: students who do not know the basic fundamentals of mathematics or who are functionally illiterate. Secular society can and does shrug its shoulders and writes them off as an experiment which did not work. I am not at all certain that we can be as cavalier with our failures when we deal with the souls of individuals. I know that we both share this concern and will work toward a common goal: faith based on understanding.

Very cordially yours in Christ,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

January 18, 1977

Fredrick Ungar Publishing Co.
131 E. 23rd Street
New York, N. Y. 10010

Gentlemen:

A few days ago, I purchased a copy of C. H. Haskins, Studies in Medieval Culture, published by your company.

On the back of the fly-leaf cover there is a list of books (enclosed Xerox copy) of a number of titles published in this series under the heading of Standard Works in European History.

Would you please let me know how many of the volumes of this series are still available, what the price of them would be, how and where they can be ordered and if faculty discounts apply to the purchases.

Your prompt answer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos, Professor of History at YSU, has been selected by the editorial board of the University of Toronto Press as a contributor to the Collected Works of Erasmus. The project, which has been under the editorship of an international board of scholars, has already published several volumes containing the essays and letters of the famous Dutch humanist.

Professor Domonkos will contribute ten articles to the two volume Biographical Register which will have the name and life story of all individuals mentioned in the works of Erasmus. Dr. Domonkos, who is a specialist in Central European cultural history, has been assigned the task of writing short scholarly biographies of nine ~~men~~ individuals as well as a major biographical essay on Nicolaus Olah, humanist scholar, politician and archbishop, an important promoter of Erasmusian ideas in the Netherlands and Hungary.

The two volume Biographical Register will be published by the University of Toronto press in early 1978.

Professor Domonkos received his graduate education at the Medieval Institute of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Vienna. He has done extensive research abroad as a Fulbright scholar and on a grant from the Ford Foundation. He is the author of several articles in the history of higher education and Central European humanism.

The Department of History

January 13, 1970

Kedves Tibor,

Many months have passed since we exchanged correspondence so that I don't even know where to begin, nor where I will be able to reach you. Therefore, I am sending one copy of the letter to Rome and a Xerox copy to Budapest. One of the letters will hopefully reach you.

In your long and most interesting letter of June 17, you mentioned that the University of Tours has bestowed upon you an Honorary Doctorate. Please accept our most sincere congratulations! It could not have been given to a more deserving man than you. Your many excellent studies and lectures have contributed immeasurably to the better understanding of the Renaissance-Baroque Period in Hungary. Eva joins me in very warm congratulations on this important occasion and we are delighted that you were thus recognized. I hope that you will receive many more such honors. Often scholars are recognized only after their death. It is good to know that those who are very much alive are also honored occasionally.

Your travel schedule for last spring and early summer sounds grueling but exciting at the same time. As one who loves to travel, I envied your account of your travels in Italy, France and Switzerland and admire your fantastic stamina.

Did all the difficulties in Rome finally resolve themselves? Hopefully this new academic year is smoother than the last the bureaucratic chaos has been resolved. Is your wife with you again this year or did she stay in Budapest? Based on the economic news about Italy which I read here, the Lira is in big trouble and the inflation rate is horrible. It is unfortunate that your invitation to Rome had to come at such a time of instability.

The visit of Asztrik to Budapest in October did not materialize, I presume. I talk to him by telephone once or twice a month and he did not mention that he was in Hungary. I have the feeling that he wanted to combine the Bp. visit with another invitation, namely to Warsaw. The plan was to hold a meeting of the Organisation Internationale pour l'histoire des universités at Warsaw at the invitation of Prof. Giesztor. In fact Giesztor had written to me last spring from Paris, where he was teaching, indicating that I would also receive an invitation

The Department of History

January 13, 1977

Dr. William Melczer
317 Highland Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13203

Dear Professor Melczer:

A few months ago I received a letter from a dear friend, Dr. Tibor Klaniczay of the Institute of Literary Studies of the Hungarian Academy, who met you at the Parma convention devoted to the topic of "Europa delæe corti". Tibor indicated that you were the chief American representative on this project which will deal not only with the Farnese court of Parma, but will extend to the Renaissance courts of the whole Continent and England.

I am very much interested in this project and would appreciate further information concerning it. My own field of research is the Hungarian Renaissance and I am in the pprocess of writing a monograph on the Age of Matthias Corvinus. As you know, the court life in Buda under Matthias Hunyadi was quite lively and the contacts of the Hungarian king with the Italian powers extensive, especially after his marriage with Beatrice of Naples. Since my graduate student days at the Mediaeval Institute of Notre Dame I have been working in Late Medieval-Renaissance Hungarian history. In 1963-64 I was doing research in Vienna on a Fulbright grand and in 1970-1971 I spent a year on a grant from the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) in Budapest as guest of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. My close friendship with Dr. Klaniczay stems from this extended stay in Budapest as well as a subsequent 3 month summer grant in 1973 when I was a guest of his Institute. By way of a brief introduction I am enclosing a somewhat outdated "Vita" form which lists the few publications I produced in the last years and the papers I have read.

If possible, I would very much like to hear from you and about the "corti" project in some detail. Would you, therefore, be so kind and send me some information on this as well as on the possibility of joining your group in the future. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

have been in excellent health this past year. The great physical weakness and frequent exhaustion which plagued me after my attack is now also gone and I have fully regained my vitality and joi de vivre.

In the hope of hearing from you sometime, I remain

Cordially yours,

The Department of History

January 13, 1977

Dr. Ranki Gyorgy, i.h.
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H-1250 Budapest I
Hungary, Europe

Dear Colleague,

This is just a brief note to wish you a Happy New Year and to extend to you our best regards for 1977. It would be nice if this year would bring about a chance to see each other again, either on this continent or in Hungary. Do you have any plans for a trip to the U.S. in 1977? If yes, please let me know in advance so that we can meet either here in Youngstown or somewhere else. There is a possibility that I will read a paper in Warsaw this year, and if that happens, I would like to visit all my friends in Budapest for a few days. Everything, however, is still uncertain at this time.

The year 1976 was, on the whole, successful academically. I enjoyed teaching my courses at the university and was able to do some scholarly work as well. In the spring I had a chance to attend a meeting at Indiana University and met Prof. Denes Sinor personally. For years we had corresponded with each other and finally we were able to meet face to face. We discussed problems of mutual interest as well as the desirability for increased academic contact with colleagues in Hungary. In the fall I presented a paper at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in St. Louis. There was a separate panel on the Battle of Mohacs and my paper dealt with the problems of cultural impact of this event on Hungarian history. Plans are under way for the publication of all the papers presented at the session in a special volume, thus making the material available to American scholars and students. I also managed to publish a few other things and have several items ready for publication in this coming year.

How is the new ten volume history progressing. I hope that it does not give you excessive headaches. Recently I read that Vida Pista's book has appeared. Please convey my best wishes to him and I will soon write a few lines to him to congratulate Pista on this interesting work. I also send my greetings to my other friends at the Institute, especially Glatz, Barta and Petneki.

I am happy to report that the heart problems which hospitalized me in San Francisco have not caused any major difficulties since and that I

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January 13, 1977

Dr. Zoltan Halasz, Deputy Editor
The New Hungarian Quarterly
Rakoczi ut 17
H-1365 Budapest VIII
Hungary, Europe

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The past year has also been good for us in other ways. After many health problems both Eva and I have enjoyed a year of trouble free existence, and have regained our vitality. The children are also well and growing nicely. The twins are 12 years old and even our smallest is going to be nine in a few weeks.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

January 13, 1977

Longman Incorporated, Publishers
19 West 44th Street
New York, New York 10036

Gentlemen:

My sincere thanks for having sent me two volumes I requested from your General History of Europe series edited by Denys Hay.

Upon receipt of the volumes on the Decline of The Ancient World by Jones and Europe in the Central Middle Ages by Christopher Brooke, I noticed that there is another volume in paperback which is now available, namely: John H. Mundy, Europe in the High Middle Ages, 1150-1309.

This volume would fit perfectly my needs in teaching a course in Medieval Civilization II which covers the period from 950 to 1300. The Mundy book together with Brooks's volume covers this period perfectly.

I am also looking forward to the publication of D. A. Bulloch's Europe from the Fifth Century to the Tenth, for it would be ideal for my course in Medieval Civilization, I.

I will again be teaching Medieval Civilization I and II during the 1977-1978 academic year and I would very much like to seriously consider the above books for possible adoption.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domanos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

April 6, 1977

Ms. Emily J. Vogt
Assistant Executive Secretary
The Mediaeval Academy of America
1430 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Ms. Vogt:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter and I am looking forward to receiving the January 1977 issue of SPECULUM.

Enclosed you will find the membership form for the Academy as well as a number of cards for your review file. I do plan to attend the Toronto meeting on May 12-14. Please extend my greetings to Mr. Meyvacrt when he returns to Boston.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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Professor of History

Field: History
Sub-Field: Central-European
Intellectual-Hungary
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Field: History
Sub-Field: Central European
Political; Hungary-
Period: 13-16 cent.
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Domonkos, Leslie S.
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Field: Literature
Sub-Field: Hungarian
Period 15-16 cent.
Languages: Hungarian,
German, French, some Italian

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Professor of History
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Youngstown, Ohio

Field: Education
Sub-field: Universities
Period: 13-15 centuries
Languages: English,
German, French,
Hungarian some Italian

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To Lawrence E. Looby
Dr. ~~Earl E. Edgar~~

7/20/77

L. S. Domonkos

Dear Friend,

This is just a brief note to keep you informed about my attempts to secure financial assistance which would enable me to accept the invitation of the Polish Academy of Sciences to deliver a lecture in Warsaw on September 5, 1977.

1. Following ~~your~~ ^{the} advise, I talked to Dr. Rand and was able to secure \$200.00 from him for per diem expenses while abroad. *of Dr. Edgar*
2. Prof. George D. Beelen, Chairman of the History Department, promised that the domestic part of my transportation, i.e., Youngstown--New York--Youngstown, would be covered from Departmental Travel Funds: \$102.00.
3. I have applied for a grant for the Transatlantic portion of my travel expenses to the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) in New York. They are the administrative arm of the ACLS for East European scholarly exchanges. My request was for \$829.00 to cover the plane fare to Warsaw and back. I have been notified that the application is being considered and I will receive word by August 1 as to their disposition of the case. Hopefully, they will be able to fund the trip, or at least a major portion of it.

As soon as I hear the final results of my request, I will let you know. Hopefully I will have good news and will not have to seek further assistance through you. Many thanks for your good advice and assistance in this matter.